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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Thurs 22 nd September	Celebration Evening (7pm - 10pm)
Fri 23 rd September - Mon 26 th September	Year 13 School Trip to Nettlecombe Court

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 27 th September	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (7pm - 8pm)
Thurs 29 th September	Year 11 Preparing to Succeed (6.30pm - 7.30pm) Year 10 Preparing to Succeed (7.30pm - 8.30pm)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 27th September 2016, 7pm-8pm

We will be holding a parents' information evening for all Year 9 students plus their parents and carers, at the time stated above. During this evening, we will focus on:

- The new Year 9 GCSE curriculum - what your son or daughter is studying now;
- New assessment arrangements for GCSE students, including the government's new 9-1 grading system, which replaces A*-G grades;
- Internal assessments and Year 9 examinations;
- The importance of home learning;
- How you can help and support your son or daughter through their GCSE journey.

I do hope you can join us on Tuesday 27th September, along with your son or daughter. Please complete the reply slip below and return to reception by Tuesday 20th September.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher -Curriculum)

**YEAR 9 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING -
REPLY SLIP**



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT KS4 EVENING



Thursday 29th September 2016, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

It will not surprise you that much educational research agrees that the guidance and support provided by parents and guardians is a crucial factor in raising the achievement of young people. However, whilst all parents want to help their sons and daughters to do well, many are unsure about the best ways to support learning.

To assist parents in creating a supportive learning environment at home we are running a 'Supporting Learning at Key Stage 4' session on Thursday 29th September. The session will run between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. We will give you an overview of the GCSE course structure, how GCSEs are assessed using numerical grades 1-9, information on internal assessments and examinations, and plenty of advice on how to support your son/daughter.

I hope that you will be able to join us on the Thursday 29th September. If you and your son/daughter would like to attend, please return the slip below by Tuesday 20th September. This will enable us to provide enough resources.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

**YEAR 10 SUPPORTING LEARNING AT KS4 EVENING
- REPLY SLIP**

PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

Please be advised that all students, including 6th Formers, must be on school site before 8.40am. Our gates close at 8.40am promptly so your child will need to be here earlier than that to ensure they are on time. Good punctuality is very important and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your sons and daughters allow sufficient time to arrive at school. We will contact you if your child is late and persistent lateness will incur sanctions.

Thank you for your support

Ms T White (Headteacher)



INFORMATION EVENING FOR BOTH PARENTS & STUDENTS



[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Useful Information](#) > [Year 7 Parents' Guide](#)

If you were unable to attend either event held on Thursday 15th September the information provided during this event can now be found on our website. The presentation is available in the 'Parents' section under 'Useful Information'.

[YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)



PREPARING TO SUCCEED



Thursday 29th September 2016, 6.30pm 7.30pm

On Thursday 29th September we are running a 'Preparing to Succeed' evening for Year 11 students and parents. These evenings are a great source of information and ideas for parents and students on how to get excellent results in the summer. There will be a mixture of revision tips, extra resources and a chance to network with other parents.

I hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday 29th September. If you and your son/daughter would like to attend, please return the slip below by Tuesday 20th September. This will enable us to provide enough resources.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

[YEAR 11 PREPARING TO SUCCEED INFORMATION EVENING - REPLY SLIP](#)

SQUID CASHLESS CATERING NOTICE

Please be aware that the Trips purse within sQuid should not be used, as this system is yet to go live. Only the Catering purse should be used.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs L Peat (Business Manager)

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Useful Information](#) > [School Clubs - Autumn Term 2016](#)

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](#)

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES FOR PARENT GOVERNORS

[Home](#) > [Our School](#) > [Governors](#)

I am writing to confirm notification that vacancies will shortly arise for parent governors on our school's Governing Body. Nominations are invited from anyone with parental responsibility for a student registered at the school, and a nomination form is attached for this purpose.

Please find attached full details and a nomination form which should be returned to the school marked for the attention of the Returning Officer by 3.30pm on Tuesday 20th September.

Ms White (Headteacher)

[ROLE OF THE GOVERNING BODY](#)

[PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION LETTER](#)

[PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION NOMINATION FORM](#)



INFORMATION EVENING FOR BOTH PARENTS & STUDENTS



[Home](#) > [Sixth Form](#) > [Year 12](#)

[Home](#) > [Sixth Form](#) > [Year 13](#)

If you were unable to attend either event held on Tuesday 13th September the information provided during these two events can now be found on our website. The presentations are available in the Sixth Form section under Year 12 and Year 13 respectively.

[YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)

[YEAR 13 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)



DRAMA CLUB



I am pleased to inform you that Drama Club for Years 7 and 8 will began this Thursday 15th September from 3.30pm until 4.40pm.

