



## CATERING FACILITIES UPDATE

We are half way through the two year, three-phase development of our catering facilities and services.

Phase 1 took place in summer 2018 with our kitchen expansion, servery improvement and the addition of the second servery in the hall. This allowed us to expand our areas for dining and improve the queueing arrangements and flow. We have since had floors replaced and polished and new ceilings and lighting installed. In addition, Mrs Horsfall joined us as Innovate's new Catering Manager.

Phase 2 will take place this summer when more ceilings and lighting will be replaced and we hope to install some new seating on the quad side gallery in the hall.

Phase 3 will take place in 2020 after the building of the New Hall has been completed. This will involve a full redesign of our dining space in the café and old hall to seat more students in relaxed and smart surroundings.

Before the summer holidays we will be asking students to complete a survey giving their views on the food in the café. We will be working with our catering contractor, Innovate, to continue to improve the range and quality of food on offer and work to reduce the amount of plastic packaging used.

## FRANK ABAGNALE JR VISIT CATCH HIM IF YOU CAN!

We were honoured this week to have a very special guest speaker who was the subject of the 2002 hit movie 'Catch Me If You Can' starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Mr Abagnale himself. Our speaker, invited by governor Hugh Steed and introduced by Ori Eisen, talked to students and staff in two separate addresses to make sure as many students and staff as possible could attend.

*'Frank W Abagnale...was one of the most daring con men, forgers, imposters and escape artists in history. In his brief but notorious career, Abagnale donned a pilot's uniform and co-piloted a Pan Am jet, masqueraded as a member of hospital management, practised law without a licence,*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

### Next Week (Week 1)

<b>MON 17 - FRI 21</b> JUNE	Year 8 Internal Exams (Maths & Science)	
<b>WED 19</b> JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	4pm - 6pm
<b>THU 20</b> JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7pm - 10.30pm

### Forthcoming Events

<b>MON 1</b> JULY	Year 5 Open Morning	9am - 12.30pm
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
<b>TUE 2</b> JULY	Year 6 Taster Day plus	
	Second Hand Uniform Sale	
<b>WED 3 - THU 4</b> JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

*passed himself off as a college sociology professor, and cashed over \$2.5 million in forged checks all before he was twenty-one.'*

Mr Abagnale's enthralling talk was an utterly fascinating discourse that covered topics such as his early life, the portrayal of him in the film, his relationship with the FBI and what he counts as his biggest achievements.

To find out more, please visit [abagnale.com](http://abagnale.com) or you can read about him in this week's Maidenhead Advertiser ([here](#)).

Thank you to Mr Abagnale, Mr Eisen and Mr Steed for an unforgettable visit.



Pictured: Leonardo DiCaprio in 'Catch Me If You Can'; Mr Frank Abagnale.

## YEAR 8 DIGIGIRLZ

### MICROSOFT HQ

Mr Fido and Mrs Slater took a group of our Year 8 girls out this week to Microsoft HQ in Reading for their DigiGirlz event, aimed at encouraging young women to consider roles in the technology sector. They had a great day, with delicious goodies on offer, and all received t-shirts and goodie bags as well. Thank you to Microsoft and everyone who helped with this trip.



## YEAR 9 VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June twenty Year 9 students visited Brasenose College, University of Oxford. We travelled by train and had a wet walk from Oxford station through the city centre to the college. On arrival at Brasenose we met Dr Joe Organ who gave a presentation about the benefits of higher education in general and about Oxford and Cambridge in particular. We then met some current Oxford undergraduates who took us on a tour of the college. It was good to discover that while the university looks very old fashioned from the outside, its facilities and teaching are very up to date. During a question and answer session with Dr Organ and the undergraduates, we were able to find out more about what the university has to offer, what student life is like and the answers to really important questions such as what the food is like and the colour of the college's football team strip!



Next, we did an archaeology activity involving pieces of pottery of different ages, ranging 10 to 7000 years old. The point of this was to get us to think! We needed to think widely and be prepared to explain and justify our ideas and suggestions. After all this brainwork, we had a three-course lunch in Brasenose's Hogwarts style dining room.

After lunch, we visited the Weston Library, part of the Bodleian library, and went to the Thinking 3-D: Leonardo to the Present exhibition, before returning to the station and getting the train back to Maidenhead. Despite the weather, we had a good day and now realise that Oxford University is somewhere where any student with excellent grades could go to study. Thank you to all at the university and Mrs Bubb and Miss Inwood for organising the day.

