

Weekly Update: Monday 20th June - Friday 24th June 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Mon 27th June	A2 Applied Business visit to the Look Out Centre, Bracknell Year 11 Graduation 4pm
Tues 28th June	Year 13 Prom 7pm
Weds 29th June	Year 10 PPEs English p2-3, RE p5-6
Thurs 30th June	Year 10 PPEs Option C p2-3, Physics p5-6 Year 11 Prom 7.30pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 1st July	Year 10 PPEs Maths p2-3, Option A p5-6
Mon 4th July	Year 5 Open Morning
Tues 5th July	Year 6 Taster Day
Wed 6th - Fri 8th July	Year 12 Taster Days



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS



Furze Platt's Sixth Form Taster Days are from Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th July. Conditional offer letters have been sent out. Please send replies to Mrs Bristow at kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net.



Year 12 Taster Days: Maths



Students interested in pursuing maths through to AS/A Level will have the opportunity during their maths taster session to purchase a transition workbook at the cost of £3.

We would strongly recommend that students work through this resource over the summer to fully prepare for September. If the cost is a concern, please contact us directly.

Ms Searle and Mrs Bull (Joint Heads of Mathematics)



MESSAGE FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT



The Maths Department have decided to continue with mixed ability groupings into Year 8. This is following a detailed data analysis of Progress Assessments, which has shown that students of all abilities have made better progress compared with previous year groups that were set. We will of course continue to monitor the progress of our students and will inform you should we need to change this structure.

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FRANCE / BELGIUM TRIP: MEDICAL FORM (OA4)

Please ensure you return your completed and signed OA4 form for this trip to Mrs Ridgway (Head of History) at bryony.ridgway@furzeplatt.net by Wednesday 29th June. Copy of form [here](#).



A decision-making exercise about the impact of tourism at Box Hill, Surrey

As you will no doubt be aware, fieldwork and investigation forms a core part of the GCSE Geography course. As part of the Controlled Assessment unit of the course (which makes up 25% of the total marks) students are required to conduct research and a full day's fieldwork.

Box Hill in Surrey is somewhere that many of you may have already been to. As a popular tourist location near to London, it was made more famous by Mark Cavendish and co as they passed through the area during the London Olympics cycling road race. Box Hill is an "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" and a "Site of Special Scientific Interest", resulting in constant conflict between conservationists, tourists and local businesses making it a perfect location for geographers to study.

During their Geography controlled assessment task, students will conduct research and produce a 2000 word report that will "Investigate the contrasting pressures affecting a rural area". Our proposed title will be "Is Box Hill a victim of its own success?"

To aid in the production of the report, students will base their research on the following three sub-questions:

1. What attracts tourists to Box Hill?
2. What environmental impacts do tourists have on Box Hill?
3. How successful is Box Hill in managing these environmental impacts?

Initial preparation for the task will be started in lessons between now and the end of Year 10. Students will then be expected to complete some additional research (secondary data collection) over the summer holiday. The fieldwork (primary data collection) will then be conducted on either 8th or 9th September 2016. (We have to split the group into two halves due to maximum numbers that can be accommodated at Box Hill on any one day). Groups for each day will be decided and communicated before the end of the summer term.

Itinerary:

Meet by the main entrance to school at 7:15am, outside reception, in smart/casual clothes, for a 7:30am departure. We will be taking a coach from Furze Platt directly to Box Hill.

Your son/daughter needs to arrive at school at 7:15am for a 7:30am departure and will be returning at 4:30pm.

Students will not be required to wear school uniform, however are expected to uphold their appearance and school ethos by wearing appropriate clothing on the trip. This includes sturdy shoes (there will be walking to do) and a warm/rain coat (weather dependent).

Students will also need to bring a packed lunch, snacks and a refillable water bottle to sustain them throughout the day. There will be limited opportunities to get food at the site.

In order for this to go ahead we require a contribution of £20 which will include all coach travel and entrance fee plus any other costs. We do feel it is important that your son/daughter attends the day.

