



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

The Excitement Builds

I have had a very exciting week planning for the opening of our new three storey teaching block. The classrooms and surrounding space are taking shape with furniture and IT equipment beginning to be installed. We shall soon have a superb facility for our students to achieve excellence in English and Science. We are still on course for the block to open after half term and I cannot wait to see student and staff reactions. The block will first be able to be viewed by parents and carers on our Sixth Form Open Evening (Wednesday 27th November) and then we intend to have some events, including an official opening, soon after.



Inter House Competition

We have had House netball and rugby competitions this week with fierce but friendly competition. It has been great to see students want to win but also having mutual respect for one another and collaborating to make the event such a success.

Year 11 Revision Conference

As I trailed last week, today saw our Year 11 Revision Conference with students focused on learning about revision skills and techniques. The work today ties with the 'Preparing to Succeed' evening earlier this term and recent PSHE lessons. We have encouraged students to not procrastinate but launch into their revision skills. We know that having endurance and doing a little revision often for a number of months builds up the long term memory, helps students remember more and ultimately allows them to demonstrate their skills in the examinations. Thank you for parent and carer support with this.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Forthcoming Events (Next week is Week 2)

THU 24 OCTOBER	Year 11 - Parents' & Students' Consultation Evening	4.15pm - 7.15pm
FRI 25 OCTOBER	End of Term 1	3.15pm finish
MON 28 - FRI 1 OCTOBER NOVEMBER	Half Term Holidays	
MON 4 NOVEMBER	Start of Term 2 (Week 1)	
FRI 15 NOVEMBER	PTFA QUIZ NIGHT - BOOK TICKETS	7.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20

Year 11 Futures

I know from talking to the group I teach that Year 11 are currently considering their options for next year. I have had many detailed conversations with students about Sixth Form, Colleges and apprenticeships. I hope that our Year 11 students are sharing their thoughts with parents and carers, including letting you know about open evenings and events that you can attend and actively engage with their decision making.

Oxbridge Entries

Finally, I know that this week was the deadline for Oxbridge entries and I want to congratulate our students and staff for submitting the 9 applications. Good luck to you all.





SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING 2019

Wednesday 27th November

GUEST STUDENTS START 6PM
CURRENT STUDENTS START 6.25PM

A-LEVEL RESULTS

2019

97% PASS RATE

26% OF GRADES ARE A*-A

53% OF GRADES ARE A*-B

80% OF GRADES ARE A*-C

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

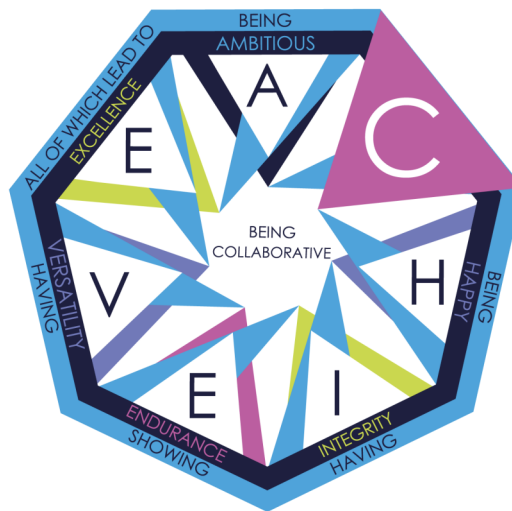
Parent Governor Nominations

I am delighted to confirm that by the deadline we had received four nominations; Roberto DaSilva, Jaquie Edwards, Janet Fitzgibbon and Emily Tomalin. As we have sufficient parent governor spaces it has been decided to appoint all four subject to ratification at our next full governing body meeting on Thursday 5th December.



The new parent governors bring with them a wealth of different skillsets and will I am sure further strengthen our Committee and Governing body work. We as governors very much look forward to working with them and if you see them please congratulate and thank them for taking on this vital role within our school community.

Gavin Tisshaw - Chair of Governors



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!

We are excited to announce that we have launched a crowdfunding appeal to raise the final funds needed towards the installation of equipment into our new main hall building – The New Hall Theatre.

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YEAR 11 REPORTS

The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

[VIEW REPORT](#)

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A NEW CREATIVE VENUE FOR MAIDENHEAD

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

The PTFA are supporting The New Hall Theatre campaign which will provide enhanced opportunities for students in the performing arts, music and public speaking as well as offering a teaching arena for stage management and all levels of production. It promises to be a flexible space for assemblies, open evenings, productions, lectures and PE activities, plus a major community asset available for hire to local arts and theatre societies, orchestras and schools.

We believe this multi-use space would be a fantastic addition to our wonderful school so we really hope that you can get behind the project and help us to raise the necessary £34,000 to make it happen!

Our crowdfunding page has a lot more information about the project and makes it simple for you to make a donation. We can also collect Gift Aid boosting eligible donations by 25%!