## INFORMATION ON SEX EDUCATION LESSONS

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to let you know that we will soon be starting some work on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in Years 7, 8 and 9 PSHE lessons.

RSE lessons will inevitably cover issues of a sensitive and delicate nature and I would like to assure you that such issues will be dealt with in an appropriate and sensitive manner.

If you have any concerns about this and would like to find out more about the relationships and sex education we plan to cover, or about the PSHE / Citizenship programme in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at school - [judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net](mailto:judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net).

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Bubb, Head of PSHE/Citizenship

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Thanks to all our current Year 8 students who have enquired about the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. There will be assemblies for students and more information to follow in the next academic year.

Miss D Carty, DofE Manager

## ADVANCED FITNESS TRAINING

Pictured, Learning Mentor Josh Beavis taking Billal Benassar (Year 10) through advanced fitness training.





### PGL 2019



Both groups had fun packed weekends at PGL Osmington Bay. Students tackled challenges head on and were a credit to the school with their positive attitudes, trying many activities for the first time. Staff at Osmington Bay said we were the best school they had had visiting!



A huge thanks to the staff on both groups and special thanks to Miss Boseley for organising two very successful weekends.



## YEAR 9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL GUEST VISITORS



Our department also had a very special guest today – little Lucy. Lucy came to show our students what a child aged 4 months can do, while her mum, Jenny Redman, explained why she decided to choose a home birth without any pain relief. As always, it was an active discussion with lots of interesting points being made. Thank you both for coming!

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology and Child Development



Pictured: Jenny Redman with Lucy, Georgia Rooney and Daisy Hellings

## OLYMPIC AMBITIONS OF FURZE PLATT STUDENT



Congratulations to Izzie Bird (Year 13) who was featured in this week's Maidenhead Advertiser. You can read the full article via the link below.

[READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

## YEAR 11 GRADUATION



### WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Students need to be here for Graduation at 3.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Students **MUST** be in full correct school uniform including correct shoes and only one single stud in ear lobes. Blazers are not required. If students have revision guides or textbooks they wish to donate to the school they can bring them to Graduation.

## YEAR 11 PROM



### THURSDAY 20TH JUNE

If you have not yet purchased a ticket and your son/daughter has achieved a minimum of 1200 positive points, these can be bought via their WisePay account. All tickets **must** be purchased by Monday at the latest.

Prom is 7pm-10.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. No physical ticket is needed if paid on WisePay. Formal attire is required. Please bring cash for any soft drinks.



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## HOW TO DONATE UNIFORM

Each year we are asked by parents if they can donate good quality uniform, PE kit etc back to the school.

We are pleased to say that our PTFA have offered to organise this on our Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday 2nd July.

If your child is leaving us this year (or has simply grown out of their uniform, PE kit, football boots etc), we can now accept donations.

Please bring any clean, good quality uniform you would like to donate to Main Reception.

Thank you.

## BERKSHIRE SCHOOL ATHLETICS



Well done to all students named below who were representing RBWM in the recent Berkshire Schools' Athletics Competition. Everyone finished strongly in their event with three events being won by Furze Platt students.

Athlete	Age Group	Event	Performance
Orla Brennan	SG	400mH	1 <sup>st</sup> Selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the English Schools Championships
Adam Gambrill	SB	1500m	1 <sup>st</sup> Berkshire Schools Champion
Sammy March	SB	800m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ben Reynolds	IB	1500m	1 <sup>st</sup> Berkshire Schools Champion
Alex Bate	IB	800m	7 <sup>th</sup>
James Badham	IB	200m	5 <sup>th</sup>
Brogan McCafferty	JG	100m	4 <sup>th</sup>
Hannah Britton	JG	LJ	7 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Staunton	JB	Pole Vault	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Frank McGrath	JB	1500m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Nick Holdsworth	JB	300m	4 <sup>th</sup>
Edwin Isted	JB	800m	4 <sup>th</sup>

In addition, Cookham Running Club member Sammy March (Year 10), ran 800m in under 2 minutes at an open meeting, the first person in the club to do so. Well done to him also.



## LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT



### FRENCH

Lucas Norton Y7  
Ben George Y7  
Oliver Holdway Y7  
Lara Fair Y8  
Y7 Bisham!



