

MESSAGE FROM HEADTEACHER

Celebration Evening

Thank you to all our students, parents, carers and staff who attended Thursday's Open Evening. It was a terrific evening enabling us to celebrate the achievements of our students over the past year. Our Student Leadership Team were highly professional in how they delivered the evening and I would like to congratulate all involved. Our guest speaker, Professor Greg Whyte (pictured), was particularly inspirational encouraging us to strive for what to some may appear the impossible.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

**MON 23 - FRI 27
SEPTEMBER**

Languages Week

**TUE 24
SEPTEMBER**

Year 11 - Preparing to Succeed Evening 1

6.30pm -
7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

**THU 3
OCTOBER**

Whole School Open Evening

6pm - 9pm

**FRI 4
OCTOBER**

INSET Day

All Day

**SUN 6 - WED 9
OCTOBER**

Year 13 - Nettlecombe Biology Trip

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20



Year 11 PPEs

Talking to our Year 11 students after their English PPE last Monday there were mixed reactions. This is precisely the point of trialling examinations before the 'real thing'. Whatever the end result the important part is that students build on their successes and address their areas of weakness ready to achieve next summer. I am sure Year 11 will be continuing their revision this weekend as they prepare for their Maths PPE on Monday.

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Languages Week

I am very much looking forward to the series of events to mark Languages Week next week. We have many languages spoken amongst our students, staff and parents and next week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate our diverse and rich community.

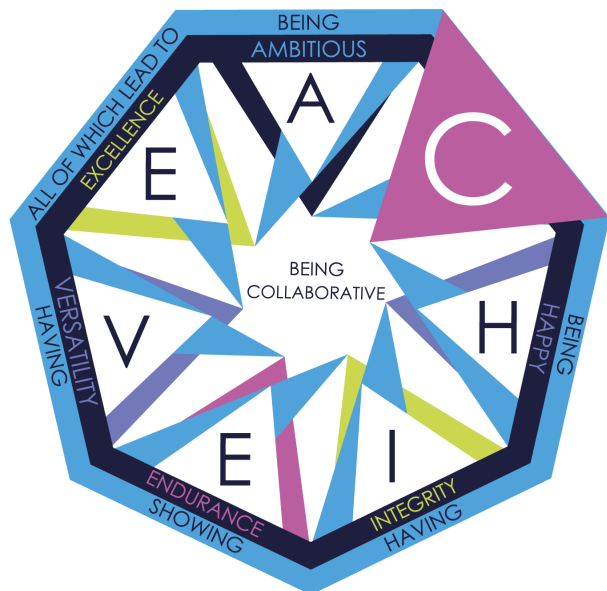


Dr Andrew J Morrison (BA Hons, PGCE, MA, PhD)

Headteacher

YEARS 7,10,12 PHOTOGRAPHS

Please can school photograph orders be returned to Main Reception by Tuesday 1st October. Thank you.



ARRIVING AT AND LEAVING SCHOOL OUTSIDE NORMAL TIMES

Please can parents be aware that, for safeguarding reasons, both the Ostler Gate entrance and the Junior School gate (off Oaken Grove) are locked during normal school hours.

There have been a number of incidences of students trying to climb over the fences, risking both injury to themselves and damage to the fences.

To facilitate travel at both the start and end of the school day, as well as for after-school activities, the gates are open at the following times:

- 7:45-9:15am
- 2:45-6:00pm



Should your son or daughter need to arrive or leave school outside these times, please note that they must use the main gate on Furze Platt Road.

Thank you for your support.

Mr J Sheppard
Deputy Headteacher

SHOW MY HOMEWORK / SACHEL ONE

Parent Accounts

Parents who wish to take a more active role in their children's home learning can achieve this by having their own Show My Homework / Satchel One account. It enables them to take a more proactive role in driving homework prioritisation, and keeping tabs on homework without having to be intrusive.

Parents sign-up for accounts directly with Show My Homework / Satchel One using student specific PIN codes issued by the school at the start of the academic year. Once setup, parents can login on the link below.

[PARENTS' LOGIN PAGE](#)

Student Accounts

Students login on the link below – via the Office 365 icon – using their usual school computer login credentials.

[STUDENTS' LOGIN PAGE](#)

Note: On the login page, students must select the 'I already have an account' option, even when logging in for the first time.

YEARS 7 AND 8 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Years 7 and 8 House Cross Country competition yesterday.

