

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.11



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



REPORTS

Year 8 and 12 reports have been issued this week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The 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.

.Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery (M.I.S. Manager)

BUSINESS STUDIES VISIT TO THORPE PARK



Year 9 - Thursday 13th July.

Year 10 - Friday 14th July.

- We are leaving school promptly at **8.30am** - if you are late we will have to go without you and we are unable to give refunds.
- School uniform doesn't need to be worn but be sensible with your clothing choice (eg raincoat / suncream) as you will be outside for most of the day.
- Bring a pen and some paper to make notes during the talk – this is the main reason we're going and you'll use those notes next year.
- Lunch – bring a packed lunch. There are places to eat in the theme park but waiting in a queue at KFC means less time on the rides!
- We will be leaving Thorpe Park at 2.15 to return to school for 3.15pm. This means students will be back in time for any normal after school activities that they may attend.

Mrs L Boswell

Teacher of Business Studies



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

SUN 9 JULY	* EVENT THIS SUNDAY * PTFA Indoor Car Boot Sale (7.30am arrival for sellers)	9am-12pm
TUES 11 JULY	Year 10 - University Visits (Reading / Bucks New University)	All day
THURS 13 JULY	Year 9 Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park	Depart 8.30am
FRI 14 JULY	Year 10 Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park	Depart 8.30am

Forthcoming Events

TUE 18 JULY	Year 10 - University Visits (University of Sussex / Royal Holloway)	All day
WEDS19 - SUN 23 JULY	WW1 Battlefields trip	
FRI 21 JULY	End of term	Finish 12.30pm

EXAMS

All exams have now finished—well done to our Year 10 students who finished their PPEs today. Over the summer, more than 600 of you have sat 7745 exam papers.

We wish all our students the best of luck with their results.

FURZE PLATT BOYS WIN BERKSHIRE FINALS INDOOR ROWING

A fantastic effort saw Furze Platt's Year 7/8 Boys' Rowing team take first place at the Berkshire Finals, held at Bisham Abbey.



Matt Cooley (Year 7) and Max Bird (Year 8) came first in their individual age categories, with Maison Cockram (Year 7) finishing 3rd and Jonty Bryant (Year 8) 5th.

Congratulations to the boys (pictured) on their outstanding success.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS WIN PRIZE

Five Year 12 Furze Platt students visited Royal Holloway, Egham, where they took part in a university competition. Against students from 22 other schools from across England, they were tasked with producing a video and poster on the topic of applying psychology in the 'real world'.

Furze Platt fielded 2 teams, one of which won second prize in the competition. The prize consists of £75 of book vouchers, which will be used to enlarge the psychology department library. Whilst at the University, students were treated to a lecture by researchers involved in



developing alarm systems for helicopters and were shown how the development of these systems relies (to a large extent) on applied psychological research.

Our congratulations go to all the students who took part, namely: Catrin Osborne, Samantha Coombs, Sarah-Jane Hampton, Zach Penman and Evan Charles

Special thanks to Mr C Marris.

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION



REPORT BY ANYA IDRIZI YEAR 9

'This year, the Lower School drama club has created an amazing performance of Roald Dahl's Revolling Rhymes. Over the course of ten weeks, our Year 7 and 8 actors have worked very hard during rehearsals, devising their own scenes and working on their characterisation to really bring this tale to life. For some students, this is their first experience performing at Furze Platt, and they surprised everyone with their level of professionalism and skill. A lot of time was spent learning lines and practicing scenes, it definitely paid off on both of the nights.

Revolling Rhymes is a concoction of different fairy tales, but with a dark twist. Think you know all about Cinderella or Jack and the Beanstalk? Think again. This play has gun-shooting girls in red and magic-less fairy godmothers. You learn the stories your parents never told you before bed, and you come to realise that you should never judge a wolf by its furry skin...

Myself, Zoe Hopson and Elise Brammer all helped to direct the production and we decided to share some of our highlights:

Sean Wilson, a brilliant Year 8 actor, played the Big Bad Wolf. His acting skills really amazed the audience, especially when the Big Bad wolf had to become the Big Bad Nanny.

Erin McEvoy, Eliza Stevenson and Anna Gambrell all sang beautiful solos throughout the play. Their golden voices blew everyone away!

