

Weekly Update: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Musical (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau (All Day) Year 12 and 13 Theatre Trip 'This House' (12.45pm - 6.30pm)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3 (3.15pm finish)</b>

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Holidays
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### GCSE OPTIONS



Thank you to all who attended last night's Year 8 Options Evening.

If you were unable to attend, please read the information provided in the links below and email Edwin Towill, Deputy Headteacher [edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net](mailto:edwin.towill@furzeplatt.net) if you have any queries regarding your son/daughter's option choices.

**Please complete and return the Year 8 Options Form to Reception by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.**

[Year 8 Options Presentation](#)

[Year 8 Options Booklet](#)

[Year 8 Options Form](#)

## FURZE PLATT SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



**APPLICATION DEADLINE  
FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

### Unable to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening?

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

[Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Guide 2017](#)



## FEBRUARY PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE

[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Reports](#)



Year 11 reports have been issued this week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The new service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com). Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



## LEAVERS' HOODIES

**Deadline Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**



This is a reminder that the deadline for placing orders for the Year 11 leavers' hoodies is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Unfortunately we will not be able to submit any orders placed after this date.

Please see the letter below for details of pricing, sizes and colours available. All order forms should be handed into Reception with payment in a sealed envelope no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Miss L Lewis

[Year 11 Leavers' Letter](#)



## PHOTOS



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 11 photos will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, period 6 in the Sports Hall. These will be individual, whole Year 11 and friendship groups (maximum of 25 students). Students must be in full, correct uniform in order to be in the photographs.

Thank you.



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION 2017 - 'HIS DARK MATERIALS'



We would like to invite you to come and see this year's school production of 'His Dark Materials'. There will be four performance nights: Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. All performances will begin at 7:30pm in the Drama department. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for children and senior citizens.

Please see the letter below with full details of how to purchase tickets.

[School Production Tickets](#)



**Furze Platt Senior  
School Term Dates  
2016 - 2017  
2017 - 2018**



## SCHOOL NEWS

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH SKILLS



Our Duke of Edinburgh groups for Years 9 and 11 have been cooking for the skills section of the award. These students take the DofE challenges as part of their courses studying Construction or Child Development. Aqsa Fatima (Year 9) made carrot cakes this week and Yumeng Dai (Year 11) made bolognese. Well done to all our budding chefs, the results looked delicious.

Our Year 9 & 10 Duke of Edinburgh groups are orienteering for the physical section of their award. These skills will help them to complete their expedition.



# Team Indonesia

Hi, my name is Matt Rapley and I am a Year 12 Sixth Form student currently studying biology, chemistry and geography and writing a dissertation for my EPQ. I wish to go to university and do a course on palaeontology with geology.

I am one of the many students who are part of team Indonesia for an expedition to Indonesia to do conservation work for Operation Wallacea. When I found out that the school does expeditions like this, I was instantly enamoured with the prospect of actually doing conservation work and being able to catalogue the many animal species. I have always found zoology and conservation very fascinating especially the animal order we belong to, primates. What I hope to take away from this experience is a greater understanding about the natural world and how conservation is undertaken. It will allow me to build up my CV and help my application to university.

In the first week of our trip, we will be in the forests of Buton Island where we will do surveys on birds, butterflies, mammals and herpetofauna (reptiles and insects). In addition, we will take forest measurements where we collect data on tree diameter, canopy height, quality of vegetation etc. We will also be taught jungle skills and attend seminars/lectures on biodiversity and endemism and conservation synthesis. Finally, on the last week we will go scuba diving to survey the ecology of marine life.



In terms of fundraising, we are doing a sponsored cycle ride over the next 6 months. Combined we will be cycling the distance from Britain to Indonesia which is over 7000 miles. We have also been selling raffle tickets, which were kindly supplied by Operation Wallacea's team. This week, we sold them at our Year 8 Parents' Evenings and a warm thank you to those who did take the time to buy them, it was a very successful evening and we raised £163.74. On Sunday, the team helped with refreshments at the PTFA table top morning and raised a further £58. Many thanks to the PTFA for allowing us to help.

If you wish to make any donations to help with fundraising, you can give to our 'Just Giving' page and all proceeds will be shared equally.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FPSSIndonesia2018>

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either

Mr. Molin [andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net](mailto:andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net)

Dr. Scott [michele.scott@furzeplatt.net](mailto:michele.scott@furzeplatt.net)

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.

Thank you.





## CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL TRIPS



Yr11

### INVESTIGATION

Yr11

A group of Child Development Year 11 students visited Maidenhead this week to investigate baby changing facilities available in the High Street. Students showed a lot of independence in organising their research and time. They studied factors such as availability, space size, cleanliness and accessories. In conclusion, the best baby facilities in town are based in Boots, which scored on average 9/10, with the worst being at Sainsbury's. After the investigation is fully completed, we plan to email visited locations to tell them our opinion and suggestions.



Yr10

### VISIT TO MOTHERCARE

Yr10

Our Year 10 Child Development group visited Mothercare in Slough to investigate baby transport as part of their coursework.

Their investigation involved looking into factors such as price, storage and safety of the pushchairs. The girls were really impressive, taking lots of notes and pictures for reference.

