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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Tues 14 th June	Belgium/France Parents' Information Evening (6pm -7pm)
Wed 15 th June	Summer Concert - Adult Community Choir (7pm - 9.30pm)
Thurs 16 th June	Art, Design and Technology End of Year Art Show (4pm -7pm)
Fri 17 th June	INSET DAY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 23 rd June	Year 10 DofE Trip to The Wycombe Swan Theatre (3.30pm - approx. 8pm)
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM



**PARENTS' INFORMATION
EVENING**
Tuesday 14th June 2016



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 16th - 20th July 2016.

The information evening will take place on Tuesday 14 June from 6pm-7pm in the Learning Resource Centre. 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](#)
- The signed and completed [student behaviour contract, the Student mobile phone agreement and the rooming request](#)

I look forward to meeting with you on 14th June.

Ms Ridgway (Head of History and Trip Leader)



ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW 2016

Thursday 16th June 2016



The Furze Platt Art, Design and Technology Department is delighted to invite you to our exhibition on Thursday 16th June 2016 from 4.30pm - 7pm.

The show is running for just one evening and promises to be a celebration of the students' work from AS 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 there.

Miss Stower (Second in Art, Design and Technology Department)



We are in the process of redesigning and updating our school website and would like to feature our students on the new pages.

Please can your son/daughter write a few lines on what they enjoy about Furze Platt (eg favourite lessons/school clubs/trips they have really enjoyed) and any other details they think may be of interest and send to Catherine.johnstone@furzeplatt.net.

Thank you.



PHOTOGRAPHS



All Year 13 photographs must be ordered by 20th June.

Photo Order Instructions



SCHOOL NEWS

WINNER OF COMPETITION – TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

I have recently returned from my life changing trip to South Africa with QPR as a winner of a competition. On the trip we experienced a rollercoaster of emotions, and witnessed eyeopening moments which have hugely influenced my life back in England, in particular it has influenced me to consider pursuing my teaching career in places like Soweto, where the people aren't as fortunate as us.

After a 12 hour flight we landed in sunny South Africa, where we did activities such as visit an inspirational apartheid museum, a traditional evening Braai at the hosts house, a day at the Lion Safari Park, watch the Orlando Pirates match where we were invited onto the pitch at half time but most importantly we spent a few days in Soweto where we realised how different the African peoples' lives are.

We spent a day at Kwa Ntsikana Junior Secondary school being shown around by two ambitious prefects who taught us about the history of Soweto and how the community helps to support the younger generations. Even though these people don't have a lot, the sense of community there was incredible and I soon realised how happy they all are with what they do have. I was shocked by the children and young adults who have lost their education due to drugs and a gang lifestyle.

We were working alongside Orlando Pirates Learning Centre, they support and educate young adults and children who have missed out on a good education. I hope to work with them when I'm out there in years to come.

We were very lucky because we had the chance to meet so many incredible people from so many different backgrounds on our adventure, some I still keep in touch with and I hope to see again when I'm older. I am so grateful to have this incredible and inspirational memory and experience. I feel it has opened so many doors for my future and I hope for everyone to experience, or at least understand how other people live because it is something that really does change for the better how we live and think.

By Darcey Ray Richardson, Year 9





BERKSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY'S SCHOOL CHARITY AWARD



Congratulations to Sarah Robbins for being awarded the Berkshire Masonic Charity's School Charity Award.

Sarah was a volunteer at last year's Transplant Games and has raised money to be able to attend a trip to Africa, volunteering in Iringa Hospital, Tanzania. In addition Sarah works weekly at SportsAble in Maidenhead and teaches blind children and adults to swim.



NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form) on the birth of his baby boy William.

BRITISH SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING TEAM

Congratulations to Mimi Gray, Year 8, who has been selected as part of the British Swimming 2016 Synchronised Swimming Hungarian Open team. Mimi will be competing in Budapest next week, best of luck to her and the team.



UCB SCIENCE WEEK 5th July -7th July 2016



Four students from Furze Platt have been selected to attend the UCB Science Week from 5th -7th July. Congratulations to Year 9 students Daniel Juden, Sophie Caldwell, Peter Anderson & Charlotte Williams. We had a huge number of very competitive applications from students in Years 9-12, it was great to see such enthusiasm. If you were not selected this time, please do not be disheartened as there will be other opportunities in the future both with UCB and other science based companies and organisations, next time it could be you!

Mrs Heales (Head of Science)



DISTRICT ATHLETICS TEAM



The following have all qualified for the District Athletics Team this year.

YEAR 7

G Webster – 600/LJ
J Badham – 75m
C Charles – LJ
M Borkovic – 150m
J Sewell – Jav
M Dilley- Jav
D Harris - 1000m

YEAR 9

S March - 800m
A Gambrell - 1500m
H Thorne - HJ
N Smith - Jav
E Thorne - LJ
O Brennan – 75 hurdles
L Thornton – HJ

YEAR 10

M Sandhu – 100m

YEAR 11

E Thorne - LJ
L Snape – 100m



CONSTRUCTION GROUP



Well done to our Year 10 construction group, who have just finished making their hinged tool boxes. (Pictured, Lewis Penman and Jake Humpage)





UPDATE

Our next meeting is on the 13th September, please put it in your diaries – new members are always welcome.

We have a replacement treasurer for Sue Giles who is passing it on after 4 years. Thank you to Maria Dunstan for taking on this role and to Sue for all her time and effort over the years.