House results as follows

1st – Dorney
2nd – Bray
Joint 3rd - Bisham and Windsor
Joint 4th – Henley and Marlow
5th - Marlow
6th Eton

LINGUISTS OF THE FORTNIGHT

FRENCH

Sathya Sathananthalingam – Year 9
Luka Wilson – Year 8

GERMAN

Eleanor Foster – Year 8
Jayden Taylor – Year 8
Mia Lawrence – Year 9

SPANISH

Callum Lloyd – Year 8
Piotr Kucharski – Year 8
Amadou Diame – Year 8
Rajanae Derby – Year 8
Dylan Williams-Lock Year 8



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further details on this will be sent out via WiseMail.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

PSYCHOLOGY GCSE AFTER SCHOOL COURSE

We are creating a NEW Psychology GCSE group that will be meeting Tuesdays after school. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to learn about Psychology and answer some fascinating questions, such as why we forget, how adverts manipulate our mind, what happens under an MRI scanner, how anti-depressants work, etc. It is also an opportunity to complete an extra GCSE qualification ahead of Year 11. If your child is in either Year 8 or 9 and can commit to once a week after school sessions, they are

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YEAR 11 CHILD DEVELOPMENT

On Monday 16th September, our Child Development Year 11 students had a chance to gain some hands on experience during a short visit to Mothercare in Slough. Students were investigating different types of equipment and comparing various factors affecting the potential buy, including cost, safety and practicality. All that will be needed for their next piece of coursework, which is to design two nursery rooms. A big thank you to our Mothercare manager for welcoming us to the store and to Miss Carty, who agreed to be the second driver.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Department



In the pictures:

By the car seats: Scarlett Salter

By red buggies: Wiktorja Druzynska, Amy Tull and Sophie Young



welcome to apply. The course is run free of charge but students are expected to buy their own textbook. Please fill in the attached application form and return to Miss R Paradowska as soon as possible and no later than **Wednesday 25th September**. Students can see Miss R Paradowska in IT5 to obtain a hard copy or ask questions should they have any.

PSYCHOLOGY GCSE APPLICATION

'IN LIFE, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC LIFE, PSYCHOLOGY IS MORE POWERFUL THAN LOGIC.'

- Ludwig Quidde

GREENPOWER CLUB AT DUNSFOLD PARK

The Greenpower Team successfully completed their first racing event yesterday at Dunsfold Park (the Top Gear test track). They competed in two hour and a half long races, coming 57th out of 76 in the first race and 55th out of 75 in the second. They worked fantastically well as a team with Tom Stimson leading and in particular Liam Fitzgibbon demonstrating excellent collaborative skills.



We also met a former student of Furze Platt and ex-Greenpower team member from the time the school dominated the event, Peter Hoare, who gave the students

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plenty to think about in terms how to improve the car so we can again bring home the trophies.



Well done to the team:

- Luqman Jehangir
- Anna Donaldson
- Jacob Gould
- Tom Stimson
- George Lykov
- Liam Fitzgibbon
- Heidi Grant

FURZE PLATT STUDENT CHOSEN TO APPEAR ON DOFE LITERATURE

Daniel Webb (Year 12) is the cover star of the latest Duke of Edinburgh Expedition kit brochure!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

This information is for students choosing to complete the programme as an extra curricular activity.

Students can collect their badges and certificates from Miss Carty during break times in the portacabin.

Important Dates for your Diary

BXM Expeditions meeting for parents - Tuesday 3rd December, 6pm, in the Main Hall at Furze Platt Senior School. Attendance is mandatory.

BXM Expeditions one-day training for Bronze, Silver & Gold participants - Thursday 19th March 2020 at Furze Platt Senior School. Attendance is mandatory.

Expedition Dates - students must be available to attend:

Bronze

Practice - Friday 12th & Saturday 13th June 2020

Assessment - Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th July 2020

Silver

Practice - Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April 2020

Assessment – Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th May 2020

Gold

Practice – Tuesday 14th - Saturday 18th April 2020

Assessment – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2020

Section Deadlines

3 month - Monday 24th February 2020

6 month - Monday 1st June 2020

12 months - November 2020

18 months - May 2021

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To enrol

Applicants need to fill out the application and medical forms below, along with their deposits to be enrolled onto the programme. This can also be accessed on WisePay.

APPLICATION FORM

MEDICAL FORM

Costs (all final balances to be paid by Friday 13th December)

Bronze

Full cost - £200
Deposit - £75

Silver

Full cost - £300
Deposit - £105

Gold

Full cost £450
Deposit - £170



REMINDERS

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE 2019

6th

WEEK ONE AND WEEK TWO - ORGANISATION

Please help new students to ensure they have the correct books, PE kit etc. The weeks are always listed on the calendar at the front of the newsletters.

ARTISTIC TALENT AT FURZE PLATT

Our Design and Marketing Officer, Miss Chetwood, featured in 'Mums About Cookham' recently, showcasing part of her work on the Cookham and Maidenhead Arts Trail. The post and her website can be found on the links below.

'MUMS ABOUT COOKHAM' BLOG POST

WWW.ROSEANNACHETWOOD.COM



Seminar:

To Cambridge & beyond...

What is it like to study science at university?

What can I do with a science degree?

How do I get into a top university like Cambridge?

Olivia Edwards – a former Furze Platt student who has just graduated from Cambridge with a first class degree in Natural Sciences is coming in to share her experience.



When: Wednesday 25th September

Where: S4

Time: 3.30 pm

Open to anyone interested in studying sciences/applying to Oxbridge and other top universities from Years 9-13



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