### GERMAN

Jayden Taylor Y7  
Jessica Bristow Y8  
Ashlyn Bull Y8  
Isobelle Phipps Y8  
Will Lonsdale Y8  
Balraj Kaur Y8  
Finnley Tanner Y8  
Sahil Mahdizada Y8



### SPANISH

Ben Roberts Y8  
Harry Fitzgerald Y7  
Talia Groszmann Y7  
Piotr Kucharski Y7  
Holly Bray Y7  
Sathya Sathananthalingam Y8  
Hamza Khalid Y8  
Georgie Moore Y9  
Samuel Mizik Y9  
Vivienne Langton Y10  
Uri Weitz Y10



### PTFA NEWS

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Year 6 Transition Day) we will be selling good quality second hand uniform. Further details from the PTFA will be available nearer the time.



# REMINDERS



## YEAR 11 STUDENT LEAVERS

As your son/daughter approaches the end of their time in school we would like to remind you to plan your top-ups and spending so the balance on their catering account is at a minimum by the time they leave school.

Innovate will not refund account balances less than £5. Instead the total value of all account balances less than £5 (school leavers only) will be donated to the school.

If your account balance is over £5 you may either request a refund, have the money transferred to a younger sibling, or donate the balance to the school.

## TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION

All letters with information on our numerous trips and visits can be found on the link below.

These include trips to Rome, Washington DC, Box Hill, the Globe Theatre, Natural History Museum, Spain, Ski trip (2020) and many more. If you have booked a place for your child via WisePay, please assume they have been successful in securing a place unless you hear from us otherwise.

**FPSS TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION**

ASPIRING MOTIVATED CONFIDENT CONSIDERATE




**Open Morning**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**  
**For Year 5 Parents\***



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019**  
**All Welcome**



**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2019**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*Tours must be booked in advance, please contact Main Reception.

## Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and Arts facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



## How to find us:



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted 2016

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

Administrator – To cover a maternity leave starting on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 to March 2020

Part time, 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only

Actual Salary £9,200 - £9,400 pa depending on experience

We are looking for a reliable individual with strong administrative and organisational skills to provide efficient and effective administrative support to the Shine Team. The team provides a service to support children in mainstream educational settings who have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) as well as offering outreach support and training to other school staff. The role comprises of general office management and support with the organisation of regular training courses.

You will:

- Provide general office administrative support including but not limited to ad hoc typing of reports, notice board documents, visuals and photocopying.
- Assist with the organisation of training courses for the Shine Outreach team by sending out flyers, managing requests for training, preparation of training materials and other resources, supporting with the hosting of courses run at Furze Platt and liaising with the Finance Department to ensure that invoices are issued.
- Liaise with parents and external agencies in relation to our Shine students and ensure they are forwarded to the relevant Shine staff members.

We are looking for a team player, who has strong organisational and communication skills and the ability to work under pressure. Knowledge of Microsoft Office packages and a willingness to use some internal software is necessary.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net](mailto:gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

FPSS CURRENT VACANCIES

Closing date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 9.00 am  
Interviews will take place: week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June

## Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

### Learning Support Assistant – to start September 2019

Part time, 30 Hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only  
8.45am - 3.15pm (includes a half hour unpaid break)

Actual Salary £13,300 - £13,550 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join our team of Learning Supports Assistants working under the direction of teaching staff to help our students access the curriculum and succeed with their learning.

You will:

- Work under the direction of classroom teachers and, in line with any agreed special needs and other specialist plans, provide support to individual students in the completion of a wide range of learning activities in all subjects and at all key stages
- Provide support and encourage students to become independent learners by ensuring effective use of differentiated instructions and tasks provided by teachers
- With training and support take small groups of students for intervention work and to help them to develop their social and communication skills

We are looking for a team player, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the educational objectives and ethos of the school. Someone who enjoys working and interacting with young people and who would be interested in working in an educational environment with students who require support would be ideal for this role.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

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Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

Learning Mentor – to start September 2019

Part time, 32.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only

Actual Salary £17,200 - £17,900 pa depending on experience

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join our Raising Achievement team and support the progress and development of our students through high quality academic mentoring. This will involve the provision of personalised support either one-to-one or in small groups to targeted students at GCSE and Key Stage 3.

You will:

- Work with the Senior Learning Mentor and subject teachers to devise and deliver appropriate support packages for students to help them with revision or subject specific catch up work
- Provide students with strategies to help them with confidence building and improvement of organisational and time management.
- Be a listening ear for individual students and help them resolve any issues that are creating barriers to learning.

We are looking for a team player, with a willingness to acquire an understanding of the educational objectives and ethos of the school, who enjoys working with and is able to communicate sensitively and confidently with staff, students and parents/carers.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net](mailto:gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

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