

Welcome to our Sixth Form Newsletter.
Here you will find a summary of the week,
useful tips, career opportunities dates and
celebrations of successes!

UPCOMING DATES

Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct: Half Term Holiday

Thurs 26th November 6-9pm: Sixth Form Open Evening (where you will be expected to help out)

Wed 2nd December 3.30-5.30pm: Careers & Higher Education Fair



A huge thank you to everyone who promoted our Halloween Fundraising Cake and Sweet Sale and to everyone who baked, sold and purchased. There will be a full feature on this in next week's newsletter, but for now, let's just say that Mrs Beale is a very happy witch!

An important date for your diaries – Wed 2nd December from 3.30-5.30pm

In the late afternoon on Wed 2nd December, from 3.30-5.30pm, we will be holding our annual Furze Platt Careers & Higher Education Fair (CHEF).

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students (and their parents/guardians) to meet potential colleges and universities, employers and apprenticeship providers.

So please pop this in your diary and we hope to see you there!

Also, we always love to welcome new people, so if parents, if you, or anybody in your organisation, would be interested in having a stall at the event to tell others about what you do and what career prospects are like in that industry, please do get in touch.

We'd love to connect with professionals from ALL industries, but are particularly looking for people in:

- Banking and Finance
- STEM
- Sport
- Performing Arts
- Music
- The creative industry
- Real Estate
- Fashion
- Politics

So, please feel free to mention this to friends and contacts of yours who you think may be keen to take part and to contact us by emailing judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net



Trip to the ExCeL Centre

On Tuesday, Mr Wedge and Mrs Beale took 43 of our Year 12 and 13 students to the UCAS Create Your Future Exhibition at the ExCeL Centre where they found out about universities courses in the creative sector including Fashion Design, Music Production, Fine Art, Acting, Film, Product Design, Architecture, graphic Design, Musical Theatre, Creative Writing, and much more!

Loved seeing some of our musicians perform in Buskers' Corner!

We are looking for people who work in the creative sector to come to our Careers Fair on 2nd December so if this is you, please get in touch!



Drop-in Careers Club REC Wednesdays

CAREERS CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY. PERIOD 5. DURING REC
MEETING ROOM 3 IN RECEPTION



What is it?

A FRIENDLY DROP-IN SESSION
FOR CAREERS ADVICE & SUPPORT

1) FILL IN THE FORM

Sign up for a Careers Club session in advance



2) WAIT FOR YOUR EMAIL

Mrs Beale will let you know which session is best for you.



3) REGISTER AS NORMAL

On the day, register with your normal REC teacher first.



we can help with...

- Finding career ideas & future options
- Interview skills & assessment centres
- Looking for university courses

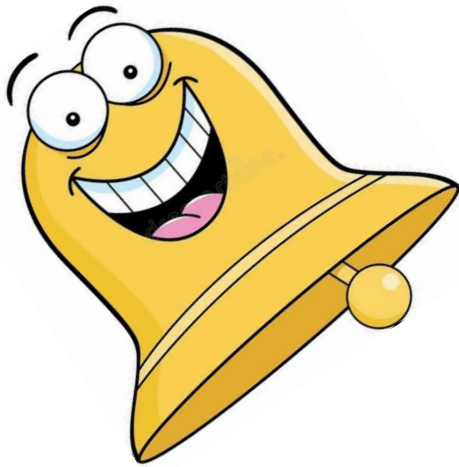
- Applying for jobs & apprenticeships
- Making a CV
- Personal Statements



UCAS SHOUT OUTS



Please join us in giving a huge
congratulations to our first 7 students
who have sent off their UCAS applications



Noah
Andrew
Mohammed
Andreea
Zainab
Miguel
Howard

You may have heard then ringing the
sendoff bell

Who will be next!

Year 13



Mr Ging sent an email out but please see here the assembly on [finance](#).

If you have any questions, please see myself or Mr Ging.

I want to bring your attention to the dangers of AI. I have been noticing students are more reliant on AI in terms of revision, and that is fine if it is being used as a supportive platform.

AI is a useful tool in education, but within reason. Get yourself educated now to avoid mistakes that can cost you hugely in the future. For your benefit I have attached university guidelines around AI from, Cambridge, Royal Holloway and London Metropolitan.

