

Weekly Update: Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Fri 25 th November	PTFA Big Quiz 3 (7.30pm - 10pm)
Sun 27 th November	PTFA Table Top Sale (9am - 12.30pm)
Thurs 1 st December	Year 12 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 5 th December	Parents' Community Group Meeting (6pm - 7pm)
Wed 7 th December	Christmas Concert (7.30pm - 9.30pm)



SCHOOL NEWS



Yr10

YEAR 10 BUSINESS TEAM ARE LIONHEART WINNERS

Yr10



A team from Furze Platt's Year 10 Business group were winners of the Southern regional title at this year's Lionheart Challenge, held in London.

The team were tasked with completing every stage of a new project, including coming up with innovative ideas, marketing, finance and the subsequent presentation of this to a board of industry professionals. Furze Platt will now represent the South in the National Finals, to be held in Liverpool early next year.

The winning Lionheart team: (pictured):

Hannah Atkins, Harry Bullock, Hashim Iqbal, Lucas Jefferson, Steven Johnstone, Tasha Nelms, Ife Ogidan, Zain Rafiq, Alex Webb and Jude White.



Yr11

YEAR 11 STUDY/REVISION SKILLS

Yr11

The Raising Achievement department have been continuing to deliver a series of study skills sessions to the Year 11s; reflecting upon their approach, revision and subsequent results for their PPEs.

This is to help them with identifying their own preferred learning style and revision techniques including mind maps and flash cards. This is complementing the revision timetable we equipped them with in October.

Further information will be sent out next week when all the study skill sessions have been completed. Please speak to your son/daughter about this and how they have adapted their revision having attended the session.

If you have any queries or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:

Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor.



FURZE PLATT STUDENT INVITED TO ATTEND EUROPEAN SOUTHERN OBSERVATORY

John Conacher (Year 12) has successfully applied for a week-long astronomy camp in the Christmas break with ESO, European Southern Observatory in Italy. Prospective applicants were asked to record a 3 minute video on the subject 'I would like to invent/discover because' which would be considered as their application. Please see below for John's extremely interesting and creative video.

JOHN CONACHER'S VIDEO ENTRY



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

Best in Year 13: Alex Hill

Jamie Rhucroft

Jonathan Knowles

Yr 12 **101** *Invited to participate in*

Yr 13 **99** *the Senior Kangaroo*

Yr 13 **91** *on 2nd December.*

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



THIS WEEK AT FURZE PLATT



It has been a busy week for staff and students with extra curricular trips to see the Lion King, visits to Reading College and a Tectonics Day in London, as well as our Lionheart group's trip to Westminster. Yesterday saw the latest of our Career and Higher Education Fairs, which was very well attended. Thank you to all our exhibitors, visitors and helpers for making it such a successful event.

Our PE department has been busy arranging Interhouse, our sports challenge for all our Houses. We are into the second round now so placings will be completed by the 1st December. Year 9 Rugby played Gt Marlow, MoM was Oscar Lowe.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL PARENT PRESENTATION

TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 7-8PM

With the Christmas holidays coming up, we are conscious that young people may be tempted to drink alcohol. We are also aware that parents often worry that their children may come into contact with illegal substances at social events.

With this in mind, we will be hosting a Drug & Alcohol Parent Presentation evening. This will be delivered by Theresa Allen, Young People's Substance Misuse Worker for schools, who will provide information about cannabis, alcohol, party drugs and MDMA.

Also in attendance will be:- Mrs Judith Bubb- PSHE Co-ordinator, Mrs Louise McSweeney- Parent Support Worker, and Miss Desrene Carty- Alternative Curriculum Support Worker.

Following the presentation, you will have the opportunity to ask questions, and speak to these professionals. Spaces are limited at this event, therefore if you would like to attend, please email desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net as soon as possible to reserve a space.