Drama Club will be a chance to develop your skills further outside of the classroom, whilst also getting to know students outside of their own classes. I am excited to tell you that we will be starting the club with 'acting for the camera' which will result in the making, filming and editing of their own videos for an appropriate song of their choice.

On Thursday 22nd October, I have been able to secure a film workshop by Elliot from MN Academy. Therefore, Drama Club will finish at 5.00pm on this day to ensure that we have sufficient time with him.

I hope to see as many students as possible and am looking forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the information below.

Miss E Satterthwaite (Drama Teacher)

01628 625308

emily.satterthwaite@furzeplatt.net



FOOD TECHNOLOGY REQUEST



We are always happy to accept Heroes/Celebrations tins or unwanted containers as we can put them to good use. Any empty tins can be brought to Reception.

Thank you,

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food Technology)

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SCHOOL NEWS

GCSE RESULTS 2016



Polly Batstone (12A*), Louise Snape (12A*), John Conacher (10A*, 2A), Claire Fan (9A*, 2A, 1B), Will Parsons (8A*, 4A), Georgia Sellwood (8A*, 4A), Olivia Flood (8A*, 3A, 1B), Hannah Turner (6A*, 5A, 1B), Jonathan Knowles (7A*, 3A, 1B, 1C), Matthew Rapley (5 A*, 4 A, 2B), Eliot Avellano (4A*, 7A, 1B), Sterling O'Donohue (5A*, 5A, 2B), Ore Ogidan (4A*, 7A, 1B), Amy Slater (4A*, 7A, 1B), Oliver Okonkwo (4A*, 6A, 1B, 1C), Faraz Akhtar (3A*, 6A, 1B, 1C), Maya Tetteh (2A*, 8A, 1B, 1C), Findlay Cassels (3A*, 5A, 3B, 1C), Siu Hung Chung (3A*, 4A, 4B, 2C), Shukran Azmat (3A*, 3A, 5B, 1C)



George Jensen – average of nearly 2 grades above target, Oliver Okonkwo – average of nearly 2 grades above target, Molly Fawcett – average of 1.5 grades above target, Robert Anderson – average of 1.5 grades above target, Matthew Rapley – average of 1.5 grades above target, Adam Somerville – average of 1.5 grades above target, Zach Penman – average of over 1 grade above target, Matthew Baker – average of over 1 grade above target, Jess McClintock – average of just under 1 grade above target



Students make significantly better progress than national averages.

A LEVEL RESULTS 2016

98%
PASS RATE
MAINTAINED FOR



Applied Business, Art & Design, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computing, Product Design, Dance, Drama, Economics, English Language & Literature, English Literature, French, Further Maths, Geography, German, History, Human Biology, ICT, Maths, Media Studies, Philosophy & Ethics, Physical Education, Physics, Polish, Politics, Russian, Spanish, EPQ

Olivia Edwards (3A*), Steven Fan (3A*), Anna Kohn (3A*), Matthew Impey (2A*/1A), Tim Mulvany (2A*/2A), James Martin (2A*/2A), Charlie Sharpe (2A*/1A), Sam Holdsworth (1A*/2A), Luis Avellano (1A*/2A), Katherine Wilson (1A*/2A), Robert Turff (3A/1B), Rhian Osborne (3A), Hayden Kyle-Davidson (3A), Eliza Scott (3A), Jordan Rance (3A), Ryan Irvin (3A/1B), Charlie Pridmore (3A/1B), Maddie Duffield (1A*/1A/1B), Sarah Robbins (1A*/1A/1B)

STAR PERFORMERS



Ryan Irvin (ave 1.5 grades above target); Iain Callaghan (ave 1.5 grades above target); Steven Fan (ave 1 grade above target); Alex Jones (ave 1 grade above target); Harry Friith (ave 1 grade above target)

Further Maths (100%); Economics (80%); Philosophy & Ethics (73.3%); ICT (66.7%); Chemistry (65.5%); Maths (63.6%); Human Biology (60%); Spanish (60%); English Literature (57.1%)



AS LEVEL RESULTS 2016

89%
PASS RATE



Art & Design, Drama, English Language & Literature, English Literature, French, ICT Music, Photography, PE, Politics, Spanish

Jamie Rhucroft (4A/1B), Olivia Wright-Paramio (4A/1B), Alex Hill (4A/1B), Elle Holloway (4A/1B), Sam Sheppard (4A), Chloe Smith (3A/1B/1C), Tom De Courcy (3A/2B), Idris Al-Gabra (3A/1B), Kieran Fishwick (3A), Tommy Clifford (3A/1C), Josh Davies (2A/2B), Luca Antioco (2A/2B), George Harris (2A/2B), Bella Fishwick (2A/1B)

