

Weekly Update: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 University Visit Supporting Teenagers in Their Learning - One Day Course for Parents (10am –12pm)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July - Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Work Experience/Careers Week
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for Holy Trinity School, Cookham
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Term 6 (12.30pm finish)</b>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> July - Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Sixth Form Mexico Trip
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> August	A Level/AS Level Results Day (Year 13: 9am-12.30pm / Year 12: 9.45am - 12.30pm)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE Results Day (Year 11: 10am - 12.30pm / Year 9/10: 11am - 12.30pm) Sixth Form Registration Day
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET Day</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of Term 1 for Years 7 and 12</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of Term 1 for Years 8,9,10,11 and 13</b>



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



**ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH  
AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL**



Our Psychology teachers are closely co-operating with a local university, Royal Holloway University of London. This relationship helps our students become involved in higher level Psychology and research. Currently, the university is carrying out research into children's perception and we have been invited to give our students a chance to take part in this research. This is a really exciting opportunity for the Psychology department. Next week a random selection of Year 7 and 8 students will be taken out of their lessons for a maximum of 15-20 minutes to complete a short perception task supervised by the Royal Holloway researchers. We will liaise with subject teachers to ensure that any disruption to learning is minimised. We would also like to assure you that students' personal details will be kept confidential, as well as the individual results from each student.

There will be an opportunity to learn about the results of the study in October when the researchers will visit our school again to hold a seminar for our Sixth Form Psychology students. If you are interested in more details or you would like to learn the results of the study, please contact Miss Paradowska ([renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net](mailto:renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net)), who will put you in touch with the researchers.

If you are happy for your child to take part, you do not need to do anything, however, should you or your child wish to opt out of the research, please email [renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net](mailto:renata.paradowska@furzeplatt.net) stating your child's name and form group.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

**LOST PROPERTY VIEWING - LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LIBRARY)**

**12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 3PM - 4PM**

## SQUID TRIPS PAYMENT

Coming soon – the Squid App will offer the facility to pay for school trips and other items online alongside lunch money. We hope to launch this in the Autumn, and further details will follow on Parentmail.



## UNIVERSITIES TRIPS INFORMATION



**Sussex** – students must be at school by 7.45am.

**Oxford Brookes** – meet outside Reception at 8.45 (no tutor time)

**Royal Holloway** – go to tutor time and meet outside Reception at 9.00

**Reading** – go to tutor time and meet outside Reception at the end of tutor time

Oxford Brookes, Holloway and Reading students should all be back by 3.15pm. If they get back shortly before 3.15, students will go home early.

Sussex students should be back by 4pm.

### Uniform

Students must wear full uniform. The day will involve walking around the campus, outside, so if it is wet they should bring a coat/umbrella.

### Mobile Phones

At the university, exactly the same rules about mobile phones will apply as at school. They must not be seen or heard.

### Medical

Any student who carries an asthma inhaler, any medication, etc. must remember to bring it with them.

### Lunch

At Sussex and Holloway, students will be able to buy food from the university cafes or shops, so can either bring money for this or they should bring a packed lunch.

Those going to Oxford Brookes need to bring a packed lunch as they will not be able to buy any food there.

At Reading, students can buy food there, but the university has warned us that the food outlets are likely to be very busy and if students decide to buy food they might spend all their lunch break queueing. They may prefer to bring food with them.

Bring plenty of water to drink, especially if the weather is hot.

## ALL WEATHER PITCH / LEISURE CENTRE

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

It has been brought to our attention that sadly a student was hospitalised this week after injuring themselves attempting to climb the fence of the all weather pitch after school hours. May I take this opportunity to remind students that the school site is out of bounds after normal school hours unless legitimately using the Leisure Centre. The Astro Turf may be accessed only by booking through Legacy Leisure at Furze Platt Leisure Centre.

Mr Randall (Head of PE)

## University Visit - Student List



## SCHOOL NEWS



### ROYAL HOLLOWAY PSYCHOLOGY VISITORS



Furze Platt's Psychology students had a visitor this week from Royal Holloway, Dr Eilidh Cage, along with undergraduate student, Jessica De Monaco. They did an introductory session for Year 12 on studying at university level, followed up by a workshop on Autism Research.

Thank you to both our visitors for an interesting discussion.

