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IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

Mon 19th December - Mon 2nd January	Christmas Holidays
Tues 3rd January	Start of Term 3 (Week 1) Year 9 Drama Trip: Woman in Black (4.30pm - 11pm)
Wed 10th January	PTFA Meeting (7.30pm - 8.30pm)
Thurs 12th January	Sixth Form Open Evening (6pm - 9pm)
Fri 13th January	Sixth Form Mufti Day
Thurs 19th January	Year 8 Band 'F' Parents' and Students Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Thurs 26th January	Year 8 Band 'P' Parents' and Students Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Sun 29th January	PTFA Table Top Sale (7pm - 10.30am)
Mon 30th January	Year 10 Child Development Trip
Tues 31st January	Year 11 Child Development Trip
Wed 1st February	Year 12 and 13 Trip to Culham Centre (10.45am - 3.30pm)
Thurs 2nd February	Year 8 Options Evening (6pm - 8.30pm)
Mon 6th February - Thurs 9th February	School Musical (times tbc)
Wed 8th February	Tour of Auschwitz - Birkenau Years 12 and 13 Theatre Trip - 'This House' (12.45pm - 6.30pm)
Fri 10th February	End of Term 3 (3.15pm finish)
Mon 13th February - Fri 17th February	Half Term Holidays
Mon 20th February	Start of Term 4 (Week 1)

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Furze Platt Focus, our termly round up of everything that has been happening at school.

After the continued excellent examination results in the summer we have enjoyed another very successful term and hardly a week has gone by without cause to celebrate the successes of students and staff at the school.

Events at Furze Platt include our annual Celebration evening, whole school Open Evening and our fourth Careers and Higher Education Fair which took place in November, as well as our Christmas concert and all our House Challenges. Thank you to everyone who supported these popular events, either as visitors, speakers, helpers or by bringing in donations.

Our new Year 7s are now fully part of the Furze Platt community. They have enjoyed this year's PGL trip to Dorset and participated in their first Interhouse competitions, and have settled in to school life well. As a school, we have celebrated winning the South East region of the LionHeart Challenge, and have enjoyed visits to many different locations as well as a number of sporting achievements.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

Ms T White (Headteacher)



**SIXTH FORM OPEN
EVENING**
THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2017
Sixth Form tour for external students
starts at 6pm
Main Presentation starts 6.25pm

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING?

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday 4th January 2017

Tuesday 10th January 2017

Wednesday 18th January 2017

Tuesday 24th January 2017

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Tuesday 7th February 2017



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EARLY BREAK 2

Thursday 5th January 2017

To accommodate an important Year 11 English exam we are moving Break 2 by an hour.

For Thursday 5th January only, Break 2 will run from 12:45 - 1:15pm (rather than the usual 1:45pm - 2:15pm).

Period 5 will then run from 1:15pm - 2:15pm. The rest of the day will run as usual and the café will continue to offer its usual full range of hot and cold meals at both breaks.



STEEL PAN WORKSHOP

Monday 9th January 2017



There are spaces available for this workshop.

Year 8 will be studying World Music later in the school year and this workshop will give them the opportunity to experience playing in a Steel Pan band and an understanding of the context of Calypso music. It will also be a particularly good experience for those wishing to pursue GCSE Music as there are elements of World Music and Fusion Music within the GCSE syllabus.

The workshop will be run by an external company 'Inspire-works' who are an established world music company offering many different musical experiences and workshops. More information can be found at www.inspire-works.co.uk.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in the workshop, please complete the slip below and return it to Miss Johnston.

Miss K Johnston (Head of Music)



DECEMBER PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE



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Year 12 and 13 reports have been issued this week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The new service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com. Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

STEEL PAN WORKSHOP PARENTS' REPLY SLIP



SCHOOL NEWS

HOUSE CHALLENGES

Interhouse

The Interhouse matches have been played over the past weeks with students competing from all year groups. Well done to everyone who represented their house.

Results:



Getting to Know You

This challenge was to see how well students in their forms knew each other (a bit like TV's 'Mr & Mrs' but at school!).

