

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #52.7



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACCESS TO FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL VIA FURZE PLATT INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS GATES

Please be aware that, following advice, the infant and junior school will be locking their gates between 9am and 3.15pm. The Cranbrook Drive gate will still be open. This change should not affect students arriving to school or leaving at the usual time.

If your sons or daughters have exams and use these gates to access the senior school they will need to make alternative arrangements to ensure that they arrive to school on time.

Ms T White, Headteacher

OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 5 STUDENTS

YEAR
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Selecting a secondary school for your child is a serious matter. We are receiving an increasing number of enquiries from Year 5 parents about opportunities to visit Furze Platt Senior School. This letter provides you with advance notice of dates. It also extends a special invitation to Year 5 parents and pupils to come to an Open Morning this term.

Parents are welcome to visit us:

Open Morning - Monday 3rd July 2017

Year 5 parents and pupils will have the opportunity to meet the Headteacher and other members of the Senior Leadership Team, tour the school and meet some of our students.

Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book in for the Open Morning.

School Tours - Autumn Term

We run regular school tours during September and



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 12 JUNE	Public Exams continue	Until 30 th June
THU 15 JUNE	End of Year Art Show	4.30pm - 7pm

Forthcoming Events

TUE 20 JUNE	France/Belgium Trip - Information Evening	6pm - 7.30pm
WED 21 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation	3.30pm Arrival
THU 23 JUNE	Year 11 Prom (Windsor Racecourse)	7.30pm - 10pm

October. They run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9.15am - 10.15am beginning on Tuesday 12th September. Tours are led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team accompanied by Sixth Form students. Children are welcome to accompany their parents.

Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book a tour.

Open Evening - Thursday 5th October

Our Whole School Open Evening will be held on Thursday 5th October from 6pm - 9pm. This is a wonderful way to meet many of our students and staff. More details will appear in the local press and on our school website (www.furzeplatt.com) in the Autumn term.

Headteacher's Surgery

A few parents have a very particular or significant concern about their child that they would like to discuss. I offer parent surgeries after school every Monday in term time. On September 18th and 25th, October 2nd, 9th and 16th I offer these to parents of Year 6 children.

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Please contact the school on 01628 625308 to book an appointment.

I hope that we will meet many of you, and your child, at one or more of the above events, and that they enable you to find out everything about us. We are very proud of our school and our achievements.

Ms T White, Head teacher

TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM - PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 20th June 2017

You should have received a letter and forms via your child before half term regarding the Parents' Information Evening for the History and French trip to France and Belgium Wednesday 19th July - Sunday 23rd July 2017.

The information evening will take place on Tuesday 20th June from 6pm - 7pm in the Main Hall. It will provide an important opportunity to find out more information about the visit, and to meet the staff who will be accompanying students.

Parents/carers of participating students will need to bring:

- The student's passport and EHIC card (which will be collected and kept until the trip)
- The signed and completed [medical consent form \(OA4\)](#)
- A completed [medicines form](#)
- A signed student [behaviour contract](#)
- A signed student [mobile phone agreement](#)
- A completed [rooming request form](#)

I look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 20th June 2017.

Mr E Towill, France and Belgium Trip Leader

YEAR 10 REVISION SKILLS – PHASE ONE – TIME MANAGEMENT



In preparation for the imminent PPEs, the Raising Achievement team will be delivering revision skills sessions to the whole of Year 10. This will be done by House during tutor time as shown below. The first phase will be to set each student up with a flexible revision timetable. This will take into account their existing commitments as well as considering their academic needs (strengths and weaknesses) and ultimately each student will create a personalised timetable that works around them that they will bring home to use for the lead up to the PPEs and then ultimately for preparation for their GCSE exams.

Phase Two will be to deliver sessions on "How to Revise" which will explore several revision styles with a view to each student trying out to ascertain which one suits their learning style best. Details of dates will be sent out in due course.

