



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



EXPANSION PLAN

Work on our latest building project is finally taking shape and I am delighted to tell you that as a part of the borough wide school places expansion plan, Furze Platt has secured significant funding.



The building work will start early next year. We plan to build a brand new multi-function hall and a new teaching block. The hall will be used for all of our major school events, concerts and productions. It will also provide valuable additional indoor space at breaktimes and free up our existing hall for Sixth Form study and some better dining provision. The new block will include 13 new classrooms and 4 modern fully equipped laboratories. We are working closely with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to ensure that this much needed investment will enhance our provision both for existing students and for those yet to join us.

The next stage of the project will be to seek planning permission for the development. We will be holding a Public Planning Consultation Exhibition on Thursday 25th May 2017. This will be a drop in event which will be an opportunity for parents, members of the local community and other stakeholders to view our plans,



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week (Week 1)

MON 15 MAY	Public Exams Start	until 30 th June
THU 18 MAY	Year 10 Business Controlled Assessment (Main Hall)	5pm - 6pm

Forthcoming Events

MON 22 MAY	Parents' Community Group Meeting (Library)	6pm - 7pm
FRI 26 MAY	End of Term 5	3.15pm finish

speak to the project team and express their views

The exhibition will run 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



Thursday 18th May at 5pm

Your son/daughter will be preparing for their GCSE Business Controlled Assessment later this May, with the assessment taking place later in June and early July.

As this work contributes 25% to the final GCSE grade, we are keen to ensure that you know what the project is about and how you can support them.

You are invited to a briefing on Thursday 18th May at 5pm in the Main Hall to hear more about the project and how you can help your son. daughter. The meeting will last for no more than 1 hour. We encourage you to come along as your support in this project will be invaluable.

Mrs F Wood, Head of Business, Economics and Enterprise

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

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YEAR 11 

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

VISIT TO THORPE PARK

YEAR 9 

YEAR 10 

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

YEAR 11 

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.

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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

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

SIXTH FORM STUDENT LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

6th

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

SCHOOL NEWS

GB ROWING GOLD

Great result by Victor Kleshnev, Year 12, who was part of the GB Junior Team last weekend at the Munich International Regatta in Germany and won two events J18 2x and J18 4x. (Victor is on the left of the picture.)



ESAA TRACK AND FIELD CUP – BERKSHIRE ROUND AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL ASCOT



The Junior Girls (Years 7 and 8) and Intermediate Girls (Years 9 and 10) athletics teams competed in the English Schools' Track and Field Cup at St Mary's School (Ascot) on Tuesday. Both teams finished 7th with some very strong performances across the track and field events. Each team completed the competition by winning their 4x100m relay races.



Junior Girls Team- Kensa Horner, Freya Wilcock, Abby Jones, Emma Dawson, Martha Garner, Ava Neeves, Flo Checkly, Ainara Sanchez, Hannah Britton, Brogan McCafferty, Olivia Brienza, Erin Huddleston.

Inter Girls Team – Orla Brennan, Ife Ogidan, Gabriella Hassell, Hollie O'Neill, Kitty Cogswell, Georgia Mead, Lucy Thornton, Hannah Atkins, Beth Murray, Charlotte Williams, Molly Sammes, Imogen Shaw.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

YEAR 9

YEAR 10



Thanks to the funding Furze Platt Senior School received from Norden Farm, we were able to organise a series of workshops for our Child Development students in Years 9 and 10. This month students had a chance to customize baby clothes.



The activity was both fun and practical – for some students it was the first time they had to sew and iron, others were more confident with their skills and were able

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to create sophisticated designs which involved layering different materials in patterns. An artist who was leading the workshops, Ms Julie Roberts (The Crafty Hen Company), was very pleased with the group's engagement and behaviour. She is looking forward to visiting us next month when Years 9 and 10 will be designing and making a toy for a baby.

Miss R Paradowska, Head of Psychology and Child Development

TEAM INDONESIA



Hello, my name is Charlotte and I am one of sixteen students lucky enough to be travelling to Indonesia next year for an expedition. For my GCSEs, I have taken English, Maths, and Triple Science. My optional subjects are Graphic Products, German and Computer Science. It was important to me to choose triple science, as I enjoy each of

them individually and wanted to explore them fully. When I return in September - assuming I get good grades and now is not the time for self-doubt - I will be taking A-Levels. The A-Levels I have chosen are Photography, Biology and Psychology.

My interest in Biology drove me to apply for this opportunity and as soon as I caught wind of it, I knew that I had to go. I was intimidated at first by the massive cost of the trip, but with my parents and team members' support, I knew I would be able to raise a lot of it myself. I just had to keep saying to myself: "As long as you put everything you have into this, you will not fail". I became good at recruiting friends to join me on this amazing trip, and even succeeded after I explained what the expedition included, they could not stay away!

This trip will be beneficial to my education and my

experience in life, I hope to achieve many things. I will learn a more practical love of the environment and our world, seeing its wonders first hand, things some only dream of. I also want to be able to have tangible evidence that I have experienced something amazing, to tell people and inspire them to chase their own dreams. I will learn the importance of teamwork in a new and challenging environment; this can help me in the future.

The latest fundraising we have done has been selling raffle tickets at the last parent's evening of the year. We raised £18 each! A huge thank you to everyone that has contributed and donated so far, you have really helped. There are no more parent's evenings to buy tickets at, but if you wish to donate, follow this link and give to our Just Giving page:

[PLEASE SPONSOR US](#)

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. A Molin andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net

Dr. M Scott 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.



Team Indonesia



COMMUNITY NEWS

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association

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.

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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

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Food and Nutrition department needs chocolate tin or tub containers (pictured right). If you have any spare, please bring to Reception. Thank you.

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food and Nutrition)



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.

[LSA/SPORTS MENTOR](#)

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

REMINDERS

SUMMER TERM SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

An updated school clubs list can now be found on our website. Please follow the link below for full details.

[SCHOOL CLUBS LIST](#)

EXTERNAL EXAMS

Please find a letter regarding Year 12 summer external exam arrangements in the link below.

[YEAR 12 EXTERNAL EXAM ARRANGEMENTS](#)

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.