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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Sat 16 th - Sun 17 th April	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Wed 20 th April	Spring Concert (7.30pm - 10pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 27 th April	Year 10 Theatre Trip - An Inspector Calls (6pm - 10.30pm)
Thurs 28 th April	Junior Maths Challenge
Fri 29 th April	Berkshire Schools' Combined Events Championships
Sun 1 st May	Joint Choirs' Concert, Royal Albert Hall



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SQUID UPDATES

The all new sQuid Online portal & sQuid App for parents are now live. A link to the new portal can be found below:

NEW SQUID ONLINE PORTAL

Please remember to bookmark this link for the time being as it is the only way to access the new sQuid online portal, so that you can easily find it the next time you wish to log in and top up.

The sQuid App is now available to download; this will allow you to access and manage your account on iOS and Android devices. Simply click on the App Store or Google Play button to download the App, or search for 'sQuidcard' in the respective stores.

BIKE SHED EXTENDED



Our additional bike shed has been completed over the Easter holidays and is now open. This will provide an extra 20 spaces for students who cycle to school.

SPORTS EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE SUMMER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Futsal (Yr 10) Sports Hall 3.30pm – 4.30pm Basketball (All Years) Gym 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Cricket Club (Yr 7/8) Crickets Nets 3.30pm – 4.30pm (No equip. needed to attend but own equip. is permitted.)	Cricket Club (Yr 9/10) Crickets Nets 3.30pm – 4.30pm (No equip. needed to attend but own equip. is permitted.) Athletics (All Years) Athletics Track 3.30pm – 4.30pm Tennis (All Years) Tennis Courts 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Rounders (All Years) Sports Field 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Futsal (Yr 8) Sports Hall 3.30pm – 4.30pm Running Club All Weather Pitch 3.30pm - 4.30pm



The Business Department are running after school revision masterclasses from 3.30pm - 4.30pm on Mondays in preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams. Key topics we will cover are Finance, Marketing and Ownership Structures as these often feature in the exam. ALL Year 11 GCSE Business students are very welcome.

18th April Finance: sources of finance, cash flow, profit, costs, balance sheets and ratio analysis

25th April Marketing: price, product, promotion, place and the role of market research

9th May Ownership structures: legal structures for businesses including sole traders, partnerships, LTDs and PLCs

Mrs. Wood (Head of Business Studies)



'FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR GCSES' INFORMATION EVENING



Thank you to everyone who attended this very important meeting. These evenings are a great source of information and ideas for parents and students on how to get excellent results in the summer, with a mixture of revision tips, practical advice, extra resources and a chance to network with other parents.

Please find the link below for our Year 11 Revision Guide.

[YEAR 11 REVISION GUIDE](#)

PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING US IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear parents / carers

You will shortly be receiving a welcome pack detailing important information, including our annual Summer Fun fortnight of activities, sports and crafts. Please click the link below for details of Summer Fun.

[SUMMER FUN 2016](#)



SCHOOL NEWS



CHILD DEVELOPMENT TRIP TO FURZE PLATT INFANT SCHOOL



On Tuesday and Thursday this week our Year 10 Child Development students visited Furze Platt Infant School to investigate young learners' education. The deputy headteacher, Mrs Jane Indge, gave us a little tour around the establishment. Furthermore, students had a chance to speak with the teachers to find out what qualifications are needed to work with children. Some of our students were pupils of FPIS themselves and they were amazed by how much the school has changed. Everyone benefited from seeing how young learners' education works in practise: the toys which are used, the equipment, different types of play (creative, messy, role, etc.). We got to know the school's routine (how the day of a young learner looks like). Children from FPIS really enjoyed our visit and were sorry when it was time for us to go.

Miss Paradowska (Teacher of Psychology)



SPORTS NEWS



Well done to our Tennis team and our Year 11 Football team this week. Our Tennis team won in the national cup and our Year 10 Football team are through to the final of the League Cup. Good luck to our Year 11 Football team who are through to the semi-final of the County Cup.