Revision Skills – Time Management

7 th June	Bray
9 th June	Dorney
12 th June	Windsor
13 th June	Bisham
14 th June	Eton
15 th June	Cookham
16 th June	Henley
19 th June	Marlow

If you would like to find out more or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor, tel: 01628 625308 ext. 127 or email debbie.slater@furzeplatt.net

YEAR 11 'STUDY ROOM' FOR AFTER HALF TERM



While most of your sons and daughters will be looking forward to the opportunity to revise at home for the duration of their GCSE exams, a few have requested the opportunity to use a study space in school.

	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6
Mon 12 th June	(English exam)	(English exam)	IT3	IT3	IT3
Tue 13 th June	(Maths exam)	(Maths exam)	(Chemistry revision)	(Chemistry revision)	IT3
Wed 14 th June	(Chemistry exam)	IT3	IT3	IT3	IT3
Thu 15 th June	IT3	IT3	(Physics revision)	(Physics revision)	IT3
Fri 16 th June	(Physics exam)	IT3	-	-	-

We are therefore making a room available for the first two weeks after half term (apart from times when other revision sessions are running). The room will always have computers available for use.

It is, of course, entirely optional for your sons and daughters but we wanted to provide an additional revision space for anyone who wishes to use it.

Please do get in touch with me (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) if you have any questions.

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

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 the letter below for further information.

Ms T White, Headteacher

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT FUND LETTER

YEAR 7 GUIDE FOR PARENTS 2017 - 2018

Our guide will explain some of our school routines and systems and provide you with useful information. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01628 625308 or email at office@furzeplatt.com.

YEAR 7 GUIDE FOR PARENTS 2017 - 2018

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

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

CAN YOU HELP?

We would like to ask if anybody has any 'Gu' style glass or Charlie Bingham ceramic style ramekins they no longer want. If they do please could they be donated to



the Food and Nutrition department where they will be gratefully received. Please bring donations to Main Reception.

Mrs Crisford, Head of Food and Nutrition



SCHOOL NEWS

FURZE PLATT FORECASTS HUNG ELECTION RESULT

752 students across 53 forms took part in our mock election yesterday. As Presiding Officer I hereby declare the results:

Gerard BATTEN	United Kingdom Independence Party	78 votes
Tony HILL	Liberal Democrat Party	107 votes
Theresa MAY	Conservative Party	220 votes
Pat MacDONALD	Labour Party	221 votes
Derek WALL	Green Party	126 votes

Thank you to all staff who have helped ensure that all students have a better understanding of the country's political processes.

Mr E Towill, Deputy Headteacher

FURZE PLATT STUDENTS' SUCCESSFUL D OF E EXPEDITION

Congratulations to our Year 10 D of E group for successfully passing their expedition on the 25th & 26th May. The group demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership skills, and supported each other to endure the hot weather conditions. Their behaviour was exemplary, and were a credit to the school.

Frazer Finlan, Umar Aziz, Sam Kirkaldie, Jay Paine, Max Welland- Billam & Bradley Stone.



TOY MAKING WORKSHOPS

Thanks to the funding we received from Norden Farm, we were able to organise another Child Development workshop for our GCSE groups. Miss Julie Roberts (The Crafty Hen Company), who is a craft artist, arrived to teach our students the techniques that enabled them to make their own baby toys.



Students not only had a chance to work on creative ideas, but also understood the health and safety issues behind toy production. Within 3 hours, students produced teddy bears, rattles and mobile toys.

Thank you to all involved.

WINDSOR HOUSE FUNDRAISING

Great fundraising by Windsor House for <http://alexanderdevine.org> in aid of National Children's Hospice Week.



UPDATE FROM PTFA MEETING

Thank you to all who attended the PTFA meeting this week.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for agreeing to fund:

10 x Keyboards for music

5 x Data Loggers for Science

30 x Calculators for Maths

Child Development Lifesize Book

These are items that will enhance your childrens' learning and we are very grateful to the PTFA.