You can pay via online banking to "Furze Platt School Trips" Account Sort Code: 30-95-36 Account number: 59194168. Alternatively via cheque made payable to "Furze Platt Senior School". Please use your child's name and the code GEOG as a reference.

Please sign the slip on the link below letter and return to reception.

Mr Fraser (Acting Head of Geography)



HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Good luck to all Furze Platt students competing to qualify in this year's Henley Royal Regatta.



SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING SUCESS



Congratulations to Mimi Gray (Year 8) and her British Synchronised Swimming teammates, who recently competed in Hungary. Mimi and her partner came 4th and the other England duet came 5th out of 15.



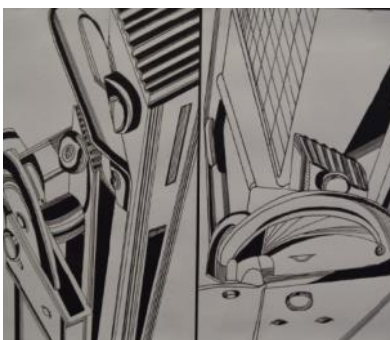
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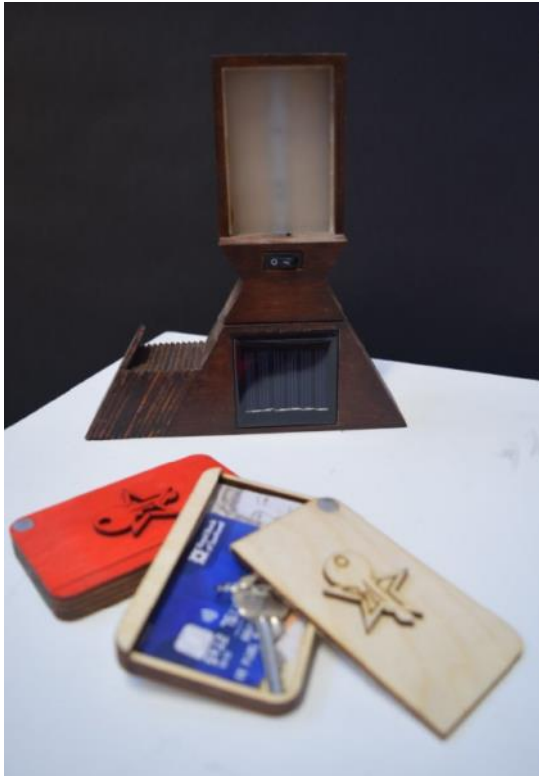
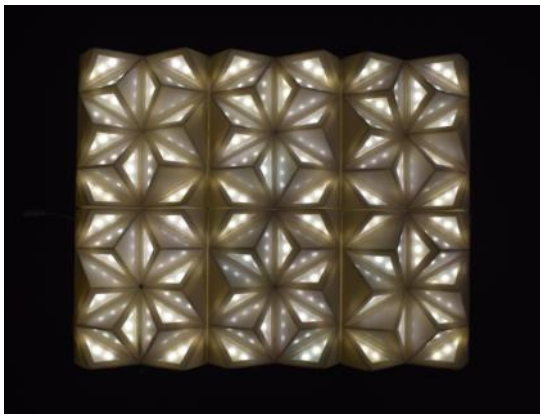
Our Years 7 & 8 combined cricket 11 completed a fine victory over Claires Court School in the semi-final of the County Cup. A fine individual display from Hamza Butt both with bat and ball, was supported by some fantastic catching from Flynn Sturdy and accurate bowling from Zain Ali, Alfie Hall and Freddie Smith. Again the boys showed an outstanding attitude. We look forward to the final against either St Crispin's School or Reading School to be played next week.

Mr Whitaker (Teacher of PE)

ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2015

One of the many highlights of this term has been the Art, Design and Technology exhibition, which has featured in the Maidenhead Advertiser. Please find below a few of the fantastic pieces which were displayed. A full gallery of images will be available in next week's newsletter.