[HTTPS://DONATEMYSCHOOL.COM/FURZEPLATT](https://donatemyschool.com/furzeplatt)

Please take a look and donate but also share news of the appeal with your family and friends and even local businesses and other local organisations who might be able to help. If you know of businesses who can be approached for a donation, please contact Mrs Lynne Moore, Head of Operations, who is coordinating the campaign (lynne.moore@furzeplatt.net).

As a thank you for making larger voluntary donations, the school and PTFA have designed a 'Patron' reward scheme. Rewards range from a 'Thank you' mention in the opening event program (£50), a VIP invitation to the opening event with champagne reception (£200), right through to Theatre sponsorship for businesses (£5000).

We have raised almost £2000 since we launched the campaign – a huge thank you to everyone who has donated already but we have a long way to go to reach our target, so please do help if you can.

Thank you.

YEAR 11 DRAMA TRIP

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

I would like to inform you of an important theatre trip available to your son/daughter. I have managed to secure tickets to see Kneehigh's Ubu on Thursday 5th December 2019 at Shoreditch Town Hall. Students will leave school at 4pm. We will return to school by 11pm, dependent on traffic. **This trip will be compulsory.**

In order for the trip to go ahead we require a contribution of **£27.00** (this covers the cost of the ticket and coach travel). This can be paid for on WisePay.

Please could you ensure you make your payment by **Friday 22nd November 2019.**

On the day of the trip students will need a change of appropriate clothes that are smart/casual and some money for a dinner in a fast food restaurant.

Miss E. Satterthwaite, Drama Teacher



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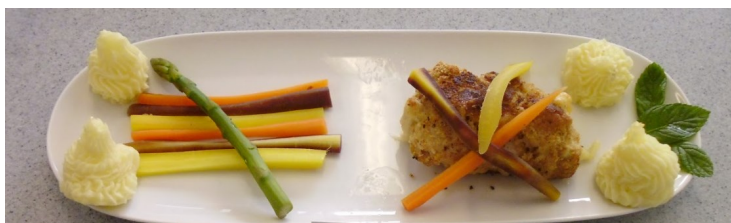


YEAR 10 FOOD AND NUTRITION



Our students had a great practical session last week, making Pork Cordon Bleu – stuffed with cheese and ham, then shallow fried and oven baked which was served with Duchesse potatoes and vegetable of their choice.

All done within an hour! Well done to them all.



YEAR 9 CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION GROUPS



Our Year 9 Child Development and Construction group are learning first aid skills with our school nurse, Mrs Bowen, for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Curriculum).

Pictured here is Naizel De Souza and Nikita MacBride with Mrs Bowen, having practiced a high arm sling.



YEAR 11 COOKERY SKILLS



Pictured is our Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Curriculum) group, cooking for the skills section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Thanks to Mrs Robbins for supporting the group with her expertise!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS (EXTRA CURRICULAR)

For students who wish to take a Duke of Edinburgh Award as an extra-curricular activity, the deadline is Friday 25th October. Deposits should be paid via WisePay and the medical and application forms can be found on our website. Those in Year 9 will do their Bronze Award, in Year 10 we offer Silver and in Year 12 students can do the prestigious Gold Award.

We are happy to set up an instalment plan to pay the award until the end of February, please contact us on doe@furzeplatt.net

Thank you to those who have already signed up, we will be sending out confirmation packs after half term.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS WEBSITE

YEAR 11 INTER HOUSE RESULTS

Many congratulations to our Year 11 students for their effort and conduct during the Inter House Netball and Rugby competitions. It was a pleasure watching them all play collaboratively and achieve sporting excellence.

Rugby

- =1st Bisham, Bray, Eton.
- =4th Dorney, Henley, Marlow
- =8th Windsor, Cookham



Netball

- 1st Cookham
- 2nd Henley
- 3rd Eton
- 4th Bray/Windsor
- 5th Dorney
- 6th Marlow
- 7th Bisham



YEAR 8 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our Year 8 Girls' Football team excelled at the Maidenhead schools' round robin. Playing 6, winning 5 and drawing 1 – all without conceding a goal. The 'Maidenhead Messi' Lily Gibson was exceptional.

The team:

Megan Delahaye	Lily Gibson
Grace Gibson	Amelia Russell
Sadie Huddleston	Laura Harrit
Lola Edwards	



YEAR 7 BOYS' RUGBY

Well done to our Year 7 boys after a successful evening at their Rugby round robin. They beat 2 Forrest Boys' teams and lost 20-15 to St Crispins. More impressive was their team spirit and positivity throughout. The team was led patiently by captain Oli Myall and was very well supported by Charlie Hill.

Oli Myall ©	Alfie Hawkins	Brayden Windsor
Louie Prestipino	Bastian Correia	Jake Wilson
Dan Higley	Jon Sanchez	Sam Cranch
Peter Nicholls	Fin Wright	Fin Hayward
Charlie Hill	Hassan Ajails	Mununga
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INTER BOYS XC TEAM

The IB XC team have secured a place at the SW Regional Final of the ESAA XC Cup. Good luck to them all.

