



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EXTERNAL EXAMS

YEAR
12

Please find a letter regarding Year 12 summer external exam arrangements in the link below.

[YEAR 12 EXTERNAL EXAM ARRANGEMENTS](#)

SCIENCE SEMINAR



Tuesday 2nd May, 3.30pm – 4.15pm in S5

"The Internet of Things and Cyber Security": John Davies.

John works at Vodafone in the Cyber Security team in the "Internet of Things" business. The world is becoming more connected, from cars to lifts, and even to toys. This brings many benefits and new opportunities, but also threats. This talk will describe these currently hot areas, and also John's path into this job, via STEM subjects and through several other jobs on the way. Anyone who has an interest is welcome, particularly those considering a career in Computer Science or Engineering.

Open to all interested students.



SCHOOL NEWS

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT



Emma has come from an all girls' school in Augsburg, Germany, so visiting a mixed school in England was quite a change for her. She found some of the learning methods new and did not enjoy having to move classrooms as in Germany the teachers normally come to the students and not the other way round.

Emma enjoyed the teaching methods for maths and



UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

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Next Week (Week 1)

MON 1 MAY	Bank Holiday - School closed	All Day
TUE 2 MAY	'The Internet of Things and Cyber Security' Science Seminar (room S5)	3.30pm - 4.15pm
WED 3 MAY	Spring Concert	7.30pm - 9.30pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 15 MAY	Public Exams Start	until 30 th June
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found the lessons easy to follow. Overall, she found the school different but enjoyed the experience.

Anna Gambrell, Year 7

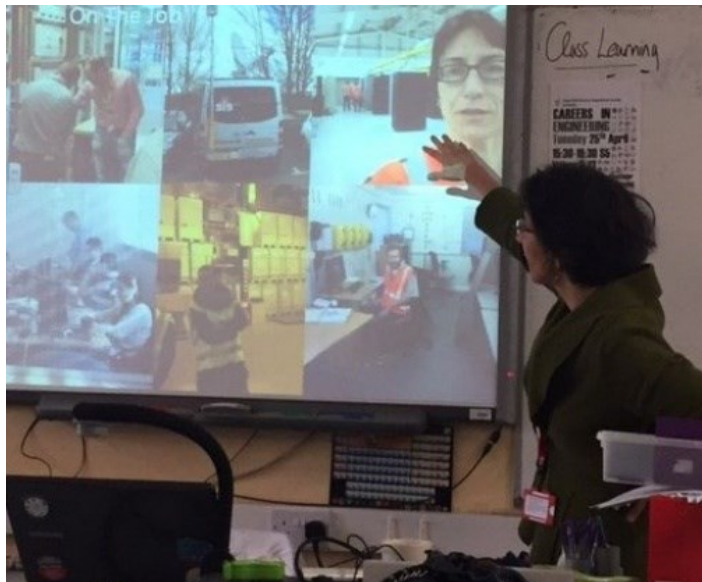


STEM AMBASSADOR VISITS FURZE PLATT



This week the Science department welcomed Armelle Boisset, an electrical engineer and STEM ambassador, to give a talk about careers in Engineering.

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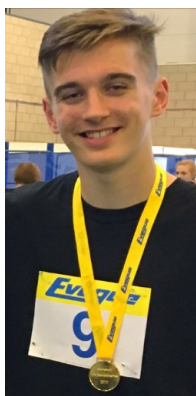
Armelle has worked in the telecommunications industry for over 20 years, in both technical and management ranging roles from software coding and emergency support to mobile network rollout. Armelle talked about her early career (starting with an electrical engineering degree in Canada) and then went on to discuss the interests and benefit that a career in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) can bring, drawing on examples from her own career progression. She used a range of props – from old mobile phones, to smurfs to a tube of Pringles (which the students very much enjoyed devouring) to illustrate the maths behind hyperbolic parabolas. One of Armelle’s roles as a STEM ambassador is to encourage more girls to consider a career in engineering and it was good to see that they made up over 50% of our audience.

We hope our visitor will have inspired many of Furze Platt’s students to be the engineers of the future.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Great effort from all our teams this week, despite losing to Piggott and Denefield all our boys showed a terrific level of sportsmanship throughout.

NATIONAL SPORTSHALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Last weekend Harrison Thorne (Year 10) travelled to Manchester to compete in the UK National Sportshall Championships. Competing in a team representing Berkshire they won Gold in the 4x2 relay, making them national champions.

Well done to Harrison and the team.

TENNIS EUROPE

Fantastic result by Gregor Webster (Year 8), reaching the quarter finals of the Tennis Europe in Croatia with the LTA.

Gregor, on the right of the picture with his teammates, has won national titles and represented GB in international matches.



TEAM INDONESIA



Hello, I am Lucy Harris and I am one of the students who is going on the Indonesia trip. I am in Year 11 about to take my GCSEs. I am studying the standard compulsory subjects, like English, Maths and Science, as well as Geography, Resistant Materials and Child Development. I am very happy with the options that I chose and hope to succeed in my exams. In September when I join the Sixth Form at this school, I am hoping to study Geography, Product Design and Photography as A-Levels. Eventually I would like to study documentary photography at university.

I first found out about the trip the day before the initial meeting, and I am very glad I found out about it. I chose to go on the Indonesia trip to get the experience of learning how to fundraise with a team. When applying to university, going on this trip may make me stand out especially for the course that I want to do. I think going on this trip will be an amazing opportunity, as not many people will get the chance in their life to sleep in a rainforest. I also think it is important to see the conservation of animals and plants. I

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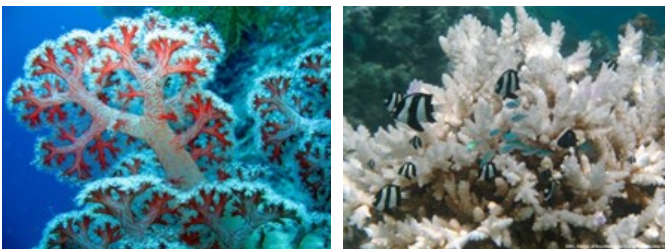
am very excited and it will be my first time going to that part of the world.