Results:



Foodshare Challenge

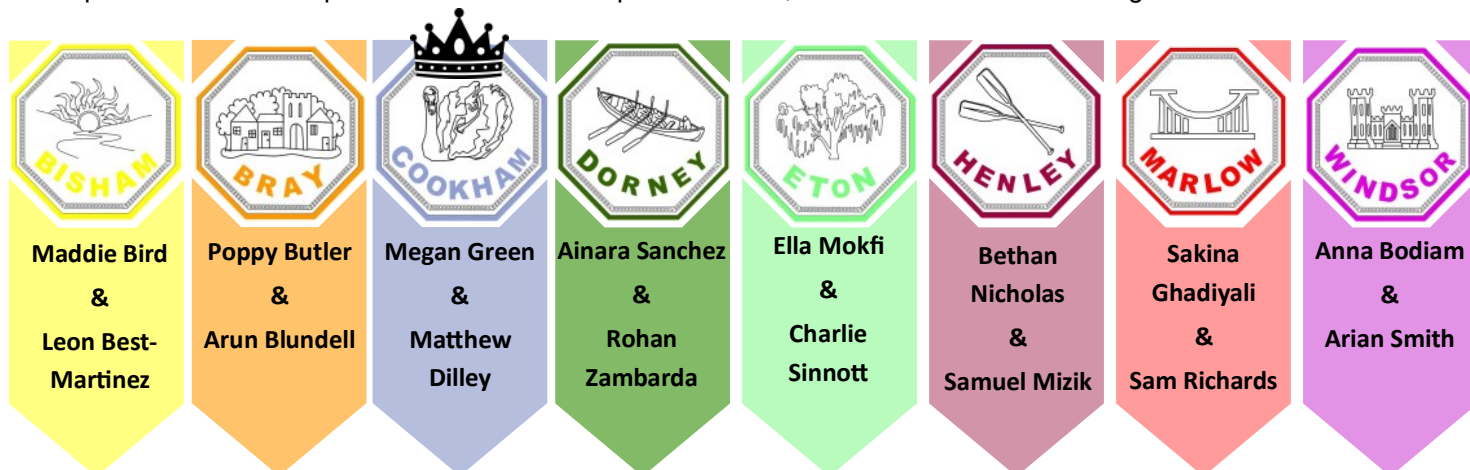
Thank you to everyone who donated so generously this year. We had well over 2000 products donated for the Foodshare Challenge – a huge number.

Results:



COOKHAM HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

The following students have been nominated for their work in specific subjects. Well done to them all.

ART & DESIGN

- Year 7** Maja Mikolajczyk/Alfie Windsor
- Year 8** Scarlett Salter/Adam Cuva
- Year 9** Elise Brammer/Rhys Jones
- Year 10** Angelique Soden/Samuel Kirkaldie
- Year 12** Robyn Payne
- Year 13** Thom Hogdahl

CONSTRUCTION

- Year 9** William Sapstead
- Year 10** Umar Aziz
- Year 11** Joseph Bolger

BUSINESS

- Year 10** Ife Ogidan/Hashim Iqbal
- Year 11** Ally Lyons/Joshua Mallett
- Year 12** Hemshika Gopee
- Year 13** Jack Williams

ECONOMICS

- Year 12** Daniel Cooper
- Year 13** Jamie Galloway

DRAMA

- Year 7** Amelie Owen/Ollie Marland
- Year 8** Melissa Barnby/Hugh Rickard
- Year 9** Cara Alberts/Daniel Wallace
- Year 10** Lydia Rickard/Samuel Holdford
- Year 11** Cara McEvoy/Tendesai Nyerenyere
- Year 13** Georgia Gower

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

- Year 9** Aqsa Fatima/Joshua Bond
- Year 10** Bradley Stone
- Year 11** Yumeng Dai/Jake Humpage

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Year 9** Ellie Brewis
- Year 10** Molly McArdle
- Year 11** Amy Dutton

PROGRESS IN ENGLISH

- Year 7** Aleesha Branch/Michal Kocuwski
- Year 8** Nicola Williams/Mutjaba Ishaq
- Year 9** Amiee Elson/Zac Hudson-Clark

