

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.8



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

STUDY LEAVE FOR PRE-PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

YEAR 12

Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st June inclusive

All Year 12 students will be on study leave during the 3 days of their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) week (Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June inclusive), and are only expected to attend their exams on these 3 days.

There are a very small number of students who do not have any PPEs during these days, and I have informed them that they do not have to come into school on those 3 days, and should spend time doing some careers research.

After their exams however, all Year 12 students are expected in all lessons/tutor times/tutorials/assemblies/Rec etc. as normal up until the end of term.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

GRADUATION CEREMONY

YEAR 11

Please find the letter and reply slip for the Year 11 Graduation Ceremony below.

YEAR 11 GRADUATION LETTER AND REPLY SLIP

MATHS PRACTICE PAPER

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YEAR 11

The Maths practice papers have been uploaded to Show My Homework and the students can access them by downloading the appropriate paper from their year 11 maths class page on their account.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK LINK

CONDITIONAL OFFER REMINDER

YEAR 11

A reminder for all those students who have received a conditional offer letter to join Furze Platt Senior School Sixth Form to please return their reply slip, or email Mrs K Bristow at kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net to



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 19 JUNE	Public Exams continue	Until 30 th June
TUE 20 JUNE	France/Belgium Trip - Information Evening	6pm - 7.30pm
WED 21 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	3.30pm Arrival
THU 23 JUNE	Year 11 Prom (Windsor Racecourse)	7.30pm - 10pm

Forthcoming Events

TUE 27 JUNE	End of Year Art Show	4.30pm - 7pm
SUN 2 JULY	Year 12 Trip to Nettlecombe	Return Wed 5 th July

advise if you can attend the Sixth Form taster days on Wednesday 5th July to Friday 7th July 2017.

THORPE PARK TRIP REMINDER

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

July 2017

Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park for Years 9 & 10 - please return reply slips asap. Please be aware that any Business Studies students not going must attend school as usual.

THORPE PARK TRIP REPLY SLIP

UNIFORM DONATIONS WANTED



Most Year 11's will have finished their exams today and we are happy to accept donations of any good quality uniform which are no longer needed. We are especially keen to receive blazers, skirts, ties and any new style PE kit.

Thank you.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY / BRASENOSE COLLEGE OPEN DAYS



Wednesday 28th June and Thursday 29th June

The Oxford and Brasenose summer undergraduate open days this year will be Wednesday 28th June and Thursday 29th June (with a further Open Day on the 15th September). We would like to invite all those Year 12s (and any students from Year 11 that might be interested) to Brasenose College at any time during the days. No booking is required and we are open from 9am - 5pm. Parents are also welcome. At the Brasenose College Open Days, visitors will be given tours of the College and will be able to talk to some of the current students about undergraduate life. Subject-specific and general admission talks will be available throughout the day. Please see www.bnc.ox.ac.uk/opendays for more information. During these dates, the rest of the University, Colleges, museums and libraries will also be open. Please see www.ox.ac.uk/opendays for more information. Please note, although no booking is required at Brasenose, some Departments and Colleges may ask visitors to book. There will be another Open Day on the 15th September.

BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Reading, Saturday 10th June

The following students represented RBWM at the recent Berkshire Schools Championships. The standard of competition within Berkshire is extremely high, so for all to finish in the top 6 and with many personal bests, is a great achievement.

Harrison Thorne - Inter Boys High Jump – 1st place

Orla Brennan – Inter Girls 300m Hurdles – 1st place

Louisa Snape – Senior Girls 100m – 1st place

Sammy March - Inter Boys 800m – 4th place

Adam Gambrell – Inter Boys 1500m – 6th place

Nathan Smith – Inter Boys Javelin – 4th place

Elliott Lowe – Junior Boys 800m – 5th place

Orla has been selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham in July.

Well done to them all.

MAIDENHEAD GIRLS FC



Congratulations to Olivia Brienza and Amelia Gilbert (both Year 8) who play for Maidenhead Girls Football Club.