Thank you to Mothercare for their assistance with our visit.



## TEACH MEET

At Furze Platt we understand the value of co-operation, not only between colleagues at our organisation but also across different schools. Hence again this year we had our representatives at the annual Teach Meet held at Cox Green School. Miss R Paradowska (Head of Psychology and Child Development) and Mr E Fraser (Head of Geography) had a chance to speak with over 40 other professionals from the area to share their experience, exchange ideas and consider best opportunities to improve the standard of teaching in Maidenhead making it a better community for all. Pictures show Miss Paradowska and Mr Fraser at Teach Meet and Miss Paradowska delivering a presentation on the importance of numeracy across the curriculum.



**RESULTS FROM THIS WEEK**

**Football**

- Year 7 Boys lost 4-2 to Desborough
- Year 10 Boys beat - Edgebarrow – 4-3
- Yr 8 Boys lost 4-2 to The Downs
- Year 10s beat Edgbarrow School 4-3

In a very exciting game, Furze Platt were 3-2 up with only minutes to go when Edgbarrow equalised. Sammy March scored the winning goal in the final minute!

Goal scorers were Jamie Lloyd x2, Max Roberts and Sammy March - great play from everyone in the team.

**Hockey**

Year 9 Girls played well against LVS and Marist – Player of the match Holly Bird

**Netball**

Brilliant play from our Year 7 Girls' netball team saw them win every game in their pool to gain a well deserved first place.

Teams we beat:

- St Peters
- St Edwards
- Trevelyan
- Claire's Court B
- Charters C
- Holyport B
- Dedworth

**OUR TEAM**

- GK – Alice Roberts
- GD – Poppy Butler
- WD – Isabelle Annereau
- C – Hannah Britton
- WA – Martha Garner
- GA – Daisy Hellings
- GS – Hannah Thomas

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday**

- Year 9 home vs Mary Hare School
- No Girls training

**Tuesday**

- Year 9 away vs Forest School
- Year 10 home vs Forest School
- No Year 7 training

**Wednesday**

Year 7 and 8 training

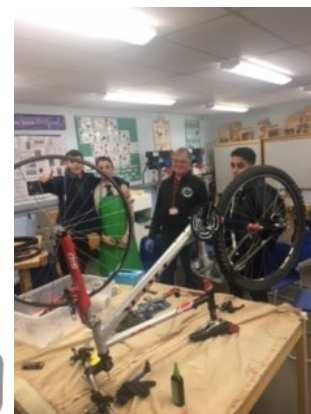
**Thursday**

- Year 7 A & B teams away to Forest School
- Year 8 home vs Forest School
- No Year 7 training
- Year 9/10 netball training is ON

**MAIDENHEAD CYCLE HUB**



Over the past few weeks a group of Furze Platt students have been helping to repair and service bikes to sell on under the guidance of staff at Maidenhead Cycle Hub, a charity which aims to support young people. They have also helped with work experience, teaching and organising bike rides for our students as well as offering general bike repairs and advice on cycling around the Maidenhead area. If you have any old bikes you would like to donate to the Cycle Hub, please see the flyer below.



[Maidenhead Cycle Hub Flyer](#)



## 2017 PTFA MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> March (AGM)**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Each starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.



**Team Indonesia**

### Can you help?

- Treasurer required (approx. one hour per week)
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Car Boot 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)
- Two more volunteers needed for our school production 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to serve refreshments in the evenings

### Upcoming events:

- AGM meeting, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Big Quiz (No.4) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.
- For further details on any of the above please email: [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk)

### PTFA TABLE TOP SALE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the school on Sunday, we were delighted to see so many buyers and sellers. We raised around £300 (including £58 for Team Indonesia, our Sixth Form expedition team).

Our next Table Top Sale is on 12<sup>th</sup> March, for further details please email [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk).



## NCS SUMMER PROGRAMME OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS



Please see the letter below, sent on behalf on the National Citizen Service (NCS), regarding a government funded programme for 15-17 year olds, which is running during the summer.

[NCS Summer Programme Letter](#)



## REMINDERS

### LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

On the following days **school will start for students at 9.10**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

This adjustment is in recognition of the fact that we have doubled the number of parents' evenings that teachers need to attend for students in Year 7 and 8. Parents' Evenings are so well attended that parents told us they were struggling to make appointments with all the teachers they wished to see. We hope this arrangement will allow every parent to meet all their child's teachers.

Ms T White (Headteacher)





## REVISION SESSIONS



The school is offering numerous extra revision sessions either before, during or after school for Year 11 students. Click on the link [here](#) to find details of what is currently available and when. Some teachers are running revision sessions in a different format and so, if a subject is not listed that your child is studying, please encourage your child to speak to their teacher.

Attending these sessions offers the chance for students to get help in subjects working in small groups, ask for specific help in subjects, gain free tuition in subjects from teachers who know them and overall can make a huge difference to pupils' attainment.

If you have any queries regarding these sessions, please contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor on extension 127.



# Bake Sale

Break 1  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
The School Gym

Prices starting  
from





# His Dark Materials

based on the novels by Philip Pullman  
adapted by Nicholas Write

Performance dates:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Start time: 7.30pm

£5 Children/Senior Citizens    £10 Adults