COMMUNITY NEWS



DISCOVER A CAREER IN TEACHING

Changing the Home to School Transport policy

JANE EYRE - LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS

29TH JUNE - 2ND JULY

Ex Furze Platt student Kirstie Bradbrook-Armit stars in Maidenhead Drama Guild's 'Jane Eyre' at Norden Farm. [Click here for details.](#)





REMINDERS

Yr7

CORE EDUCATION

Yr7

After half term we will be studying Identity and Diversity in CORE lessons and our focus will be on the study of Christianity, Islam and Sikhism. We will have visitors in to speak to our Year 7 students on these subjects, beginning with Gideons International.

Any questions please feel free to contact Miss Stirling (Head of Philosophy and Religion) lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net.

Yr8

YEAR 8 SCIENCE: END OF KS3 EXAMS

Yr8

During week beginning 4th July Year 8 will complete their End of KS3 Science Examinations.

As such, students should be looking to revise the subject matter from both Year 7 and Year 8, covering the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

Revision can be conducted online using BBC Bitesize and Doodlelearn, but it would be beneficial to purchase (at face value) the KS3 revision guide. These will be available from the Science Prep Room during school for £5 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Yr10

PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS

Yr10

The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Wednesday 29th June to Tuesday 5th July. They take place during the normal school day, and students will be expected to be in lessons if they do not have an exam. As with previous years, there is, therefore, no 'study leave' for PPEs and students will be in school from 8.45am to 3.15pm as usual. However, when students have afternoon exams they will be permitted to leave after the exam finishes. Please note that, while some exams will finish before 3.15pm, there are some subjects that will not finish until 3.30pm.

During the exams Year 10 will have their Break 2 at an earlier time than usual. This will run from 12.45pm to 1.15pm. They will then start their afternoon exam after that.

Details of timings are on the letter below. Students will receive individual timetables which will have details of their seating and specific exam times.

Please may I ask you to work with your son/daughter to ensure that they prepare appropriately for the PPEs. They should be following a revision timetable and working steadily and sustainably towards the exams. PPEs are essential preparation for the final GCSE examinations next summer.

PPE results will be given to students on Friday 15th July.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[Year 10 Pre-Public Exams Letter](#)

LEARNING MENTOR, COVER SUPERVISORS & LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS REQUIRED

Furze Platt Senior School is a highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which is committed to continuous school improvement.

Due to expansion we are looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to join us in September 2016. We require candidates who enjoy working with young people, as well as having a professional approach with excellent communication and time management skills. All of these posts provide an ideal stepping stone into teaching.

LEARNING MENTOR

Term time only • 30 hours per week • Salary £15,000 pa

Maternity Cover (5th September 2016 – 22nd June 2017)

This post involves working with individuals or small groups of students to help them succeed in their exams.

You will have some understanding of the demands of the examination system; be capable of rapidly forming constructive relationships; be able to support young people to develop organisational skills and confidence.

COVER SUPERVISORS

Term time only • 31.25 hours per week • Salary £13,700 – £15,300 pa depending on experience

The successful candidates will be joining a strong team of colleagues and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Term time only • 30 hours per week • Salary £11,400 – £11,900 pa depending on experience

The successful candidates will be required to provide classroom support across a range of students with Special Educational Needs, as well as being required to prepare materials.

Further details and application information for all these positions are available on our website, www.furzeplatt.com. Please return to Mrs D Harding, HR Manager via email: debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net. If you have not heard from us by 11th July 2016 please assume that in this instance your application has not been successful.

Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

We require a minimum of Grade C or above in GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent).

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.

Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

Closing date: 9am, Thursday 30th June 2016

Interviews: w/c 4th and 11th July 2016

For ages
9-18

From only
£90*

SUMMER FUN

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**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Monday 25th - Friday 29th July 2016
Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2016
9 am to 3 pm

**A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF
ACTIVITIES, SPORT, CRAFT,
DRAMA & FILM SCHOOL**



**FURZE
PLATT**
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Open Morning
Mon 4th July 2016
For Year 5 Parents*



Open Evening
Thursday 6th Oct 2016
All Welcome



School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2016
All Welcome*

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

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

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

"Excellent student and staff relationships encourage a positive learning atmosphere that permeates through the school."
- OFSTED

How to find us:



Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road,
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attainment.

(SSAT 2016)