STAR PERFORMERS



Tommy Clifford (ave 1 grade above target); Lewis Hampton (ave 1 grade above target); Sam Sheppard (ave ½ grade above target); Georgina Wilding (ave ½ grade above target); Kudzai Moyosvi (ave ½ grade above target)

JEANETTE CHIPPINGTON WINS GOLD MEDAL IN RIO



Photo credit: BBC

Furze Platt parent Jeanette Chippington has won the very first Paralympics canoeing title in her sixth Paralympic Games. Jeanette has been competing for over 20 years and won the women's KL1 event by 0.114 seconds. Her first Paralympic medal was competing in backstroke at Seoul 1988 and from there she won 4 Gold medals in swimming to which she can now add the Canoe title. Jeanette, whose son attends Furze Platt Senior School, has been an inspirational speaker to students for years, talking about the challenges she has faced and her achievements in sport.

Many congratulations from us all at Furze Platt and we look forward to hearing all about Rio!

MEXICO 2016

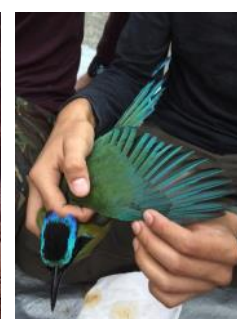
By Emma Garske, Year 13

Hi I'm Emma, one of the Sixth Form students lucky enough to have taken part in a two week conservation expedition to Mexico at the beginning of last summer. This trip has created so many amazing memories that will stay with me forever. From seeing a turtle nesting, to discovering that a howler monkey call sounds uncannily like a velociraptor, to climbing several Mayan ruins. We also got to meet incredible people such as the scientists that conducted research, Operation Wallacea staff, university students doing their dissertation, locals and students from Mountain View High School in America, all of whom were incredibly passionate, inspiring and friendly. It was a unique and exceptional experience that I would recommend to anyone in Sixth Form.

During the first week we stayed in a jungle in Calakmul, in a camp called Km20. Over the course of the week we carried out biodiversity surveys on wildlife such as bats, birds, butterflies, herpetofauna (reptiles and amphibians), mammals, and the habitat. We got the chance to interact with and release butterflies, birds, bats (if you had the rabies vaccine) and frogs. Furthermore, finding and identifying puma and jaguar tracks was very exciting. Learning through practical work alongside professionals was very insightful, rewarding and gave us the opportunity to learn new skills. We also got to visit the Mayan Pyramids and learn about Mayan civilization as well as enjoy the spectacular view from the top of the ruins. Also, conducting this research has a real life effect, Operation Wallacea managed to stop a 4 lane highway towards the Mayan pyramids being built due to the fact that it would have had a detrimental effect on the population of many species in the forest.

During the second week we stayed in Akumal, a beach resort. The scenery was straight out of a brochure, however the locusts were the size of small birds. Whilst we were there some people completed the PADI diving course and received their qualification which was fantastic. Alongside this there were interesting and educational reef ecology lectures. I got a special opportunity to visit a turtle nesting site at night which was one of the many highlights of this expedition. To observe the turtle without negatively affecting it we kept our distance and never used white light because that would disturb the turtle and it could retreat to the sea without laying its eggs. Instead we used a limited amount of red light from our head torches and never shone them directly at the turtle's face to not cause the creature discomfort.

This conservation expedition was by far the most fulfilling and adventurous experience I've ever taken part in and I'm sure that if you ask anyone else who participated, they would say the same. It has encouraged me to consider taking a gap year to travel and visit new places. Lastly, the amount of work that everyone put into fundraising, especially the teachers, really paid off and I'm glad the trip was such a success.



MEXICO PHOTO GALLERY

BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM, JULY 2016

At the end of last term a group of language and history students visited France and Belgium. Despite soaring temperatures the group coped well with visiting a number of key areas including Ypres, the Somme, Vimy Ridge, Notre Dame de Lorette and Thiepval memorial sites and cemeteries. Students were also taken to a sweet factory in Boulogne & a snail farm and enjoyed looking around the towns and villages.

SIXTH FORM - CAREERS EXPERIENCE

Thank you to all the companies below for hosting our Sixth Formers during their work experience.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



"It's accepted wisdom that when you leave the gates of junior school as a parent your involvement with secondary school is not required. I'd like you all to ignore this as the help and support the PTFA can provide this fantastic school is irreplaceable."

Jeff Lloyd, Head of PTFA, Furze Platt Senior School

Apologies from our Head of PTFA who was unable to come and talk at last night's Year 7 Parents' meeting due to severe traffic delays.

The PTFA are a fantastic group who work hard to raise money for our school, enabling our students to have improved experiences (eg better prizes, graduation gowns, additional musical instruments such as ukuleles and much more).

To see how you could help our school please see our Contributions Booklet below.

Thank you.

