

Weekly Update: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Open Morning (9am– 1pm) Year 10 PPEs Biology & Chemistry p2-3, Maths (calc) p5-6
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Industrial Action - School closed for Year 7,8,9,12</b> Year 6 Taster Day (students to arrive at 8.40am) Year 10 PPEs ( <a href="#">click here for updated schedule</a> ) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Theatre Royal (4pm - 11pm)
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Taster Days
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	D of E Group Trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre (1pm - 4pm) Lower School Production (6.30pm - 8.30pm)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Table Top Sale (9am –12pm)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Work Experience/Careers Week
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 University Visit
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for Holy Trinity
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### INDUSTRIAL ACTION: TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016

The National Union of Teachers have notified schools that they intend to take industrial action on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in their dispute over school funding and the deregulation of teachers' pay and conditions. Please note the arrangements for Furze Platt Senior School on this date:

The scheduled Primary Transfer Day will go ahead as planned. Year 6 children should arrive as planned at 8.40.

Year 10 exams will still take place. Students must attend for any exams. There will be no lessons and students will be free to go home after their exams.

School will be closed for Years 7,8, 9 and 12. Year 12 students will be expected to complete any set work at home.

Please note that the scheduled trip to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will go ahead as planned. Students need to be at school by 4pm.

Thank you in anticipation.

Ms T White (Headteacher)



### AMENDED PPE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016



Due to the industrial action on Tuesday, we are amending the Year 10 PPE programme to ensure that all students are able to complete all of their pre-public exams.

Please see the attached with arrangements for the day.

All students will be able to go home as soon as their final exam for the day finishes. There will be no normal lessons running during the day.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions regarding the arrangements.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Year 10 Amended PPE  
Schedule**



## CAREERS DAY & WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK



A reminder for all Year 12 students that the Careers Day is taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and work experience placements should have been arranged by the students for 12<sup>th</sup> July through to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 the Careers Day is an excellent opportunity for the Students to attend Seminars and Workshops to gain valuable experience including interview techniques, CV Writing, goal setting, and guidance through the UCAS process. There are many external speakers on hand covering advice for those considering an Apprenticeship in IT and Business, student finance advice and coping with stress and anxiety.

All students are expected to attend on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 so they do not miss out on this valuable advice.

In addition those students who have yet to arrange work experience placements please ensure they do so and return the completed work experience placement form ASAP to Mrs Pasa, Sixth Form Manager.

Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)



## SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>– Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July



A reminder for all our Year 11 students who have received a conditional place to join our Sixth Form this September 2016 that the Sixth Form Taster days are on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016 through to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

This is a great opportunity to experience life in Sixth Form and you will be able to attend 2 lessons of each of your chosen subjects, plus attend inspirational seminars that will cover subjects including Belief, Goal Setting and Time Management.

Please arrive by 8.45am at the latest, and go to the Sixth Form common room, in smart business dress which meets with the 6<sup>th</sup> Form dress code and with usual school stationery, including calculators for Maths and Science subjects. Please also be aware the Maths transition workbook will be available for £3.

In addition please ensure you have your sports kit on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The café is available to use as normal, otherwise please ensure you bring your lunch.

It is recommended that you attend all 3 days to gain the most benefit from this opportunity and if you have yet to advise us that you are able to attend please contact [kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net](mailto:kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net).

Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

### NEW SCHOOL CAFÉ MENU



### FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT NOTICE



There are a large number of containers which have been left in Food Technology. Please could any pupil, who thinks they may have lost a container, come to FT1 during break times. There is a large green crate where all of these containers are being stored. Any containers remaining by the end of term will be discarded. Thank you.

Mrs Andrews (Food Technician)



### FPSS VISITORS FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Furze Platt will be hosting researchers from Royal Holloway, who will hold a seminar and workshop on autism for our Sixth Form psychology students.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Child Development will have a chance to create baby clothes under the supervision of a textile artist coming from Norden Farm, Ms Julie Roberts.

### SUPPORTING TEENAGERS IN THEIR LEARNING 1 DAY COURSE FOR PARENTS

Please [click here](#) to see details of a one-off free course being held at Furze Platt Senior School on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 10am - 12pm on how parents can best help their teenage children to succeed in school.

The course is being run by the Workers' Education Association (WEA) which is a national adult education provider working all across the country to meet the learning needs of communities.





## FURZE PLATT CRICKETERS ARE U13 COUNTY CUP WINNERS



After dispatching Claires Court in the Semi-finals, our Years 7/8 cricket team took on Reading School in the County Cup final. Reading batted first, struggling to a modest 123 from their 20 overs. Superb bowling from Zain Ali, Hamza Butt and Tom Cullum was supported by a solid team fielding performance, led by Alfie Hall and Flynn Sturdy.

Hamza Butt and Freddie Smith made an opening partnership of 109 to all but chase the runs on their own. Hamza smashed the winning runs to finish on 71 from 47 balls. Elation ensued and the boys thoroughly deserved their victory for their effort and commitment throughout the cup run. We should be very proud of not only their achievement but the manner in which they conducted themselves whilst doing so.

Mr Whitaker (Teacher of Physical Education)



## BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS

Last weekend was the South East Schools' Combined Events Championships at Lee Valley. Students competed in a range of events including hurdles, high jump, sprint, long jump and 800m.

Orla Brennan (Year 9) was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Junior Girls' event, only 10 points behind first place, her points total of 3091 ranks 9<sup>th</sup> in the UK. She has now qualified for the English Schools National Finals in September in Exeter.