We are looking to start a new draw (along the lines of a 200 club) but we are looking for someone to run it. Please email jeff@informedifa.co.uk if you can help or if you have any other fundraising ideas.

TREASURER VACANCY

The PTFA require a new treasurer from September 2016.

You don't need to be an accountant, just to be organised, able to use Excel and have an hour or two a week to spare to help support the school. The Treasurer has overall responsibility for managing the PTFA funds and complying with the legislation governing charities.

The PTFA, Furze Platt's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association organises both social and fundraising events. In the last 2 years, we have funded the Drama studio seating, a Heat press for the Art Department, The Ukulele orchestra, plus all minibus costs and maintenance.

Please contact Sue Giles at fpss.pta@hotmail.com, for more information.

FURZE PLATT VOICES SUMMER CONCERT

7pm Wednesday 15th June

The performance will take place in the Drama Studio. There will be a few tickets available on the night but to secure your seat in advance, please e-mail charlotte.gregory@furzeplatt.net.

Tickets are £5 each. Refreshments will be available, provided by the PTFA.

We will be singing a selection of songs from the last few years, ranging from popular medleys to serene classical pieces and we will also be hearing some solos from our choir members.

This year we are raising money for Nordoff Robbins, who specialise in delivering music therapy to change the lives of vulnerable children and adults across the UK.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Gregory (Head of Music)



REMINDERS



CORE EDUCATION



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 Religious Education at lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net.



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



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







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:




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

(SSAT 2016)

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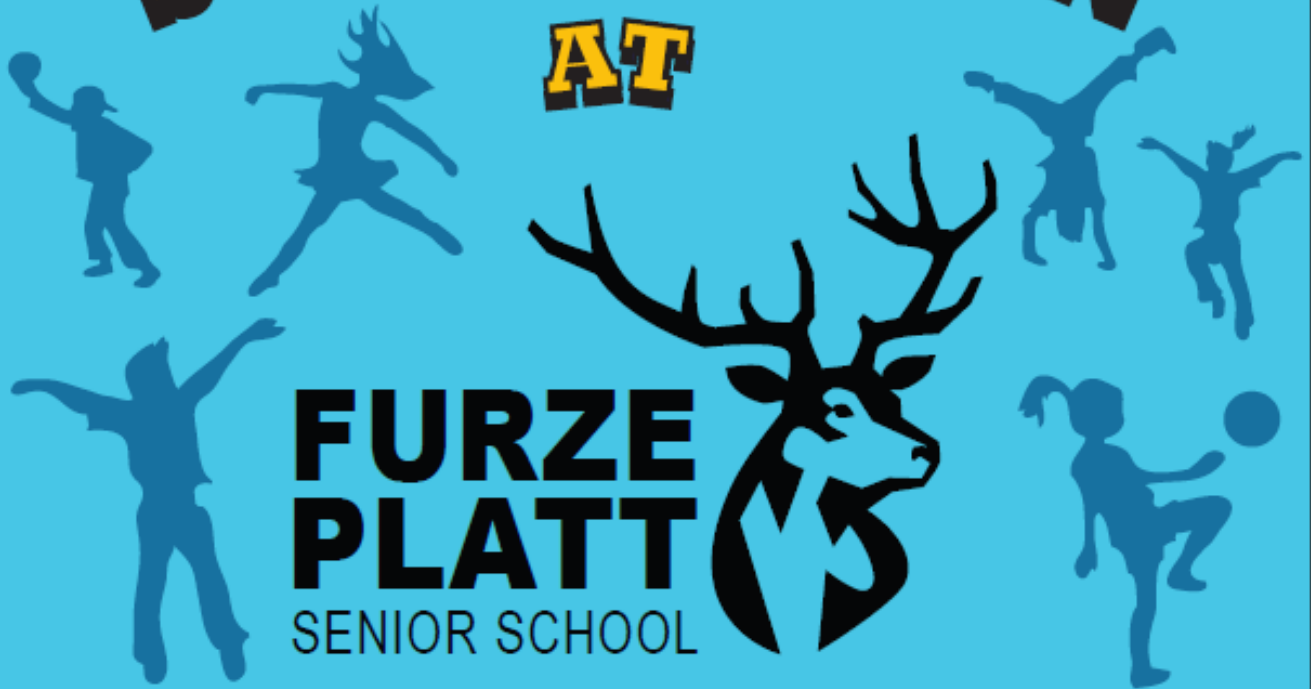
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Monday 25th - Friday 29th July 2016
Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2016
9 am to 3 pm

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



The Furze Platt Voices

Wednesday 15th June at 7.00 pm
Drama Studio
Furze Platt Senior School

Tickets available from the Music
Department - Price £5.00

All proceeds will be donated to
Nordof-Robbins Music Therapy





New this year, we're inviting children aged 3 to 16 to enter the Maidenhead "Festival and Me" drawing competition.

Simply draw, paint and create an image of what you love about Maidenhead Festival and win fantastic prizes. Do you like the beach, the fairground, the music, the stalls or any of the other many attractions?

Festival 2016 has the theme of "Circus" so let your imagination run wild.

The entries will be shown on the "big screen" at Festival, which takes place in Kidwells Park on 23rd and 24th July.

The background of the bottom section of the page features a stylized illustration of three red and white striped circus tents with yellow flags on top. A yellow banner with a red border is overlaid on the tents, containing the website address.

www.maidenheadfestival.org.uk