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FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Update: Monday 7th November - Friday 11th November 2016

SCHOOL WEBSITE	CALENDAR & SPORTS FIXTURES	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	ONLINE PAYMENTS	APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS	TWITTER	PTFA FACEBOOK PAGE
NEXT WEEK (Week 2)						
Mon 14 th November - Mon 21 st November			Year 11 Pre-Public Exams			
Mon 14 th November			Year 12 - Drive Safe, Stay Alive! (12pm - 3.30pm)			
FORTHCOMING EVENTS						
Mon 21 st November			Lionheart Team London Trip			
Thurs 24 th November			Career and Higher Education Fair for Years 9-13 (5pm - 8pm)			
Fri 25 th November			Year 11 Reading College Taster Day Year 13 Tectonics Day in Apollo Theatre, London PTFA Big Quiz 3 (7.30pm - 10pm)			
Sun 27 th November			PTFA Table Top Sale (9am - 12.30pm)			

IMPORTANT INFORMATION







PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

Thursday 1st December 2016

Home > News & Events > Parents' Evening Bookings

On Thursday 1st December, there will be a subject consultation

We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings

which has proven to simplify the whole process and put parents

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. If you do not

have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and

Home > Parents > Exam Information

The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th November 2016. All students will be examined in all their subjects (with the exception of vocational courses).

Please see click the link below for the letter with full details and examination arrangements.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

firmly in control of their own appointments.

evening for Year 12 parents.

YEAR 13 PRE-PUBLIC EXAM DETAILS



LOST PROPERTY

Home > Parents > Useful Information > Lost Property

There are a number of items listed on our Lost Property page, including some from the recent PGL trip. Please can you contact us if any of the items listed are yours.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Students should not carry any medication in school apart from emergency medication (epipen, asthma pump, diabetes and epilepsy medication).

It is also recommended that for students who suffer from severe asthma and severe allergic reactions that parents keep a spare in date asthma and/or epipen in the school sick bay.

Please ensure, where possible, that all medication is taken before and/or after school and not during the school day.

If it is necessary for students to take medication in school this needs to be brought in by parents/carers and given to reception or sick bay in its original packaging with prescription label intact and the medication leaflet.

All medication kept at school must be within its expiry date and it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure this is kept up to date. All medication out of date will be disposed of without notification.

If your child has asthma and you would like them to be given Salbutamol (emergency asthma pump) in the event of an emergency, you must sign and return the consent form below to Mrs S Hemsley, Student Services Manager. Please be aware students should have their own pump with them at all times.

If a student has a short term medical condition (e.g. broken/sprained limb with a time limit for recovery) that requires medication or special consideration during school hours, parents/carers need to come to reception to review and discuss a welfare and safety plan before the child can be admitted into school. It is the parents' responsibility to bring the student to the front office, and wait for agreement from reception staff before their child can come into school. This is to ensure that their welfare and safety needs can be met.

USE OF SALBUTAMOL INHALER - CONSENT FORM

Students with long term, severe and significant medical conditions

Parents of students with long term conditions (e.g. anaphylaxis, epilepsy, diabetes, severe asthma, etc) are asked to complete a Healthcare Plan to record important details about the child's medical needs at school, their triggers, signs, symptoms, medication and other treatments. Healthcare professionals can provide support with writing these plans. Further documentation can be attached to the Healthcare Plan if required. Parents should then return these completed forms to Mrs S Hemsley for agreement. It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school if modifications need to be made or if the plan is no longer required, so that it can be officially terminated.

Parents/Carers of children with a severe medical condition need to read and complete the Healthcare Plan below.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLAN



CONTAINERS

There are a lot of containers which have been left in Food Technology over the past few weeks. If you think you are missing a container please could your child come to Food Technology during break and check on the Year 8 shelf to see if it is there.

FOOD

Any containers not collected by Friday 18th November will be recycled.

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food & Nutrition)



INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN ACCOUNTANCY?

ICAEW is hosting a Parents' Evening event in Reading in two weeks' time. Parents and students will have an opportunity to network and hear about school leaver and graduate opportunities with local and national employer representatives from a range of SME employers local to the Reading area.

Attendees will also hear from ICAEW about the various routes into chartered accountancy, to help decide whether to train as a graduate or straight after school or college.

Tuesday 29th November, 5.30pm -7pm at Green Park Conference Centre, Reading

Parents can register their place here.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.







Furze Platt's Year 7 Blue team played in the final of the Berkshire schools tournament last night finishing second to The Piggott School 4-0.

The Gold team beat both Waingels and Great Marlow Schools to finish 5th in the B team league.

The Year 7 rugby team (pictured) have also been playing in the Berkshire Floodlit cup on Thursday evenings, here are their fantastic results to date.