Harrison Thorne (Year 9) was 21<sup>st</sup> in the Junior Boys' event. He was on course for a top 10 finish but was unfortunate to pick up an injury before the last event. However, despite this, he still completed the event as he was determined to finish to help the overall Berkshire team effort.



## ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION 2016 ONLINE PHOTO ALBUM NOW AVAILABLE



The annual Art and Technology Show at Furze Platt Senior School was a real success this year, with a high turnout of students, parents and visitors. The work is displayed for one evening to celebrate the excellent work they have produced across their GCSE and A level courses. The students work from Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 was on display in the gallery and the department, representing the diversity of the GCSE Art & A level Art and Design courses plus the New AS photography course which has been a real success this year. Alongside this there was work from the dynamic and exciting Design and Technology Department with the GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Product Design and our AS / A2 Product Design courses on show. Amongst the outstanding work from all areas of the department there was an 'eco-friendly cardboard chair' by our AS Product Design student Joshua Law which has achieved an award from the Furniture Makers Company, whose aim is to recognise talented young designers and enable them to obtain a future in the Design industry. Josh's work will now be entered into a national competition.

Miss Stower (2/ic Art, Design & Technology)

[Art, Design & Technology - End of Year Show 2016 Online Photo Album](#)



## ROWING RESULTS

The Furze Platt rowers have been working very hard this year and this has paid off with some excellent results so far this racing season. Here are just some of the things they have won -

### National Schools Regatta (June)

Our Year 10 girls Immie Harding, Olivia Webster, Izzie Bird, Olivia O'Mahony and Georgia Howell all did brilliantly coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the final in their respective quads, with Abbie Bird (Year 12) finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in a single.

Victor Kleshnev (Year 11) competed 2 years above his age group and, made the A Finals in two events coming 5<sup>th</sup> in a quad (out of 45) and 6<sup>th</sup> the double (out of 64). Sean O'Mahony (Year 12) was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the C Final in the J18 single (out of 43); Ethan Walters (also Year 12) was 4<sup>th</sup> in the J18 quad event.

The third day of this event is made up of smaller events and Victor got a gold in the J16 single, Sergio Collett and Lewis Downie (both Year 10) also got a bronze in the quad, whilst Sean came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the B final of J17 singles.

Henley Women's regatta – Abbie Bird got through to the quarter finals in a quad with Marlow Rowing club

### Henley Royal Regatta

Sean and Victor, following their performance this year, have pre-qualified in the junior quads and will be racing this week;

Ethan Walters, Sergio Collett, Lewis Downie, Jonny Sneller (Year 12), coxed by Olivia O'Mahony – all raced in the 8+ at Qualifiers last week. This was for The Thames Challenge Cup which is the adult event and they were just two seconds off qualifying, which is a fantastic result as they have only been training in this crew for a few weeks.

### GB/France

This weekend, Maidenhead Juniors went up to Nottingham to trials to represent GB in the annual GB vs. France rowing regatta.

Victor won with his quad, which means he has been selected to represent GB in July in this J16 event (Year 11s).

Izzie Bird (Year 10) was racing a year above her age group in a crew which wasn't selected but is still a great achievement.

Well done to all who competed and the best of luck for Henley this week.

Miss Merrit-Smith (Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages)

Abingdon School v Maidenhead Rowing Club in the Fawley Challenge Cup.  
Live Race Replay from Day 2 at Henley 2016, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June.







It has been a busy week for our young people leaving at the end of Year 11 and Year 13. Many of our students will be beginning work or apprenticeships, and many more will be here in September as Sixth Formers.

113 of our current Year 13 students have applied to university with 7 applying to Oxbridge.

Our Year 11 Graduation event was on Monday with our students in their gowns and caps receiving their certificates, followed on Tuesday by the Year 13 Prom at BCA and on Thursday the Year 11 Prom in Windsor, both wonderful events with everyone looking very smart.

Year 11 Prom



Year 13 Prom



Photo credit: Mr Shymansky



Year 11 Graduation - Photo Album One

Year 11 Graduation - Photo Album Two

YEAR 11 PROM

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 saw the annual Year 11 Prom, this year held at Windsor Racecourse. Over 150 students arrived in their glad rags for the riverside event. The end to a hard year of work for all the students, we wish them all the best for the future. In the coming weeks copies of both the professional photographs and photo booth pictures will be uploaded to a secure area of the school website for students to download and make copies of.

Miss Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)







## 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.

Ms Searle and Mrs Bull (Joint Heads of Mathematics)



## SIXTH FORM TASTER DAYS



Furze Platt's Sixth Form Taster Days are from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Conditional offer letters have been sent out. Please send replies to Mrs Bristow at [kim.bristow@furzeplatt.net](mailto: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)

## 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](mailto:bryony.ridgway@furzeplatt.net). Copy of form [here](#).



## YEAR 8 SCIENCE: END OF KS3 EXAMS



During week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

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



**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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> 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)





TABLE TOP  
SALE

# Indoor Table Top Sale

**Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall**

**Time: 9am-12pm (Sellers from 7.30am, Buyers from 9am)**

**Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person,  
Children Free**

Table spaces can be booked  
for £10 per table by contacting [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk)

- Bring, buy and sell your unwanted gifts, clothes, toys, books, DVDs and general jumble.
- This is the time to do a full spring clean.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors!  
And without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money to the Furze Platt PTFA

SUNDAY

10<sup>TH</sup> JULY





For ages  
**9-18**

From only  
**£90\***

# SUMMER FUN

AT

**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**9 am to 3 pm**

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



**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Open Morning**  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**For Year 5 Parents\***



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016**  
**All Welcome**



**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2016**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*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, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ



Top 20% nationally of non-selective schools for GCSE attainment.

(SSAT 2016)