They played in the Oxford U13 6-a side tournament last weekend and won every match bar one, with the final decided on penalties, to make them the champions of the tournament.

Congratulations girls!



SCHOOL NEWS

JACK STAUNTON



Fantastic result by Jack Staunton, Year 7 who won gold and silver at the U16 British Gymnastics South Region Championships in Portsmouth. Jack, who is 12 and finished 4th overall, beat a number of older competitors to win gold in the vault competition and silver in the parallel bars.

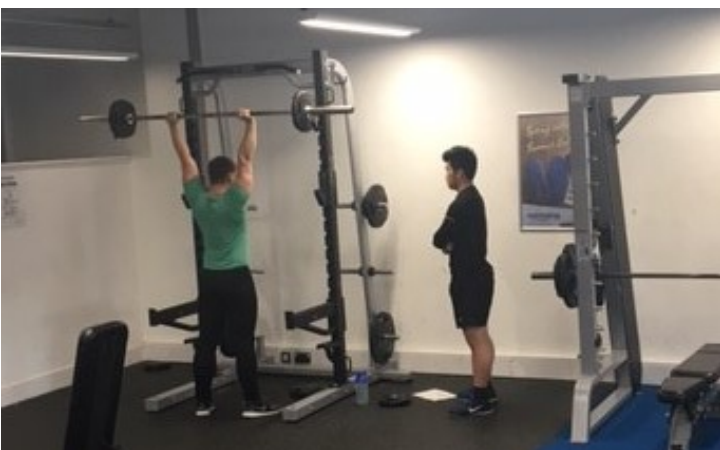
Photo courtesy of the Maidenhead Advertiser

FITNESS CLUB



Last week, students created and planned personal training sessions for Furze Platt staff brave enough to take them up. They were a huge success, the students were extremely professional and had planned

everything out themselves to deliver some really good sessions. They were raising money for new fitness kits.



Congratulations to the following students (and staff!):

Amber Hemsley - Mrs C Ridgley

Zoe Hopson – Mrs H Stevens

Bailey Knott - Mr D Varnham

Harry Twite - Mr E Fraser

Natalie Finnigan - Mr P Harris

Anya Idrizi - Miss E Satterthwaite

Dan Wallace - Mr S Williams

Dan G Webb - Mrs D Alston And Mrs D Slater

Jacob Tanner - Miss J Dale And Ms Kelly

Elliot Lowe - Mr H Whitaker

Elvis Lee - Mr J Beavis

Mr C Djaelani, PE Teacher



COMMUNITY NEWS

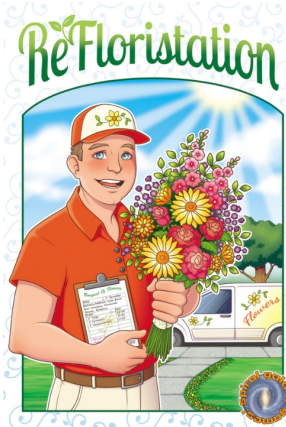
CURRENT VACANCIES

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



[Home](#) > [Vacancies](#) > [Current Vacancies](#) 


FURZE PLATT MATHS TEACHER IS BOARD GAME DESIGNER



Well done to Mr P Harris who has debuted his first board game on Kickstarter. He has designed a game called ReFlorisation, which is an economic Strategy card game. Please see the link below for more details.



EASY FUNDRAISING



Please can all parents sign up to use easyfundraising.org.uk as this is an easy way for the

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Help out when you check out

Collect **FREE donations** for us when you shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk



school to earn money from your online shopping. It costs you nothing but could raise £££ for the school and will help the PTFA fund more for your children.

Are you a parent of a Year 7, 8 or 9 student? Year 10 parents were well represented at the meeting but parents of younger year groups are needed as well.

Next PTFA meeting Weds 6th Sept 6pm – all welcome

The next Indoor Car Boot Sale will be run by staff but we are looking for parental help for future events (setting up, putting away, takings, etc.)

Indoor Car Boot Sale dates for your diary:

Sunday 9th July

Sunday 8th October

Next quiz will be in November (date tbc).