The tap-dancing Jester (Ellie Gavin) performed fantastically, showing the audience the wide range of skills our actors have.

Jack (played by Nick Holdsworth) impressed everyone with his characterisation!

It has been so much fun to be part of the production, I hope our Year 7's enjoyed their first experience of the show. '

YEAR 9 DRAGONBOATING

Year 9 D of E group dragon boating at Longridge, practising their team work skills in preparation for their expedition next year.



Chloe Ducellier
Ellie Brewis
Rhiannon Williams
Lauren Bryant
Aqsa Fatima
Hannah Parkman
Luke Leaver
Harrison Bryant
Daniel J Webb
Will Sapstead
Jake Buckett
Zac Hudson-Clark
Josh Bond
Andreas Bohdjalian
Tom Cullum



- Short skirts, Jersey stretch style skirts
- Shorts (of any kind)
- See-through tops/chiffon blouse without top underneath
- Crop tops anything with thin straps, that exposes shoulders
- Low cut tops
- Slouchy big jumpers (that do not fit under a blazer)

Dress code:

Male: Smart shoes, smart trousers, shirt, tie and jacket.

Female: Smart shoes, smart trousers, skirt appropriate length, blouse or smart shirt, jacket. Skirts should not be too short and tops not too low.

Please be aware that any student not adhering to this Sixth Form Dress Code from next week will be sent home to change.

We once again thank you for your support.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

YEAR 10 UNIVERSITY TRIPS

All students have been given letters confirming these trips. Please ensure they bring with them any medication they may need for these visits. If students arrive back to school early after their visit, they may go home.

YEAR
10

POLITE REMINDERS

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE

Unfortunately there has been a significant drop in the standards of Sixth Form Students' dress code recently, especially amongst some of the young ladies. Please can I request that the following items of clothing, listed below, are, under no circumstances, allowed to be worn by students at school.

- Hoodies of any sort, even under smart jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Trainers or Stiletto high heels
- Leggings or Jeggings
- Jeans/Denim trousers (anything with pockets on the outside as a rough guide)



PSYCHOLOGY TEXTBOOKS AND REVISION GUIDES



Year 12 and 13 students must return any resources (textbooks and purple revision guides) to us before the summer starts. This applies equally to Year 13 (who have finished their exams) and to Year 12s who will continue their course but still must return the resources for us to count and check condition. Another set of resources will be issued in September.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology and Child Development

FURZE PLATT TEACHER AIMS TO CLIMB 3 PEAKS IN 24 HOURS

I am going to attempt to climb Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours. My friends and I will be walking in memory of a fine man and dear friend who made a huge contribution to the success of Windsor Rugby Club and the development of many young people in the area.

I will personally be raising funds for Furze Platt Senior School's PTFA who contribute to the wider curriculum, ensuring Furze Platt Senior remains one of the best-resourced schools in the area. I am proud of the school and the young people I work with.

'How can students help?'

By bringing in as many 1p and 2p coins as they can find.

All money is for the school so however you

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donate you will be helping the school to be able to offer even better resources.

Thank you for your support and to everyone who has donated so far.

Mr G Melville, Teacher of Science

YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS SCHEME

The Young Firefighters scheme is based at Maidenhead's fire station. The scheme is for young people aged 11- 17 and offers them a chance to work in a team and develop life skills through taking part in fire and rescue service based training activities. These activities are supervised by qualified fire fighters and non- operational fire and rescue staff. The fire fighters scheme will give them the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised qualification which will reflect their achievements on the scheme.

Young Firefighters meet every Thursday night, during term time, between 7- 9pm, starting on Thursday 22nd September. Your child will be required to contribute £1 per week which will go towards refreshments, Christmas parties and trips.

Please return completed application forms to Miss Carty, Alternative Curriculum Worker, who will forward them on.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Furze Platt Senior School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattsenior/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at Furze Platt Senior School, will be really grateful for your donations.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND

You may have seen in the news recently that schools are about to experience the first real time cuts in education costs. At Furze Platt we are always looking for ways to ensure our students have access to facilities that will further their learning and socialising here. The standard budget does not include extras that we believe are extremely important to facilitate your child's future education. Please see our website for further information.