ENGLISH

- Year 7** Lillia Bowsher/Patrick Kelly
- Year 8** Rebekah Bray/Ethan West Hogan
- Year 9** Freya Allen/Patrick Flood
- Year 10** Gemma Higley/Daniel Impey
- Year 11** Ellie Dickens/Paul Marchant
- Year 12** Madeline Smith
- Year 13** Will Clegg

MEDIA

- Year 12** Harry Cottle
- Year 13** Jacob Kohn



PSYCHOLOGY



Year 12 Catrin Osborne
Year 13 Ella Graham



PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Year 7 Daniella Evans/Frank McGrath
Year 8 Megan McArdle/Harry Shrimpton
Year 10 Orla Brennan/Dominik Kurpiel
Year 11 Sakina Ghadiyali/Alexander Norris



LANGUAGES



Year 7 Matilda Annereau/Mustaali Kapasi
Year 8 Emma Dawson/Jamie Dobson
Year 9 Katerina Despiniadis/Kai Drenski
Year 10 Sophie Caldwell/Lewis Warner-Jones
Year 11 Manmeet Saundh/Sergio Collett

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

Year 12 Alice Hutchinson-May
Year 13 Darcey Whitlock



MUSIC



Year 7 Alice Roberts/Samuel Mizik
Year 8 Nicola Oakley/Charlie Ferriman
Year 9 Saffron-Scarlett Minter/Freddie MacGregor
Year 10 Emily Bristow/Tobias Lattimer
Year 11 Anna Gregory/Lewis Downie
Year 12 Nicholas Lattimer
Year 13 Isobel Sebire



SCIENCE



Year 7 Anna Gambrell/Jacob Gould
Year 8 Stephanie Gaibani/Oliver Anderson
Year 9 Bethan Nicholas/Adam Dunstan
Year 10 Jemima Hutchinson-May/Elliot Wilson
Year 11 Marissa Gray/Abid Mahdi

BIOLOGY

Year 12 Zach Penman
Year 13 Olivia Wright-Paramio

CHEMISTRY

Year 12 Hannah Turner
Year 13 Robert Messias

PHYSICS

Year 12 Maya Tetteh
Year 13 Samuel Sheppard



MATHEMATICS



Year 7 Ellie Gavin/Dylan Gardner
Year 8 Claire O'Brien/James Okonkwo
Year 9 Bethan Terry/Adam Gibbon
Year 10 Maya Rhucroft/Archie Standen
Year 11 Megan Green/Matthew Ashworth
Year 12 Max Bateson
Year 13 Alexander Hill



TECHNOLOGY



Year 7 Anna Bodiam/Connor Soden
Year 8 Abby Jones/Gregor Webster
Year 9 Grace Piggott/Joe Payne
Year 10 Nikola Kupaska/Daniel White
Year 11 Eleanor Smith/Oliver Humphreys

PRODUCT DESIGN

Year 12 Evan Charles
Year 13 Adam Mitchell



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Year 7 Eloise Peacock/Rohan Zambarda
Year 8 Tilly Pink-Costello/Iwan Hughes
Year 9 Louisa Holborn/Adam Thomas
Year 10 Lucy Thornton/Joshua Clements
Year 11 Sophia Atkinson/Jamie Aird
Year 12 Sam Lloyd
Year 13 Grace Morton-Woodruff



PSHE



Year 7 Scarlett Phillips/William Atkinson
Year 8 Mia Shields/Marc Ashton
Year 9 Sophie Sutton/Rajveer Notay



ICT



Year 9 Amber Hemsley/Joseph Tarbit
Year 10 Zain Rafiq
Year 11 Charlotte Piggott/Alex Bohdjalian
Year 12 George Banks
Year 13 Charlotte Harris

COMPUTING

Year 12 John Conacher
Year 13 Charlie McDonald



GEOGRAPHY



Year 7	Mariana Gouveia/Christian Correia
Year 8	Izzy Arnold/Freddie Stevens
Year 9	Rachel Kirtland/Kyle Bramwell
Year 10	Molly Sammes/Thomas Anderson
Year 11	Charlotte Gould/Thomas Hassell
Year 12	Matthew Rapley
Year 13	Florence White



HISTORY/GOVERNMENT & POLITICS



Year 7	Amy Winhammar/Joshua Dille
Year 8	Emily Fraser/James Badham
Year 9	Caitlin Murray/Philip Harrit
Year 10	Bethany Admans/Muhammad Summandar
Year 11	Emilia Forman/Lewis Penman
Year 12	Oliver Baldwin
Year 13	Jack Haley



SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2016



Congratulations to our students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge. Pictured below are all the participants who received certificates for their outstanding results.