REMINDERS

ACCESS TO FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL VIA FURZE PLATT INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS GATES

Please be aware that, following advice, the infant and junior school will be locking their gates between 9am and 3.15pm. The Cranbrook Drive gate will still be open. This change should not affect students arriving to school or leaving at the usual time.

If your sons or daughters have exams and use these gates to access the senior school they will need to make alternative arrangements to ensure that they arrive to school on time.

Ms T White, Headteacher

OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 5 STUDENTS

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Selecting a secondary school for your child is a serious matter. We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries from Year 5 parents about opportunities to visit Furze Platt Senior School. This letter provides you with advance notice of dates. It also extends a special invitation to Year 5 parents and pupils to come to an Open Morning this term.

Parents are welcome to visit us:

Open Morning - Monday 3rd July 2017

Year 5 parents and pupils will have the opportunity to meet the Headteacher and other members of the Senior Leadership Team, tour the school and meet some of our students.

Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book in for the Open Morning.

School Tours - Autumn Term

We run regular school tours during September and October. They run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15am - 10.15am beginning on Tuesday 12th September. Tours are led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team accompanied by Sixth Form students. Children are welcome to accompany their parents.

Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book a tour.

Open Evening - Thursday 5th October

Our Whole School Open Evening will be held on Thursday 5th October from 6pm - 9pm. This is a wonderful way to meet many of our students and staff. More details will appear in the local press and on our school website (www.furzeplatt.com) in the Autumn term.

Headteacher's Surgery

A few parents have a very particular or significant concern about their child that they would like to discuss. I offer parent surgeries after school every Monday in term time. On September 18th and 25th, October 2nd, 9th and 16th I offer these to parents of Year 6 children.

Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book an appointment.

I hope that we will meet many of you, and your child, at one or more of the above events, and that they enable you to find out everything about us. We are very proud of our school and our achievements.

Ms T White, Headteacher

TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM - PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 20th June 2017

You should have received a letter and forms via your child before half term regarding the Parents' Information Evening for the History and French trip to France and Belgium Wednesday 19th July - Sunday 23rd July 2017.

The information evening will take place on Tuesday 20th June from 6pm - 7pm in the Main Hall. It will provide an important opportunity to find out more information about the visit, and to meet the staff who will be accompanying students.

Parents/carers of participating students will need to bring:

- The student's passport and EHIC card (which will be collected and kept until the trip)
- The signed and completed [medical consent form \(OA4\)](#)
- A completed [medicines form](#)
- A signed student [behaviour contract](#)
- A signed student [mobile phone agreement](#)
- A completed [rooming request form](#)

I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 20th June 2017.

Mr E Towill, France and Belgium Trip Leader

YEAR 10 REVISION SKILLS – PHASE ONE – TIME MANAGEMENT

In preparation for the imminent PPEs, the Raising Achievement team will be delivering revision skills sessions to the whole of Year 10. This will be done by House during tutor time as shown below. The first phase will be to set each student up with a flexible revision timetable. This will take into account their existing commitments as well as considering their academic needs (strengths and weaknesses) and ultimately each student will create a personalised timetable that works around them that they will bring home to use for the lead up to the PPEs and then ultimately for preparation

YEAR 10 REVISION SKILLS – PHASE ONE – TIME MANAGEMENT (CONT.)

for their GCSE exams.

Phase Two will be to deliver sessions on "How to Revise" which will explore several revision styles with a view to each student trying out to ascertain which one suits their learning style best. Details of dates will be sent out in due course.

Revision Skills – Time Management

7 th June	Bray
9 th June	Dorney
12 th June	Windsor
13 th June	Bisham
14 th June	Eton
15 th June	Cookham
16 th June	Henley
19 th June	Marlow

If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor, tel: 01628 625308 ext. 127 or email debbie.slater@furzeplatt.net

YEAR 11 'STUDY ROOM' FOR AFTER HALF TERM

While most of your sons and daughters will be looking forward to the opportunity to revise at home for the duration of their GCSE exams, a few have requested the opportunity to use a study space in school.