Miss Paradowska (Teacher of Psychology)





Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Chloe Smith (Year 12) has been selected as one of 20 ambassadors to participate in an HET project in Israel this summer. She applied after completing the Lessons from Auschwitz project. Please see her summary below:

*I will be going to Israel from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> August with twenty other ambassadors from across the country. The aim of the visit is to further my knowledge about the holocaust, a subject I'm very passionate about. I will be taking part in lectures and workshops led by world-renowned experts in Holocaust Studies at the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum. This is an incredible opportunity as I will be learning about the history of anti-semitism and also the relevance the holocaust still has today. Israel is the centre of Jewish culture so a majority of all holocaust research takes place there. I am looking forward to learning in an alternative environment with other like minded people. We will be staying in Jerusalem but will also be taking excursions to visit the old city of Jerusalem and the ancient fortress of Masada to learn about Jewish culture and history. This is something I believe to be so important as many people do not know much about the rich history of the Jews and their contribution to the society we live in. Our group will also visit the vibrant city of Tel Aviv as a break from the intense week of learning and researching. I hope I can take away knowledge about the holocaust that isn't as readily available in books or the internet and this will help me to develop my role as an ambassador as I can share my experience with other members in our school community.*

Chloe Smith

Students from 8 schools participated in team running, jumping and throwing events.

Furze Platt students performed very well despite the pouring rain with the Girls' Team coming 4<sup>th</sup> and the Boys' Team coming 1<sup>st</sup>.

Individual awards went to Gregor Webster, Year 7, who was ranked 1<sup>st</sup> boy overall.

OUR TEAM

- Freya Willcock
- Ava Neeves
- Florence Checkley
- Amelia Gilbert
- Mia Steadman
- Megan McArdle
- Shannon McBride
- Olivia Brienza
- Georgia Rawlings
- Izzy Nobles
- Jack Sewell
- James Badham
- Freddie Smith
- Gregor Webster
- Jamie Caldwell
- Connor Charles
- Will Cullum
- Jonny Barrett
- Tyler Simmonds

SPORTS DAY 2016

Beautiful sunshine and lucky Henley t-shirts were on show for Furze Platt's Sports Day. After all events the scores are as follows:



Thank you and well done to all our competitors and supporters for a wonderful atmosphere.

Photos courtesy of our amazing student photographers Kiera Fox and Georgie Wilding (Year 12) can be viewed using the button below.

[Sports Day 2016 Photo Album](#)



**MATT DILLEY**

Fantastic result by Matt Dilley, Year 7, U13 Boys' Berkshire Schools' Championships Javelin winner and now ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in UK in his age group.

On the day he threw 34.67 metres in the last round to win the event and has now been selected for the Berkshire U13 Boys' & Girls' squad for the Southern Inter Counties track & field competition which takes place on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Matt's success is even more impressive as prior to starting at Furze Platt, he had never thrown a javelin before. His potential was spotted by PE teachers Mr Randall and Mr Djaelani (himself a world champion in TKD).

Good luck Matt!

**GREGOR WEBSTER**

Gregor Webster (Year 7) recently represented Great Britain at the Queenswood International Cup as part of the GB LTA team with Maidenhead Tennis Club. Winning four of his six matches, Gregor's results ensured Team GB won the overall tournament. Gregor has won a number of national and regional tournaments as well as playing in events in Europe, and was the GB U10 National Champion in 2015.

**OLIVIA BRIENZA**

Congratulations to Olivia Brienza (Year 7), U13 Cup Winner with Maidenhead Girls' Football Team in the District Ladies Cup. Olivia played for the U12s who were runners up, and also played above her playing age for the U13s who were the winning team.

**JAMES BADHAM**

James Badham (Year 7) represented RBWM for the Boys U13 75 metre sprint at the Berkshire Schools Athletic Association County Championships held at Palmer Park in Reading on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. He won his first heat and went on to gain second place in the final with a time of 10.1 seconds.

James will be representing Furze Platt Senior School at the District Championships on 12<sup>th</sup> July, then competing in the 75m, 150m and long jump at the Berkshire AA U13 Championships on 13<sup>th</sup> July in Bracknell.

Depending on the results of the 13<sup>th</sup> July, he has the chance to be selected to represent Berkshire at the Inter-County championships U13 Boys on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

We wish him the best of luck.



## CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY TRIP

Students at Furze Platt have been practising hard and giving up their time all year for the Music department, so, as a reward, were offered the chance to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Theatre Royal in London. On Tuesday afternoon, 49 excited students and 4 staff got onto the coach and headed for London.

Parts of the theatre had been decorated in the style of Willy Wonka's factory and there were many little shops and stalls selling sweets. These stalls were, unsurprisingly, very busy with adults and children alike purchasing a variety of confectionary items.

The show, like the film, is based on the book by Roald Dahl and follows the story of Charlie Bucket and his adventures through Wonka's factory. Musical items punctuate the story frequently and feature humour to be enjoyed by all. Students and staff particularly enjoyed the songs by the other children.