We have done many different fundraising activities such as car washing and selling raffle tickets at parents evening. I am also fundraising outside of school. I have been selling cakes at tea parties and doing odd jobs for family, friends and neighbours. As a group, we have raised a lot of money. Our first big payment was last week and we all had a reduction of amount of money we needed to pay, this was because of the amount of fundraising we had done. We are all motivated to do well in our fundraising.

In the first week, we will be living in cloud rainforests of Sulawesi. Here we will be collecting data about butterflies, bugs, bats, plants and frogs. We will also be climbing up into the canopies. I am looking forward to exploring the rainforest, as it will be an environment that I have not experienced before.

In the second week, we will be staying by the coast on white sand beaches. When we are there, we will be getting our scuba diving gear on and looking at the conservation of fish, we will also be checking for coral bleaching. During these two weeks, we will also have lectures and lessons to broaden our knowledge about Indonesia and the ecosystems they have.

Did you know Indonesia holds the largest plant in the world it is called rafflesia arnoldii. It can grow to be 3 feet across and weigh up to 15 pounds!



FURZE PLATT TEACHER COMPLETES THE LONDON MARATHON

A fantastic run by Ms Bennett at the London Marathon saw her complete the course in well under 4 hours.

Ms Bennett, Science Teacher, ran her first marathon in Chester 2015 and ran 3:37, meaning she qualified automatically for London. Her training started in January, but even with an injury which meant she couldn't train for around 6 weeks, she finished the London Marathon in a very strong time of 3:52.



CONGRATULATIONS
Ms Jo Bennett
 On completing the
 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon
 in the time of
03:52:54
 on Sunday 23 April 2017



CURRENT VACANCIES

If you would be interested in working at Furze Platt Senior School please visit our website and follow the links to our Vacancies page.

HEAD OF OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Home > Vacancies > Current Vacancies 

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either

Mr. A Molin andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net

Dr. M Scott michele.scott@furzeplatt.net

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.

Thank you.



2017 PTFA Meeting date for your diary:

Tues 13th June

Starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.

Upcoming events:

- PTFA Table Top Sale on Sunday 21st May
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.

Can you help?

- We need someone with an accountancy background to oversee the PTFA accounts. Duties include Gift Aid, etc. Please email jeff@iifa.co.uk for details.
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Table top sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee.)
- Does your company offer Match Funding? We are keen to hear from parents whose companies offer this. If you have any other ideas that may support our PTFA please do get in touch.
- For further details on any PTFA related queries please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk

THE BIG QUIZ 4

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Big Quiz 4 last week. The event, a regular fundraiser for the school, with an evening's quiz entertainment including delicious food, a bar and a raffle, made a profit of well over £500.



The winning team 'Sorry I haven't a Clue' only led after the final round, with 4 other teams at various points leading so there was all to play for throughout the evening, making for a nail biting finish.

The quiz included Paper Plane flying, 45 rpm records on vinyl and a spelling round and was hosted by Jeff Lloyd, PTFA Chair. Thanks to Jeff and his team for another successful event.



REMINDERS

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK TICKETS

SPRING CONCERT

Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets are now available for this event on our website. Please click the link below for full details about the School Spring concert on Wednesday 3rd May 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there.

[BOOK TICKETS](#)

[Home > News & Events > Spring Concert - information and tickets](#)



SUMMER TERM SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

An updated school clubs list can now be found on our website. Please follow the link below for full details.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

For ages
9 - 14



From
£95*

2017

SUMMER

FUN

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August

9 am to 3 pm

SUMMER FUN 2017

Due to the popularity of Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun, we are delighted to announce that this year's activities will run for 3 weeks.

This fabulous opportunity is open to all 9-14 year olds – come along and make new friends, play team games, interact positively with younger and older students and learn from our qualified instructors. For children in their last years at junior schools, being on site can help with the transition to secondary school and for all younger people, a chance to polish their leadership skills and have lots of fun!

Weeks 1 and 2

**Monday 24th - Friday 28th July and
Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August**

Summer Sports and Activities

We are offering a huge range of sports and activities every day plus each week you can enjoy a fantastic water day on the lake*

Including: Fencing, Raft Building, Hockey, Team Games, Basketball, Swimming, Football, Kayaking, Athletics, Softball, Badminton, Capture the Flag, Table Tennis, Paddle Boarding, Netball, Rounders and much more!

£95 per person per week
(no water day included)

£130 per person per week
(water day included)

*please note: there are limited numbers for water activities

Week 3

Monday 7th - Friday 11th August

Furze Platt's Summer Sketch Show Extravaganza

Spend a week with us and let your imagination soar. Over the week, you will have the chance to write, learn and rehearse sketches specifically designed for young performers. Supported by older students who will provide lighting, sound and all technical elements, as well as experienced Drama staff, no experience is necessary to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop performance skills, as well as having a lot of fun!

£95 per person per week

There is no water day during the Sketch Show week as there will be a performance on the Friday.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

To book, please complete the booking form online using the link above and pay online to Lloyds Bank a/c no: 42740560 sort code: 30-95-36 marked 'Summer' and your child's surname.

Participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch.

Concessions available.

For more information please e-mail media@furzeplatt.net or call Catherine Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347.