[CONTRIBUTIONS BOOKLET](#)



CURRENT VACANCIES

Head of Learning Support

Outreach Team Worker

Cover Supervisor

Full Time Assistant Site Controller and Part Time Assistant Site Controller



#ProtectYourWorld

On 5th September Thames Valley Police launched its #ProtectYourWorld campaign, reaching out to young people, parents, staff and other educational establishments to raise awareness about online safety. This is a three week campaign with lots of advice and awareness raising activities centred around cyber safety. A focus for young people started this week in particular concerning sharing images and "sexting". There is also a competition for under 18's linked to this campaign in which they can win an I-Pad Mini 2 or Chromebook.

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crime-prevention/cybercrime/protect-your-world/protect-your-world-younger-people.htm>

<http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crime-prevention/cybercrime/protect-your-world/protect-your-world-staying-safe-online-competition.htm>



Maidenhead Boys and Girls FC

Are looking for new players!!



REMINDERS

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website has been redesigned over the summer. We hope you like it – please visit us at www.furzeplatt.com.

POLITE REMINDER

Please can parents of children at Furze Platt Junior School access the school via Oaken Grove and not through the Senior School.

Thank you.



INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR PARENTS



I hope that your sons and daughters have enjoyed a successful start at Furze Platt Senior School.

More details on academic progress will be provided by progress reports issued three times a year and by a Parents' Evening which will be split between two dates: **Thursday 16th March and Thursday 23rd March 2017**. At these meetings you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

If you wish to speak to us at any time the relevant contact details are in the blue 'Guide for Parents' issued in the summer term.

If you change your email address at any time, please inform the school by contacting Mrs Pritchard on 01628 625308 so that we can keep our records up to date.

Ms T White (Headteacher)



GCSE OPTION CHANGES



A small number of students have requested to change their GCSE options. I will review all requests and make any necessary changes on Monday 19th September. Students must remain in their original option classes until then.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



LANGUAGES CHOICES



One or two students have asked if they can change from Spanish to German or vice-versa. This is something we will only consider once students have had a full two weeks of their timetabled language lessons. I will contact students and parents who have expressed that they want to change in the week beginning Monday 19th September.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES



Please can parents support their children with their home learning. Our home learning expectations are:

Years 7 and 8 follow fixed home learning timetables (please see below). Each piece of home learning should take 30 minutes, giving students between 1 hour and 1 ½ hours of home learning per night.

Years 9-11 do not have a fixed home learning timetable, but will be set the following home learning. Each piece of home learning should take 1 hour, giving students an average of 2 hours of home learning per night:

English and Maths – 2 pieces per week

Science – 1 piece for each of the 3 sciences per week

Option subjects – 1 piece per week

Philosophy and Religion (Years 10 and 11) – 1 piece per week for those taking double or combined science; 1 piece per fortnight for those taking triple or separate sciences.

I will be talking more about the importance of home learning at the forthcoming parents' information evenings for Years 7, 9, 10 and 11.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)

[YEAR 7 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE](#)

[YEAR 8 HOME LEARNING TIMETABLE](#)

JOIN THE

200 CLUB FOR JUST

£5 PER MONTH

"I'm too busy to help out or attend

PTFA events"

"I'm done with the PTFA now that my

child is at secondary school"

"I'd like to support the school but I'm

not really into the events that are

organised"

"If I could just make a donation to say

'I support the school' I'd do it"

**Do any of these
sound like you?**

If so, the 200 Club is the simplest, and easiest, way to support the school and PTFA.

Anyone in the school's 'extended' community (parents, carers, family and friends, school staff, students over 16,) can enter by filling in the form to set up the monthly payments. We ask that you commit to a minimum of 12 months (£60 per year per number).

It's a simple lottery style draw that takes place in November, February, May and August and the prize fund is 50% of all money raised in the year going to 3 lucky winners each draw*.

You join by purchasing one or more numbers at £5 per number per month, either payable by direct debit to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, NatWest a/c no 64289788 sort code 60-13-35 quoting '200' and your surname, or you can send a cheque payable to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and hand in at our main school reception marked '200'.

200 Club: Application Form

Please issue me with _____ number(s) at £60 each per year. Numbers are allocated on receipt of this form and will be generated by the PTFA. I have paid online / by cheque (**please delete as appropriate**)

Total amount paid: £ Amount in words _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

I am over 16 years of age – please sign to confirm:

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Tel No: _____

**FPSS PTFA 200 Club
Account Details:**

a/c: 64289788

sort code: 60-13-35

Please return forms to Maria Dunstan, Treasurer, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, c/o Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead SL6 7NQ or email mazdunstan5@sky.com.

*The number and size of the cash prizes depends on how many numbers have been sold. The PTFA reserve the right to vary the prize fund.