The students demonstrated exemplary behaviour throughout the entire trip and staff were especially impressed by their steadfast focus through the whole show, despite a technical break and some very excitable other students. Furze Platt was represented fantastically – well done to all.

Thank you to Mr Dingley, Mrs Gregory, Miss Satterthwaite and Miss Tomlin.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OXFAM CHARITY WALK

Mr Richards (Assistant Headteacher) and three friends will be attempting to walk 100k at the end of July to raise money for Oxfam. The charity provides much needed support to refugees and migrants.

The group are walking through the night and plan to complete the gruelling trek in under 24 hours.

If you would like to sponsor them [click here](#).

Thank you.



## GIRLS' CHOIR RECORDING



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the girls' choir had their first ever recording session in the Music studio! Mrs Gregory and Music prefect, Chloe Smith brought together the girls to record 9 songs from this year's repertoire:

Piece, artist	Soloist	Link
Flashlight, Jessie J (from the movie, Pitch Perfect 2)	Imogen Shaw	<a href="#">Listen</a>
Hello, Adele	Laura Foudi	<a href="#">Listen</a>
I'm a Believer, Neil Diamond (from the movie, Shrek)		<a href="#">Listen</a>
Lost Boy, Ruth B	Jessica Rooney	<a href="#">Listen</a>
Once Upon a December (from the Disney movie, Anastasia)		<a href="#">Listen</a>
Somewhere Only We Know, made famous by Lily Allen in the John Lewis Christmas advert	Eliza Stevenson	<a href="#">Listen</a>
Thousand Years, Christina Perri (from the movie, Twilight)	Emily St Lawrence	<a href="#">Listen</a>
Uncover, Zara Larsson	Laura Foudi	<a href="#">Listen</a>
Wings, Birdie	Chloe Smith	<a href="#">Listen</a>

Mr Dingley then mixed the recordings to enhance their quality. The girls originally wanted to perform at a retirement home, where many of their grandparents reside, but their vast numbers made this too much of a challenge. Instead they have decided to release their recordings via the newsletter so that all their friends and family can listen and enjoy. What a marvellous year, well done ladies!

Mrs Gregory (Head of Music)



## PROM PHOTOS NOW AVAILABLE



Both the professional photographs and photo booth pictures are now available. A link to the photo booth images have been sent to all Year 11 through their student accounts. Please use the link below to view the professional photographer images.

[Year 11 - Prom Photos](#)



MAIDENHEAD HERITAGE CENTRE AND  
AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY MUSEUM  
[www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk](http://www.maidenheadheritage.org.uk)

# FLY OUR SPITFIRE

**OPEN  
DAY**



**SATURDAY 6 AUGUST  
10AM - 4PM**



## REMINDERS

### 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](#).



### 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)



### 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)

### NEW SCHOOL CAFÉ MENU

*innovate*  
my goodness!

### SUPPORTING TEENAGERS IN THEIR LEARNING - ONE 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.

**EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS SUNDAY!**



**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**





Furze Platt Senior School is a highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which is committed to continuous school improvement. Students do very well at Furze Platt but we want to support them to do even better.

## Head of Learning Support/SENCo

**MPS/UPS + TLR - £9,193 • Part-time considered • Maternity Cover Required from November 2016 – May 2017 (in the first instance)**

We are seeking an experienced individual to lead our Learning Support department and to be our SENCo whilst our current Head of Department is on maternity leave. You will:

- have experience and proven success of working with young people with a range of additional needs
- lead a large team
- ensure that all young people on EHCP plans and students with additional needs are fully supported
- provide advice, guidance and training to teachers and LSAs
- liaise effectively with parents and outside agencies.

## Outreach Team Worker in Shine

**£12,150 – £12,930 pa • 30 hours per week, term-time only**

Shine helps young people with autism thrive and succeed in a mainstream school environment. Its Outreach Team provides support and training to other schools.

Due to the promotion of one of our team, we wish to appoint someone to work in local schools supporting young people with ASD, and their teachers. This job would suit a Learning Support Assistant with previous experience of working with students with ASD. Use of a car is essential. Specialist training will be provided.

## Cover Supervisors

**£13,700 – £15,300 pa, depending on experience  
31.25 hours per week, term-time only**

You will be joining a strong team of colleagues across Furze Platt Senior School and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable.

Further information and application forms are available on our website

[www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). You will have at least grade C or above in GCSE English

and Maths (or equivalent). Please return to Mrs D. Harding via email:

[debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net](mailto:debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

**Closing date: Friday 15th July 2016 • Interviews: w/c Monday 18th July 2016**

*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.*



For ages  
**9-18**

From only  
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# 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



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