Please can all parents sign up to use easyfundraising.org.uk as this is an easy way for the school to earn money from your online shopping. It costs you nothing but could raise £££ for the school and will help the PTFA fund more for your children.

Are you a parent of a Year 7, 8 or 9 student? Year 10 parents were well represented at the meeting but parents of younger year groups are needed as well.

Next PTFA meeting Weds 6th Sept 6pm – all welcome

The next Indoor Car Boot Sale will be run by staff but we are looking for parental help for future events (setting up, putting away, takings, etc.)

Indoor Car Boot Sale dates for your diary:

Sunday 9th July

Sunday 8th October

Next quiz will be in November (date tbc).



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](#) 



DR BIKE - FREE BICYCLE CHECKS FOR FURZE PLATT STUDENTS

A representative from the charity Maidenhead Cycle Hub will be coming into school in June to carry out bike checks for students who regularly ride to school.

Students should meet outside the bike sheds at the start of the day. The bikes can be checked on site, throughout the day and collected at the end of the day, where students will be given an advisory note of work needing to be done to make the bike safe for riding.

You can also make independent arrangements to get the work completed through the Cycle Hub's website.

They can work on a maximum of 20 bikes per day, and these sessions will take place on Tuesday 20th, Friday 23rd and Tuesday 27th June. Please contact Miss D Carty at Desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net to book a bike check.



MESSAGE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

We have been asked to send out the message below from Thames Valley Police.

If you would like further advice regarding this information or to make a report, please contact Thames Valley Police on 101 (or 999 in the event of an emergency).

MESSAGE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

REMINDERS

PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS – JUNE/JULY 2017

YEAR 10



Year 10 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Friday 30th June to Friday 7th July. They take place during the normal school day, and students will be expected to be in lessons if they do not have an exam. As with previous years there is, therefore, no 'study leave' for PPEs and students will be in school from 8.45am to 3.15pm as usual.

YEAR 10



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS – JUNE/JULY 2017

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However, when students have afternoon exams they will be permitted to leave after the exam finishes (with the exception of Business Studies on Tuesday 4th, where students will be required to go back to their lesson). Please note that, while some exams will finish before 3.15pm, there are some subjects that will not finish until 3.30pm.

During the exams Year 10 will have their Break 2 at an earlier time than usual. This will run from 12.45am to 1.15pm. They will then start their afternoon exam after that.

Details of timings are on the letter below. Students will receive individual timetables which will have details of their seating and specific exam times.

Please may I ask you to work with your son/daughter to ensure that they prepare appropriately for the PPEs. They should be following a revision timetable and working steadily and sustainably towards the exams. PPEs are essential preparation for the final GCSE examinations next summer.

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 10 PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS LETTER

SKI TRIP – EASTER 2018

Arrangements for our 2018 ski trip are now confirmed. We will depart on Saturday 31st March and return on Sunday 8th April. After the success of this year's trip we will again be travelling with Interski to La Thuile in the Aosta Valley, Italy. We will also be staying in the Planibel Apartments, directly opposite the slopes.

Please see the below letter with full details and reply slip.

Mr J Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher

(2018 Ski Trip Co-Ordinator)

SKI TRIP 2018 LETTER & REPLY SLIP

PGL TRIP 2017 FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2017



Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Trip

Group 1: 6th - 8th October 2017 and Group 2: 13th - 15th October 2017

We would like to invite our Year 7 students who are joining us in September 2017 to an exciting, challenging and social adventure activities trip, based at the PGL Centre at Osmington Bay in Dorset.

For further information on the trip please click on the link below.

Mr A Morbey and Miss L Lewis

PGL Trip Leaders 2017

PGL 2017 FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



ART, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SHOW

Tuesday 27th June 2017 4.30pm - 7pm

The show is running for just one evening and promises to be a celebration of the students' work from A level Photography, A Level Product Design, A Level Art, GCSE Resistant Materials, GCSE Graphic Products and GCSE Art and Design, showcasing their knowledge and experiences over the past year. This is an opportunity to get an exciting insight into the creative thinking of a new generation and a chance to meet our remarkable students.