Ms T White, Headteacher

HOT WEATHER

Please ensure that your son/daughter comes to school with hats and sun cream for PE lessons.

Thank you.



**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



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



**Open Morning
Monday 3rd July 2017
For Year 5 Parents***

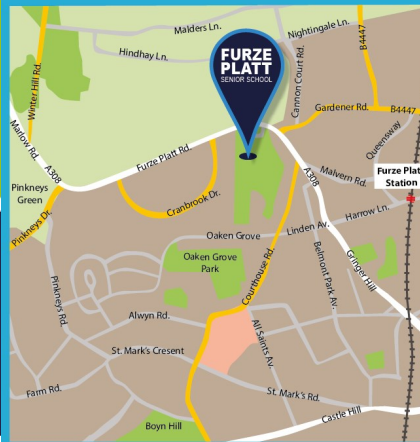
'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'

- Ofsted



**Open Evening
Thursday 5th Oct 2017
All Welcome**

How to find us:



**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2017
All Welcome***

**'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016**

01628 625308 | office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ

*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

**Sunday 9th
July 2017**

Time: 9am-12pm
(sellers from 7.30am, buyers from 9am)

Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person
Children go 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.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money goes to the Furze Platt PTFA.

For ages
9 - 14



From
£95*

2017

SUMMER

FUN

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July

Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August

Monday 7th August - Friday 11th August

9 am to 3 pm

SUMMER FUN 2017

Due to the popularity of Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun, we are delighted to announce that this year's activities will run for 3 weeks.

This fabulous opportunity is open to all 9-14 year olds – come along and make new friends, play team games, interact positively with younger and older students and learn from our qualified instructors. For children in their last years at junior schools, being on site can help with the transition to secondary school and for all younger people, a chance to polish their leadership skills and have lots of fun!

Weeks 1 and 2

**Monday 24th - Friday 28th July and
Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August**

Summer Sports and Activities

We are offering a huge range of sports and activities every day plus each week you can enjoy a fantastic water day on the lake*

Including: Fencing, Raft Building, Hockey, Team Games, Basketball, Swimming, Football, Kayaking, Athletics, Softball, Badminton, Capture the Flag, Table Tennis, Paddle Boarding, Netball, Rounders and much more!

£95 per person per week
(no water day included)

£130 per person per week
(water day included)

*please note: there are limited numbers for water activities

Week 3

Monday 7th - Friday 11th August

Furze Platt's Summer Sketch Show Extravaganza

Spend a week with us and let your imagination soar. Over the week, you will have the chance to write, learn and rehearse sketches specifically designed for young performers. Supported by older students who will provide lighting, sound and all technical elements, as well as experienced Drama staff, no experience is necessary to take part. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop performance skills, as well as having a lot of fun!

£95 per person per week

There is no water day during the Sketch Show week as there will be a performance on the Friday.

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

To book, please complete the booking form online using the link above and pay online to Lloyds Bank a/c no: 42740560 sort code: 30-95-36 marked 'Summer' and your child's surname.

Participants will need to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch.

Concessions available.

For more information please e-mail media@furzeplatt.net or call Catherine Johnstone on 01628 625308 ext 347.

This free service offers 1:1 support to parents and carers of individuals up to the age of 25 who are either on the ASD diagnostic pathway awaiting assessment or who already have a diagnosis (new or a while ago).

We aim to build parental knowledge, skills and confidence to support a family member.

An initial phone call (or email if preferred) is followed by two visits from a qualified autism professional who is also a parent of someone on the autism spectrum. Each session lasts up to 2 hours.

1st

To listen and respond to specific areas of difficulty by suggesting tried and tested strategies aimed at improving communication, behaviour or well-being for those on the spectrum. Our team members are friendly, professional and easy to talk to.

2nd

A follow up visit 6 – 8 weeks later to provide an opportunity to discuss, reflect and assess the effectiveness of suggested approaches. This also gives us an opportunity to share local information and useful sources of support.

To access this free service or ask any questions, please contact:

The Autism Group on **07423 636339**

Or email Tricia Kempton at tricia@theautismgroup.org.uk

Check out our other services at www.theautismgroup.org.uk

or Facebook www.facebook.com/theautismgroup

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