- <https://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/students/academic-misconduct>
- <https://intranet.royalholloway.ac.uk/students/study/generative-ai/academic-misconduct-and-using-ai-responsibly.aspx>
- <https://libguides.londonmet.ac.uk/ai/academic-integrity-ai>

Last week we talked about growth mindset, on Sunday 11th I ran a 10k. Did I have a growth mind set when it came to the hills, absolutely not. Despite the horrid battle of running up hill, I did not give up and finished the route. Even beat the time I got last year, which I was not expecting

What I want you take takeaway from this is that a **growth mindset is not always easy but is always possible. You've got to be the one to drive the change!**



Year 12

Mr Ging's assembly feels like a long time ago now (pun absolutely intended). It was quite the relief to find that it isn't just me who plans a day with the best of intentions but ends up a million miles away from all the tasks that – at one point – I considered to be absolutely essential!

I think we probably all would like to spend more time with family and friends, without the spectre of work looming over us; I thought Mr Ging's sheet was really useful for seeing just how much work I could get done during the day to (hopefully) leave my evening free.

Some of us were lucky enough to over to London to go to the Excel Centre and explore the myriad of educational possibilities that exist after A-Level.

There were some fantastic sounding courses on offer, all promising fascinating futures and it was a pleasure to hear the Furze Platt students having in depth conversations with the representatives of the universities and taking advantage of a great opportunity.

However it has made me curious to how much a free hat and bag of merch will influence someone's decision to go to a particular university; so if you are planning to make a choice based on a free pair of sunglasses please let me know!

Deputy Digest



Quote of the week:

"Always do what you are
afraid to do"

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sixth Form Survival Tips



Master the **Specification**,
use it as a checklist for all
of your subjects!



Call to Action

Please remember to keep
the kitchen and common
room clean. They are
shared spaces, so please
be respectful. Failure to
do so will lead to
individuals being named
and shamed!

Student notices

Please make sure
you've filled out the
student voice form sent
out by the
Senior & Deputy
Senior students.

Acts of good will:

- Well done to the RAG
and everyone who
got involved in the
Halloween cake sale.
- Thank you to **Adriano
Cilia** for setting an
amazing example in
how to respect the
common room.
- Thank you to **Mathew
Chew** for your
kindness and
consideration for
others.



Brain Box

m tall when I'm young, and I'm short
when I'm old, I glow in the dark when
the night turns cold. What am I?
Please email cooka@furzeplatt.com

First to email with the correct answer
wins a **STARBURST**

To share any good deeds,
please submit a response
to:

[Acts of Good Will Form](#)



Congratulations to last
week's Brain Box winner
Ahmad Aljarah!



Careers

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Degree Apprenticeships



Local degree apprenticeships open to apply to:

[Tax Consultancy with Deloitte](#)

[Retail & Chartered Management with Morrison's](#)

[Business with Basketdrop](#)

[Civil Engineering with Stantec](#)

Degree apprenticeships – register your interest

You can't apply yet but you can register and they will email you when they open.

Lots of different local opportunities here on the [Higher In](#) website

Local job to apply to at the Odeon Maidenhead

 **£12.71 an hour**

Employee discount, Flexible schedule

 Weekend availability

 [42-44 King Street, Maidenhead SL6 1DY](#)

Find out more and apply [here](#)





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Paid work experience with My Pocket Skill



Finding relevant work experience can be challenging for young people - particularly when opportunities depend on who they know. MyPocketSkill gives students another route, connecting 13-25-year-olds with paid opportunities that fit around their studies and match their skills and interests.

From social media management and tutoring to music coaching, IT and digital design, photography and admin, students can find flexible opportunities that fit around their studies and reflect their individual strengths.

MyPocketSkill helps students earn alongside their studies while developing practical skills for the workplace.

As Featured in The Telegraph:

"How to help your teenager find work as Saturday jobs vanish" - 29th Sept 2026 - alongside Young Enterprise and the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Through their award-winning platform, students can:

-  **Gain real experience working with families and businesses**
-  **Build their CVs and portfolios before leaving education**
-  **Earn flexibly around lessons and other commitments**
-  **Develop confidence, communication and workplace skills**

Find out more and sign up [here](#)