FURZE PLATT PE TEACHER HEADS FOR NOVICE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miss Tomlin has started training for the Dressage Championships with her horse, Wills. Her routine includes getting up very early in the mornings before school to care for Wills and visiting him after school to ride, as well as lots of fitness training. She is also attending practice competitions and Dressage training every month with Dressage Rider Kim Seaby (who is based with Olympic Dressage rider Spencer Wilton). Along with her team mates at Wokingham and Bearwood Riding Club, Miss Tomlin qualified for the British Riding Club National Novice Dressage Winter Championships.

PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 6PM

We will be holding our next Parents' Community meeting on Monday 5th December at 6.00pm in the school library.

What is the Parents' Community? Every parent at Furze Platt Senior School is a member of the Parents' Community. There are four meetings a year. They last no more than one hour, from 6-7pm on Monday evenings. The meetings are informal - hosted and minuted by the headteacher. Parents have the opportunity to email discussion items in advance. The headteacher will also raise items for discussion and feedback. All welcome.

(Please email Wendy Pritchard, Head's PA, at wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net if you plan to attend).



TABLE TOP SALE

This Sunday 27th November 2016

This Sunday's Indoor Table Top Sale has a full house of sellers so please come along and support the event and pick up some early Christmas bargains. 9am-12pm, Main Hall.

We need 6 volunteers to run the sale: 2 to run refreshments; 2 to help set up at the start and run the door for the first half; and 2 at the end to help set down and lock up after doing a stint on the door. Please get in touch ASAP on jeff@iifa.co.uk to offer a couple of hours' help. Without your help we cannot run these events which raise valuable funds for your child's school.

Thank you.

BIG QUIZ 3

Tonight, Friday 25th November 2016

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as 'two team challenges' with food from Giant Pan Catering - Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet, plus a bar and prize raffle.

Start time: 7.30pm until 10.30pm, only £15 per person. Booking details: Account Number: 64289788, Sort Code: 60-13-35,

Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA, Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J Lloyd x 4). Please also email your ticket request to the treasurers at jeff@iifa.co.uk. We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued. For payment by cheque, please email jeff@iifa.co.uk to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPSS Reception (PTFA drawer).



Years 7-9 Residential Weekend for the Exceptionally Able
2nd-4th December 2016 - £199

For details please visit:

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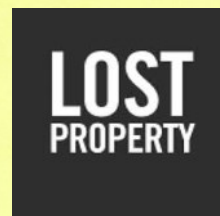


PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Any students who are interested in the attached competition, please contact Miss D Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support Worker) at desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net

[PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION DETAILS](#)



There are a number of overcoats/jackets and water bottles in lost property.

Parents are welcome to come along and look through them at any time .



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COVER SUPERVISOR

Term time only, 31.25 hours per week

£13,700 - £15,300 pa, depending on experience

Furze Platt Senior School is a highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which is committed to continuous school improvement.

Students do very well at Furze Platt but we want to support them to do even better.

This role might suit someone with previous experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people, or someone who may be considering teacher training in the future.

You will:

- be joining a strong team of colleagues across our school and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable.
- instruct students about the work set by the teacher and make sure they understand the task and complete it to the best of their ability.
- have at least grade C or above in GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent).

A full job description and application forms are available on our website www.furzeplatt.com.

Please return to Mrs D. Harding via email: debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.

Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS SUNDAY!



**TABLE TOP
SALE**

Indoor Table Top Sale

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

Time: 9am-12pm (Sellers from 7.30am, Buyers from 9am)

**Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person,
Children 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.
- This is the time to do a full spring clean.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors!
And without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money to the Furze Platt PTFA

SUNDAY

27TH NOV



THE BIG QUIZ



Friday 25th November

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as two 'team challenges'.



£15

per person



MAX.8

people per table

But you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.



FOOD

Giant Pan Catering from
Ashridge Delicious

Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons
Forestiere and Cassoulet



PLUS

bar & prize
raffle

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