	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Mon 12 th June	(English exam)	(English exam)	IT3	IT3	IT3
Tue 13 th June	(Maths exam)	(Maths exam)	(Chemistry revision)	(Chemistry revision)	IT3
Wed 14 th June	(Chemistry exam)	IT3	IT3	IT3	IT3
Thu 15 th June	IT3	IT3	(Physics revision)	(Physics revision)	IT3
Fri 16 th June	(Physics exam)	IT3	-	-	-

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YEAR 11 'STUDY ROOM' FOR AFTER HALF TERM (CONT.)

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We are therefore making a room available for the first two weeks after half term (apart from times when other revision sessions are running). The room will always have computers available for use.

It is, of course, entirely optional for your sons and daughters but we wanted to provide an additional revision space for anyone who wishes to use it.

Please do get in touch with me (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE



A full list of the school clubs we provide can now be found on our website in the Parents section under Useful Information. We are proud to be able to offer a huge variety of activities. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND



You may have seen in the news recently that schools are about to experience the first real time cuts in education costs. At Furze Platt we are always looking for ways to ensure our students have access to facilities that will further their learning and socialising here. The standard budget does not include extras that we believe are extremely important to facilitate your child's future education. Please see the letter below for further information.

Ms T White, Headteacher

[SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND LETTER](#)

CAN YOU HELP?



We would like to ask if anybody has any 'Gu' style glass or Charlie Bingham ceramic style ramekins they no longer want. If they do please could they be donated to the Food and Nutrition department where they will be gratefully received. Please bring donations to Main Reception.

Mrs Crisford, Head of Food and Nutrition



YEAR 7 GUIDE FOR PARENTS 2017 - 2018

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Our guide will explain some of our school routines and systems and provide you with useful information. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01628 625308 or email at office@furzeplatt.com.

[YEAR 7 GUIDE FOR PARENTS 2017 - 2018](#)

SKI TRIP – EASTER 2018



Arrangements for our 2018 ski trip are now confirmed. We will depart on Saturday 31st March and return on Sunday 8th April. After the success of this year's trip we will again be travelling with Interski to La Thuile in the Aosta Valley, Italy. We will also be staying in the Planibel Apartments, directly opposite the slopes.

Please see the below letter with full details and reply slip.

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

(2018 Ski Trip Co-Ordinator)

[SKI TRIP 2018 LETTER & REPLY SLIP](#)



**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Furze Platt Senior School offers:

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



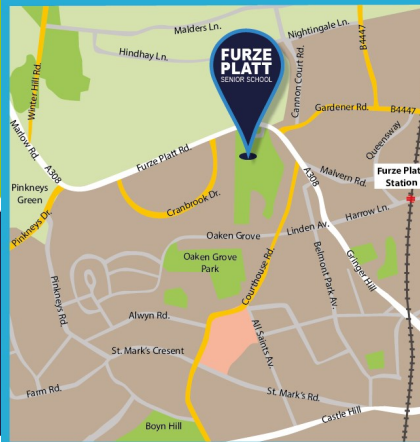
**Open Morning
Monday 3rd July 2017
For Year 5 Parents***

'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



**Open Evening
Thursday 5th Oct 2017
All Welcome**

How to find us:



**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2017
All Welcome***

'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016

01628 625308 | office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

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

ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2017 4.30 - 7.00PM

The show is running for just one evening and promises to be a celebration of the students' work from A level Photography, A Level Product Design, A Level Art, GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Graphic Products and GCSE Art and Design, showcasing their knowledge and experiences over the past year.

This is an opportunity to get an exciting insight into the creative thinking of a new generation and a chance to meet our remarkable students.

We look forward to seeing you.





COOKHAM TWINNING

Boules Evening

Monday 26th June - 7.30pm
at Cookham Dean Cricket Club

An informal gathering to play boules, socialise and
find out about the October half-term visit to our
twinned village of St Benoit

£12 per person, children £6
Fish and Chip Supper with Licensed Bar

For tickets contact Keith Le Page on 01628 532279 or
keith_le_page@hotmail.com

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.