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

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

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

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

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

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

'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

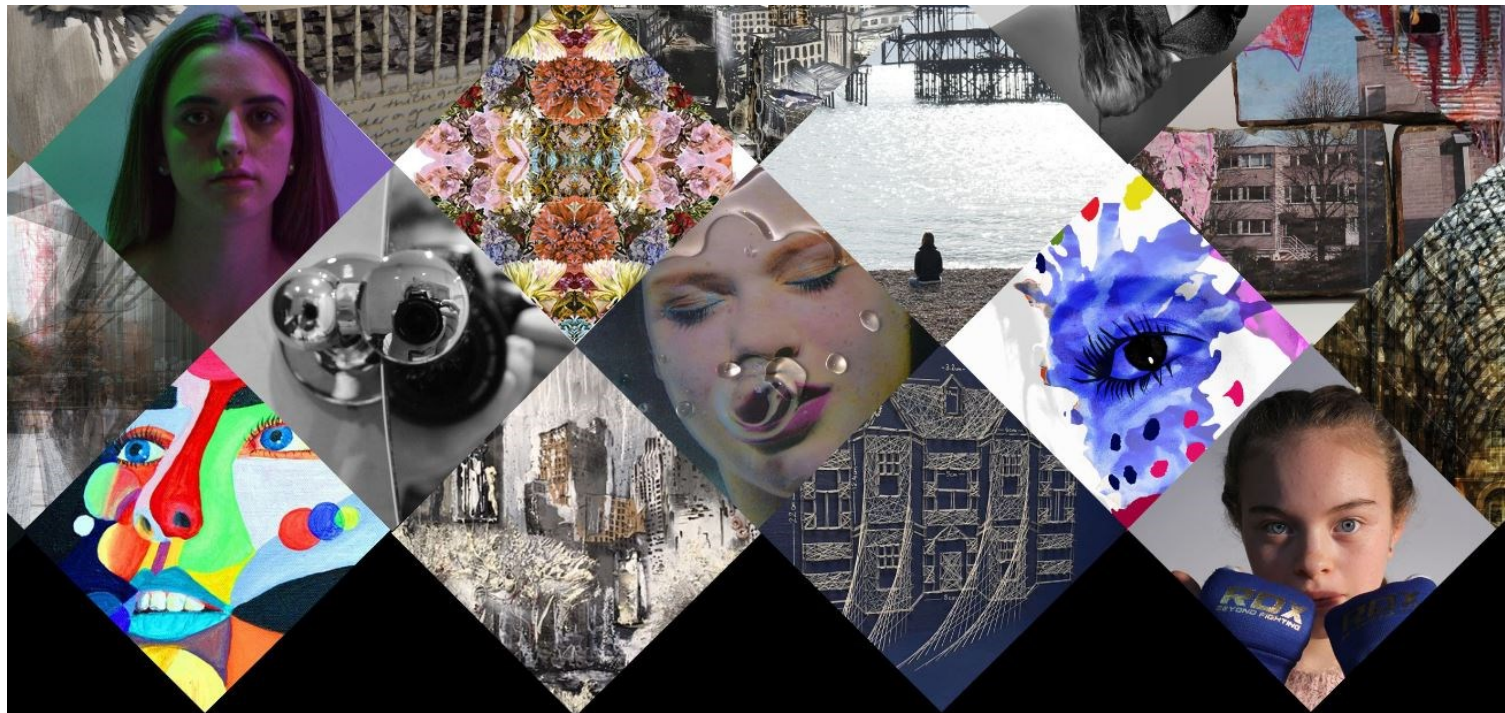


How to find us:



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016

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



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We look forward to seeing you.



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.