



FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.5



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO SUPPORT THEIR SON / DAUGHTER THROUGH THE EXAM SEASON

Please be aware that all students have been provided with information / resources that will help to support them through the exam season.

The link below provides guidance for parents, to assist you in providing support and advice to your son or daughter through the exam period.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form

[EXAM SUPPORT GUIDANCE](#)

ATTENTION - YEAR 11 MATHS STUDENTS



Please ensure that you return your 'Homework Textbooks' to your class maths teacher by the date of the last maths exam, Tuesday 13th June.

Your teacher will then tick your name off the list to say that your book is returned. The textbooks to be returned are the Edexcel GCSE 9-1 Mathematics, Practice, Reasoning and Problem Solving Books, either the green Foundation or blue Higher books.

Mrs H Bull and Ms J Searle, joint Heads of Maths

YEAR 13 LEAVERS PHOTO



The Year 13 leavers photo is available for order and your son / daughter should have collected the order form from Sixth Form reception to bring home for you to view and place an order if you wish.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [ALL EVENTS](#)
- [SPORTS CALENDAR](#)
- [SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 22 MAY	Parents' Community Group Meeting (Library)	
EVENT POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.		
FRI 26 MAY	End of Term 5	3.15pm finish

Forthcoming Events

MON 29 MAY - FRI 2 JUNE	Half Term Holiday
MON 26 MAY	Start of Term 6

There is an option to order the photo online via the company (website address on order form) or return the completed order form to the School with the correct cash or cheque.

Please note the deadline for ordering photos is Tuesday 23rd May.

Mr J Dollery, Head of Sixth Form



SCHOOL NEWS



BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – ATHLETICS

Well done to all the following Furze Platt student athletes who competed at the Berkshire Championships at the weekend in Bracknell:

Harrison Thorne - 1st U17 Long Jump and 2nd High Jump

Elliott Lowe - 3rd U15 800m

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Matthew Dilley - 3rd U15 Hammer, 4th U15 Javelin, 5th U15 Shot

Sammy March - 5th U17 800m

Special mention to **Orla Brennan** - 1st U17 300m Hurdles (Championship Best Performance)

million books. Overall we all enjoyed the trip immensely, it really opened our eyes what it will be like to go to university, especially to a top university such as Oxford.

Anya Idrizi, Year 9

VISIT TO BRASENOSE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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16TH AND 18TH MAY

On Thursday 18th May, a group of Furze Platt students went on a trip to Brasenose College, Oxford University. When we arrived, I immediately noticed the beautiful architecture, and just how amazing it all looked. We went into a lecture room, and participated in a presentation which helped us consider why going to university is important and how it will affect our future, it was fascinating and inspiring. Then we went on a tour of the college with some Brasenose College students, they showed us round and answered every question we had.



The campus was quite large, and we saw a variety of facilities from a massive library to student accommodation. Next, we had to navigate our way around Oxford to discover some of the other colleges of the university and we asked the porters some questions to find out something about each college. Then it was back to Brasenose College where we had a three course lunch in the Hogwarts style dining hall. At lunch we met two students who were in Year 13 at Furze Platt last year and are now undergraduates at Oxford University, studying law and medicine. Finally, we visited some exhibitions in the Bodleian Library, which houses twelve



THE FRENCH CONNECTION



Tuesday saw two of our Year 8 classes (8p/Fr1 and 8P/Fr2) welcome the French exchange group for their very first visit to Furze Platt.



The Language Department has been running an international partnership with the Établissement Chevreul from Lyon for the past two years, primarily involving the exchange of pen pal letters between some of our Year 8 students and French students of their age. We are happy to say that this year's project was particularly successful as our students expressed strong interest in making links beyond the classroom and establishing long-lasting friendships. With this in mind, we organised for their French counterparts to come and visit us during their 4-day London stay. The 128 students spent the morning together, getting to know one another through various language activities and finally around juice and biscuits.



The experience allowed everyone to have a taste of what learning a foreign language can offer in terms of gaining insight into a different culture and breaking the barrier of prejudice, but also encouraging self-confidence and social awareness. All present behaved in an exemplary

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manner, had a wonderful time and feedback was fantastic. The French teachers and pupils were all very impressed with our school and felt very welcome. This link is of course something we will continue to grow, bringing more Anglo-French ventures to fruition, one of which hopefully being to return the favour and visit Chevreul Senior School soon.

Watch this space!

