

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Newsletter - Issue #55.7



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



YEAR 10 SCIENCE GROUPS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

All Year 9 pupils should have received a letter informing them of which Science course they will be following in Year 10. The letter explains the basis on which this decision was made. Please could you ensure that your son/daughter passes the letter on to you.

Thank you in advance,
Dr. Michele Scott, Head of Science



ICELAND TRIP 2019

The Geography Department at Furze Platt Senior School is well known for organising a range of excellent trips – both in terms of preparing students for examinations, and also offering an experience of a lifetime. In 2015 and 2017 we have taken students to Iceland during the Easter break. These trips have been exciting for the school and department and have proved to be a huge success.

We are excited to be offering another trip to Iceland during the Easter Break of 2019: 10th – 13th April.

Although this trip will offer excellent support to the work that students cover in A Level and GCSE, this will be run as a purely optional trip giving Furze Platt students the chance, every two years, to experience the raw power of Geography in an environment very different to that of the UK!

As we only plan to run the trip once every two years, this opportunity will be open to all students from Years 9 to 13 – although priority will be given to those students studying Geography in Years 12 and 13 to ensure that they get a chance to go before they leave school. Based on the success of previous trips, we expect this to be a very popular trip. Quotes have been requested based on 40



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ALL EVENTS
- SPORTS CALENDAR
- SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 2)

MON 11 JUNE	GCSE Public Exams	Until 21 st June
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Forthcoming Events

THU 27 JUNE	Year 11 Graduation Ceremony	4pm - 5.30pm
THU 28 JUNE	Year 11 Prom	7pm - 10.30pm

students and 4 staff so it is likely that a 'Reserve List' will be created in the event of over-subscription.

Please find attached letter with further details regarding the Iceland Trip.

Mr E Fraser, Head of Geography



SQUID CARD

As your child approaches the end of their time in school, we would like to remind you to reduce the balance on their dinner money account. Students and parents are encouraged to plan top-ups and spending so that their accounts are at a minimum by the time they leave school. This will help reduce administration for Squid and Innovate Customer Services.

Please note that Squid/Innovate do not refund account balances of less than £5. Instead the total value of all leavers account balances under £5 will be donated to the school.

If your balance is above £5 then you may request a refund by emailing Squid directly – customerservice@squidcard.com . Otherwise the balance will be donated to the school.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



YEAR 11 PROM TICKETS

Year 11 Prom tickets are available for sale for £35 from the Marketing and Data Office, the deadline to purchase tickets is Monday 18th June. Students must have a minimum of 500 stamps to attend the Prom, which promises to be a fantastic event with a disco, professional photographer and photo booth, and a buffet. Students will not be able to purchase tickets on the night.



YEAR 11 GRADUATION IS ON WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018 AT 4PM IN THE SPORTS HALL.



YEAR 11 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXAM PHASE 1 & 2 2018

Monday 4th June - Friday 22nd June 2018

Exam Phase 2

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.



awarded Gold medals as the top WJ14 second crew of the day. This is the second time these girls have won Gold medals this year following their win at the Oarsport Junior Sculling Head at Dorney in March.

Further medals were won by Victor Kleshnev, who also won Gold in his quad on Saturday at the same event.

The National Schools' Regatta is an annual Regatta for junior competitors from 14 to 18 years of age. Competitors enter from schools and rowing clubs across the United Kingdom. Over 5,000 competitors race over three days. The racing is competitive, fast, and fun. Many successful international oarsmen and women have started their racing career at National Schools' Regatta.



SCHOOL NEWS

ROWING EXCELLENCE

Once again two of our Year 9 girls and a Year 13 student have won Gold medals whilst representing the country at Dorney Lake.

Abby Jones and Ellen Gomersall, both Year 9, competed on Day 1 on Friday 25th May in the coxed WJ14 quad and were the ninth fastest in the time trial to qualify for the B final which they won. As well as winning the B final they were the fastest second crew from any school or club and so were



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD VISIT

Earlier this week two groups of Year 9 students visited Brasenose College, University of Oxford. We enjoyed a presentation given by Dr Joe Organ about the benefits of Higher Education and then met some undergraduates who took us on a tour of the college and answered questions about university life. Then we explored the city, discovering some of the other colleges before returning to Brasenose for a three course lunch in the Hogwarts style dining room. Two ex-Furze Platt students joined us for lunch – James Martin, a second year law student at Corpus Christie

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College and Louis Avellano, a second year medical student at Magdalen College. James took us to see his college before we returned to school. We all had an enjoyable and informative day.

ESAA SW REGIONAL ROUND



The following students competed brilliantly in the ESAA SW Regional round of the Track and Field Cup in Basingstoke on Wednesday, representing Furze Platt Senior School in the school's first appearance in the regional round at this competition.

The competition is of a very high standard and the boys did extremely well to finish 8th.

Our Team

Frank McGrath
Janos Revezs
Josh Dilley
Jack Staunton
Matt Cooley
Euan Russell

Henry Best
Edwin Isted
Nick Holdsworth
Patrick Kelly
Louie Seamon
Callum Bleazard
Ben Parrott

FEATURED ARTWORK

Holly Roberts Year 10

Art & Design: GCSE Coursework



COMMUNITY NEWS



CURRENT VACANCIES AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

HIGHFIELD BADMINTON CLUB



Free trial offer for Furze Platt students

Highfield Badminton Club are offering a free trial offer for students who must have some experience of playing badminton. The club, made up of people with a passion to play, meet most Tuesday evenings at Cox Green Leisure Centre from 8pm to 10pm and their new season starts in September. Anybody interested must have some badminton skill that the club can nurture and improve by playing with those of a similar level.