13/10/16

Furze Platt – 8 vs Waingels – 0 Furze Platt – 8 vs Great Marlow – 0

20/10/16

Furze Platt – 1 vs Maiden Erlegh – 0 Furze Platt – 2 vs Piggott – 3

03/11/16

Furze Platt - 2 vs St Crispins – 2 Furze Platt – 4 vs Bulmershe – 2 Furze Platt – 2 vs Forest – 1 Great results by our Year 8 rugby team who beat Maiden Erlegh 7 tries to 1 with an extremely professional performance.

Tyler Simmonds Harvey Bates Oli Pearce Jonty Bryant Tom Davies Mat Dilley Ethan Lowe Johnny Barrett Freddy Smith Iwan Hughes **Connor Charles** Leon Best-Martinez Will Cullum Will Morrison Stuart Johnstone Jacob Smith Gregor Webster

Special mention to two injured players Charlie Ferriman and Max Bird who still came along to help out with coaching.



'The Last Post' being played by Year 7 student Anna Gambrill.

THE LAST POST







TABLE TOP SALESunday 27th November 2016

Over half the available tables have already been booked for the next Indoor Car Boot Sale on Sunday 27th November so please hurry to secure the few remaining spaces available in your quest to clear out the pre-Xmas clutter. Contact jeff@iifa.co.uk to book your table space. We supply the table and you can set up from 7.30-8.30am when buyers arrive.

We need 6 volunteers to run the boot sale, 2 to run refreshments, 2 to help set up at the start and run the door for the first half and 2 at the end to help set down and lock up after doing a stint on the door. Please get in touch ASAP on jeff@iifa.co.uk to offer a couple of hours' help. Without your help we cannot run these events which raise valuable funds for your child's school.

Thank you.



BIG QUIZ 3

Friday 25th November 2016

Following the fantastic response we had to the big quiz in April we're pleased to announce that The Big Quiz 3 is on Friday 25th November.

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as 'two team challenges'.

Food from Giant Pan Catering - Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet, plus a bar and prize raffle.

Start time: 7.30pm until 10.30pm

Only £15 per person. Table max size: 8 but you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.

Booking details: Account Number: 64289788

Sort Code: 60-13-35

Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA

Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J Lloyd x 4)

Please also email your ticket request to the treasurers at <u>jeff@iifa.co.uk</u>. We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued. For payment by cheque, please email <u>jeff@iifa.co.uk</u> to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPSS Reception (PTFA drawer).



FURZED CURRENT VACANCIES Home > Vacancies > Current Vacancies Cover Supervisor



CAN YOU HELP?

We have had a request from an ex student who is hoping to be able to find some photographs of when they were at Furze Platt (1975 to 1981). They remember Mr Barnes and Mrs Morton but any further information and/or photos would be gratefully received. Please email Alex Black at <u>purplealex@hotmail.co.uk</u>.



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 24th November 2016, 6pm - 8pm



This year's Careers and Higher Education Fair, for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents, will be on Thursday 24th November from 6-8pm. Representatives from over 20 universities will be here, including from Oxford and Cambridge, plus approximately 40 different employers or organisations showcasing a wide variety of careers. In addition to our regular participants, there will be a range of exciting new careers on show here this year including IT/computing (Microsoft), health and leisure (David Lloyd club), drama, law (an education lawyer and a barrister), finance (accountancy, banking and private equity), surveying, and more.

As well as the university and careers stalls there will also be talks taking place over the evening, including new ones for this year – examples include careers in IT and Computing (by Microsoft) and the benefits of volunteering/taking a gap year.

A copy of the final programme will be published here nearer the time. It promises to be a very good event.



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS -IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Home > Parents > Exam Information

We are entering a very important time for Year 11s, as they prepare to excel in next summer's GCSE exams. Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) are a crucial part of that preparation both testing students' progress across their different subjects and familiarising them with the rigours of exam papers and the environment of the exam hall.

Please see below for a letter with key dates and schedule of arrangements.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

PPE KEY DATES & SCHEDULE OF ARRANGEMENTS



Learning Together

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COVER SUPERVISOR

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

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.

This role might suit someone with previous experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people, or someone who may be considering teacher training in the future.

You will:

- be joining a strong team of colleagues across our school and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable.
- instruct students about the work set by the teacher and make sure they understand the task
 and complete it to the best of their ability.
- have at least grade C or above in GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent).

A full job description and application forms are available on our website www.furzeplatt.com.

Please return to Mrs D. Harding via email: <u>debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net</u>. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

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.

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

- 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!

TABLE TOP

SALE

All entry and table hire money to the Furze Platt PTFA

SUNDAY

27TH NOV