Year 10: Frank McGrath, Edwin Isted, Nick Holdsworth

Year 9: Charlie Shervell, Callum Bleazard

PTFA BIG QUIZ 9

Friday
15th November 2019
7.30pm
Furze Platt Senior School

SkoolDaze Theme - Fancy Dress
Team Challenges - Raffle - 200 Club

£15 a ticket / 6 Per Table

PTFA Cash Bar
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Ashridge Delicious
Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere &
Butter Mango Chicken (plus dessert!)

KOREAN DAY



Our café staff put on another delicious spread, this time for Korean Day.



[CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS FOR BIG QUIZ 9](#)



Halloween 2018

A Police message for parents from PC Graham Slater
Safeguarding Schools Officer

- Halloween will soon be upon us again on 31st October, which this year falls on the Thursday during half term break. In previous years, we have had a few problems in the local area with anti-social behaviour caused by a small number of teenagers who think this period is an excuse to behave in a disorderly way. Examples include vandalism, egg & flour throwing, underage drinking and illegal use of fireworks.

Parents, please speak with your children if they are planning to go out on Halloween night and evenings across the holiday week. Make sure you know where they will be going, who they will be with and what they plan to do!

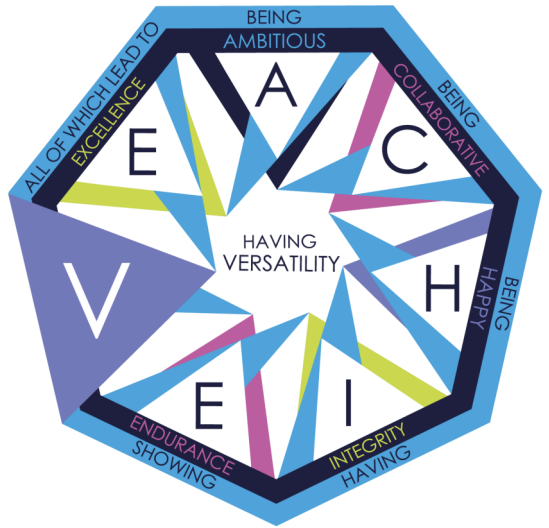
- In the lead up to this period there has again been a combined effort between a number of local agencies including Police, Berks Fire & Rescue Service and Local Authority staff to try reduce any such problems across the half term week. There will also be increased Police and Community Warden patrols during this period to reassure residents and deter any antisocial acts. Those that do decide to behave in this way will be dealt with firmly.

- Please also consider the safety of your children. Trick or Treat is really an activity for younger children who should always be escorted by a responsible adult. Ideally, arrangements should be made in advance with householders that are happy to receive them. Teenagers should know that going around in large groups can be intimidating to many residents, road users and pedestrians. Elderly and vulnerable members of the community can find Halloween a particularly worrying time when they receive repeated calls at their door. Many residents do not want to receive Trick or Treaters at this time and their privacy and peace should be respected and not result in them becoming targets for abuse and vandalism.

For further Halloween advice please contact the Schools Officer or your local Neighbourhood Policing Team via the central police number : 101

Further details can be found on the Thames Valley Police website at :

<https://www.facebook.com/thamesvp/>



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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT!

The PTFA believe that a creative mind and imagination help to develop emotional intelligence, language and communication skills so we're excited to be getting behind the school's New Hall Theatre campaign.

The school is benefiting from a New Main Hall as part of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead expansion project and with the support of Governors the school will be creating a brand new theatre.

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HALL THEATRES



Our New Hall Theatre will be transformed into a multi-use space which can be converted from its daily use for assemblies etc., to a state-of-the-art theatre facility. Whilst governors have provided the majority of funding towards the equipment, the PTFA have been asked to raise the final £34,000 to create the high quality performance space that will provide maximum benefit to our students and community.

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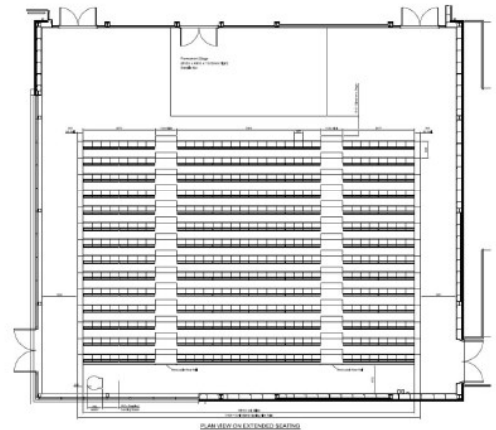
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Further information about the campaign can be found in the New Hall Theatre Details document which you can download from the campaign page.

To make a donation, please use the DONATE button on the campaign page.
Thank you for your support!

HELP US RAISE **£34,000**
THROUGH OUR
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