For details please call

Dr. Andy Birrell, Highfield Badminton Club Secretary

07762 099720



200 CLUB

Many congratulations to our three winning 200 Club number holders who each won a substantial cash prize. Our next draw is in July.

200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 3

on Friday 11th May 2018



HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

SUE MCCORMACK

Thank you Sue!



Many thanks from us all at Furze Platt Senior School to Sue McCormack who stepped down from the PTFA Secretary's

role this week after 13 years' service. Sue took over the role when her youngest was in Year 7 at Furze Platt and he is now 25, with her youngest son Kevan about to move from Year 11 here into our Sixth Form. Sue was presented with a bottle of bubbly, chocolates, flowers and afternoon tea for 2 at Danesfield House from her colleagues in the PTFA. Joy Palfery (mum of Abigail, Year 7) has kindly taken over the reins as PTFA Secretary.

Pictured with Sue is Jeff Lloyd, Chair of PTFA



REMINDERS

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YEAR 7 EXAMS

Year 7 exams

Year 7 examinations in English, Maths and Science take place during the week of 11th-15th June 2018. The timings are as follows:

English exams

English speaking and listening exams will be held throughout English lessons during the week of 11th-15th June

Maths exams

All Year 7 students have their Maths exam on Thursday 14th June, during normal Maths lessons.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YEAR 7 EXAMS (CONT.)

Science exams

7Bm	Wednesday 13 th June P4
7Br	Tuesday 12 th June P2
7Cm	Wednesday 13 th June P6
7Dy	Wednesday 13 th June P4
7Et	Friday 15 th June P2
7Hy	Tuesday 12 th June P5
7Mw	Wednesday 13 th June P6
7Wr	Wednesday 13 th June P6

Students will be preparing for these examinations in their lessons, and will spend their home learning time revising.

SIXTH FORM REVISION TIPS

Revision resources are available on the 'Sixth Form Student Handbook' on our website.

SIXTH FORM STUDENT HANDBOOK

PARENT BOOKLET - TOP 10 TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THEIR EXAMS

GDPR – NEW DATA REGULATIONS

Please note that if we do not have photo consent for your child, we will be unable to feature their photo in our newsletter, on our website or around school, including in photos of teams, on trips etc.

To update student details at any time please email studentdetails@furzeplatt.net

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have a number of important dates and events coming up after half term for Year 12 students, so please be aware of the following information:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS (CONT.)

Pre Public Exams (PPEs):

- **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th June - Year 12 Art & Photography PPEs:** Students to attend school at normal time. The exam duration is 5 hours with 2 breaks, and students will finish school as normal at 3.15pm.
- **Monday 25th – Thursday 28th June- Year 12 PPE period:** During these 4 days, students will be on full exam/study leave and will not be expected to attend any school sessions (tutor time, assemblies, tutorials etc.) and will only be expected to attend their exams. All students must wear clothing that meets with the Sixth Form's dress code whilst at school during this week. All students have an individual timetable issued to them outlining the times of their

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

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exams. Please note that the morning exams are due to start at 8.45am and students should arrive at 8.30am to be ready to start at 8.45am. Afternoon exams will start at 12.30pm and students should arrive at 12.15pm to be ready to start at 12.30pm.

Careers Day:

- **Friday 29th June - Year 12 Careers Day:** The day will consist of a variety of seminars and workshops that will assist students with planning for and developing skills for their future careers. Further details and information to follow shortly. All students must arrive at school promptly at 8.40am.

Work Experience Week:

- **Monday 9th to Friday 13th July - Year 12 Work Experience week:** All students need to secure their work experience placement, complete and hand in their work experience forms as soon as possible or by the deadline of Friday 25th May.

YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE

As Year 13 students enter their final exams at Furze Platt Senior School please be aware of the following arrangements for your information. Year 13 students will be on full study leave from Monday 4th June, however please note that they are more than welcome to attend any of their usual timetabled lessons from this date. All subject teachers will be running revision sessions at these times, even though it is not compulsory to attend. Students attending these revision sessions must continue to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. The revision lessons will cease once the final exam has been sat for that subject. We hope that the vast majority of students will take up this opportunity. We wish every Year 13 student well for their exams.



UPDATED SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH REMINDER

Well done to all students who have completed their sections and completed their DofE Bronze Awards. If your son/daughter has not done so, they need to send their evidence to Miss D Carty desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net.

ASPIRING MOTIVATED CONFIDENT CONSIDERATE



**Open Morning
Monday 2nd July 2018
For Year 5 Parents***



**Open Evening
Thursday 4th Oct 2018
All Welcome**



**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2018
All Welcome***

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

*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

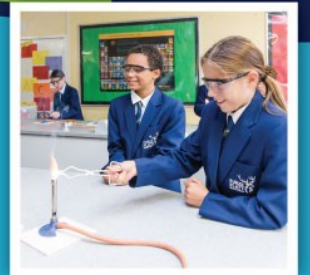
Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ 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

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