GOLD MEDAL

Best in Year 12:	John Conacher	Yr 12	101	<i>Invited to participate in the Senior Kangaroo</i>
Best in Year 13:	Alex Hill	Yr 13	99	
	Jamie Rhucroft	Yr 13	91	
	Jonathan Knowles	Yr 12	88	



SILVER MEDAL

Joshua Davies	Yr 13	85
Idris Al-Ghabra	Yr 13	83
Daniel Hazel	Yr 12	83
Samuel Sheppard	Yr 13	79
Louise Hampton	Yr 13	78
Polly Batstone	Yr 12	76
Elliot Gay	Yr 13	75
Hannah Turner	Yr 12	75
Sterling O'Donohue	Yr 12	71
Katie Finnigan	Yr 12	71

BRONZE MEDAL

Layth Al-Wakil	Yr 13	70	Jake Eaton	Yr 13	61
Chris Berger	Yr 12	70	Tony Wilson	Yr 12	61
Ethan O'Brien	Yr 12	68	Georgina Shaba	Yr 12	61
Tommy Clifford	Yr 13	67	Rowan Trivedi	Yr 12	60
Benjamin Jordan	Yr 13	67	Oliver Okonkwo	Yr 12	60
Will Parsons	Yr 12	66	Thomas De Courcy	Yr 13	59
Georgia Sellwood	Yr 12	66	Louisa Snape	Yr 12	59
Jonathan Sneller	Yr 13	65	Troy O'Donohue	Yr 12	59
Will Davies	Yr 12	64	Olivia Wright-Paramio	Yr 13	58
Robert Messias	Yr 13	63	Findlay Cassels	Yr 12	58
Eliot Avellano-Khan	Yr 12	63	Tom Schilling	Yr 12	58
Siu Cheung	Yr 12	62	Amit Avtar	Yr 13	57
Shay Bottomley	Yr 12	62	Cameron Mann	Yr 13	56
Lowri Baul-Lewis	Yr 13	61	Daniel Abrahamson	Yr 12	56
Tom Sellers	Yr 13	61	Olivia Flood	Yr 12	56



2017 PTFA MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 10th January

Tues 7th March (AGM)

Tues 13th June

Each starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.

Dear Parents & Carers,

This is a short but heartfelt plea to anyone reading this to assist with the running of the PTFA. At the last PTFA meeting there were 3 people present - myself, the treasurer and the secretary.

The (outdoor) Car Boot Sale, which ended when the leisure centre complex was being built/was completed, put a big dent in the potential funds coming into the PTFA but was proving difficult to maintain anyway as it required 10 volunteers once a month to step forward. In its place we've instigated the Indoor Table Top Sale – which is well supported in the wider community but is in danger of being abandoned due to lack of volunteer help to run it (5/6 people are needed 6 times a year). This event needs your help.

Refreshments are provided by the PTFA at various school events, but this also is in danger of not happening in the future as the stock replenishment is a job needing doing as well as the actual serving at the events (there's approximately 5 of these events a year).

You might think that PTA business finished when your children entered senior school but if it did then it wouldn't have been possible to fund a minibus purchase/minibus upkeep/sports colours/graduation gowns/musical instruments and much more.

So, I/we (all 3 of us) NEED you to step forward. There are 4 meetings a year and about 14 events of varying size to cover in a calendar year.

Yours sincerely

Jeff Lloyd (PTFA Chair)



INTERMEDIATE NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Following on from Miss Tomlin's success qualifying for the Novice Dressage Championships, she (and her teammates at Wokingham and Bearwood) have also qualified for the Intermediate Championships, which will take place in April next year. Miss Tomlin entered the Intermediate qualifier as a practice competition for the upcoming Novice Championships, and her team ended up as the winners of the event. We wish her all the best in both competitions.

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Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.