Madame D Bouzid, Languages Assistant

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

The following students have made the District Athletics team:

Louisa Snape – 100m

Sammy March – 800m

Adam Gambrill – 1500m

Harrison Thorne – High Jump

Nathan Smith – Javelin

Elliot Lowe – 800m

Orla Brennan – 300 Hurdles

Kitty Cogswell – 100m

Imogen Shaw – High Jump

Ife Ogidan – Shot

Well done to them all.



COMMUNITY NEWS



2017 PTFA Meeting date for your diary:

Tues 13th June

Starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.

Upcoming events:

- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.
- Next Table Top Sale 9th July.

Can you help?

- We need someone with an accountancy

background to oversee the PTFA accounts. Duties include Gift Aid, etc. Please email jeff@iifa.co.uk for details.

- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Table top sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee.)
- Does your company offer Match Funding? We are keen to hear from parents whose companies offer this. If you have any other ideas that may support our PTFA please do get in touch.
- For further details on any PTFA related queries please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk

CURRENT VACANCIES

If you would be interested in working at Furze Platt Senior School please visit our website and follow the links to our Vacancies page.

CURRENT VACANCIES

[Home](#) > [Vacancies](#) > [Current Vacancies](#)



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VISIT TO THORPE PARK

July 2017

As your son/daughter is studying Business this academic year, we are planning an educational visit to Thorpe Park. During this visit, students will learn about Thorpe Park as a business, including its marketing and customer service activities. This will help them in their lessons by enabling them to relate the theory covered in lessons about the importance of marketing and customer service to a real business and will be invaluable in Years 10 and 11 as students move on to look at bigger businesses.

As per our Parentmail message sent out in the summer, we would like parents to use the Squid system to book and pay for trips (under the Online E-Payments purse). There are two ways to access Squid - you should be able to use your Squid App on your mobile, or alternatively you can access via the Squid portal by clicking on <https://portal.squidcard.com>. Please see the letters below for full details.

YEAR 9 THORPE PARK BUSINESS TRIP

YEAR 10 THORPE PARK BUSINESS TRIP

PROM**Thursday 22nd June**

Year 11 Prom tickets are now on sale from Mrs Back in sick bay at either break.

The event is at Windsor Racecourse on Thursday 22nd June 2017 from 7pm -10.30pm. The event is formal attire.

Tickets cost £35 and include a buffet, DJ, photographer and photobooth. There will be no additional costs for photographs on the night. You will need to bring cash for any soft drinks. You **MUST** bring the ticket to the event.

Tickets can be paid for by cash or cheque. If you have any genuine financial difficulties please do see me or your Head of House to discuss.

If you do not have 500 stamps then your ticket will not be released until you have had your stamps added in on the school system by your tutor.

Miss L Lewis, Head of Marlow House

**EXPANSION PLAN**

The exhibition will run Thursday 25th May from 4pm to 7pm in the Drama Studio at the Furze Platt Leisure Centre. You are warmly invited to drop in and find out more.

Mr G Bown, Deputy Headteacher

**SIXTH FORM STUDENT LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

We have the pleasure in announcing the following Student Leadership appointments for Sixth Form following last week's Head Boy and Girl interviews:

Head Boy – Sam Lloyd

Head Girl – Amy Slater

Mental Health Ambassador – Will Parsons

GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME

As you will no doubt be aware, GCSE exams start in full next week. Further to the details we sent out before Easter, please could I take the opportunity to remind everyone about our two Exam Phases:

Exam Phase 1**Monday 15th May - Friday 26th May**

Throughout the exam period there will be a full revision programme, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam. (This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam where it doesn't clash with another exam). During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject quiet study will be expected. However, students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45am if they have a 9am exam or 9.10am if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes. Please note, however, that there are some revision sessions that run after an afternoon exam which we will expect your sons/daughters to remain in school for. On the afternoon of Friday 26th May, all Year 11 students will have an early finish, at 1.45pm, after the English revision session.

Exam Phase 2**Monday 5th June - Tuesday 20th June**

From Monday 5th June Exam Phase 2 starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Please find the revision programme in the link below. We have also given paper copies to your sons & daughters today.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net).

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME



SUPERVISED STUDY

We are offering students Supervised Study sessions Monday to Friday from 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

These sessions are open to all year groups but must be booked in advance and students need to commit to the same days each week.

The sessions could help if you need:

- Help planning and structuring homework
- Access to a computer or a printer
- A quiet environment away from distractions

We ask that you:

- Be able to study independently and quietly.

For more information please see the letter provided in the link below.

[SUPERVISED STUDY LETTER](#)

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.