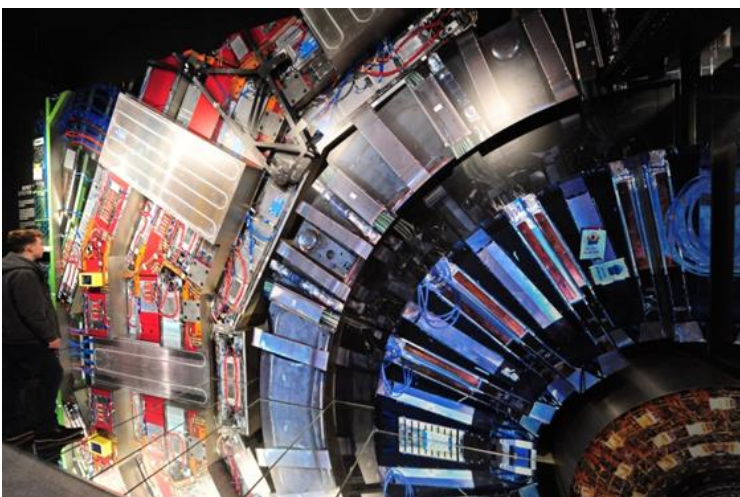
SCIENCE TRIP TO GENEVA, SWITZERLAND



Monday 28th – Thursday 31st March 2016

Over 30 students and staff visited Geneva, Switzerland during half term. The trip was organised by our Science department and culminated in a visit to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Within the three day trip, the group also went to the United Nations Headquarters and an exhibition at CERN, plus the Red Cross Museum.

Thank you to Mr Varnam for leading the trip and to all staff and students involved.





SKI TRIP TO LA THUILE, ITALY



Saturday 2nd – Sunday 10th April 2016

After a long but steady journey, our group of 45 students and staff arrived in Courmayeur. We were met by our rep, Lucia, and ex-Furze Platt Senior School student Laurence Mound, who is training to be a ski instructor in resort.

Our first day of skiing was foggy, which can be a real challenge - even for the most experienced of skiers. However, to a person, Furze Platt's students were exemplary. They did everything their instructors asked of them, working really well in their groups and made fantastic progress as a result. Many miles were covered down some testing runs and each group finished their day's skiing buzzing with excitement about what they had achieved and really looking forward to Tuesday.

The following day was very cloudy but both intermediate and beginner groups made huge progress. These were some of the best beginners we have ever had with great skiing/boarding all round.

The next day was the best day's skiing so far. The day started with six inches of fresh snow and then the sun came out. We covered a lot of ground to make up for the lost time working on technique during the previous two days. After the skiing, we went swimming in the pool by the hotel with both Dan Nutbrown and Dan Wallace outstanding in the diving competition.

Thursday again dawned sunny and bright with the beautiful vista of Mont Blanc dominating the landscape.

Heading up the mountain, everyone was keen to put everything they had learned over the first few days into action. The snow was amazing, conditions were perfect and everyone, from our advanced skiers to the beginner groups were zipping around the mountain. A lot of miles were covered during the day and the evening's activity was ice skating.

With all our groups now skiing like experts, they set off with their instructors with grand visions for the next day's skiing - many aiming to ski over to France and back. Again, both the snow and weather conditions were perfect for working on technique while also being able to ski with the sun out all day.

At the end of the afternoon all groups met at one of the restaurants on the piste for the awards. The instructors presented every student with their certificate for the week. It was fantastic to hear each instructor heap praise on our students for their hard work, determination to succeed, teamwork and good nature.

Thank you to everyone who helped us in the resort and outside, and to all students and staff who went on this trip for making it such a memorable time.

Mr Richards (Assistant Headteacher)





Our Enterprise Club is a group of dedicated Sixth Form Business and Economic students who think up new and enterprising ways to raise funds for the school. Their latest initiative involves selling old or unused IT equipment.

Please click [here](#) to view a list of the products on offer. Please note that these products have not been tested and the Enterprise Club will offer to refund the paid price of any equipment in full. Currently only collection from school is available for all the products, please e-mail enterprise@furzeplatt.net for purchases and enquiries.

New high quality products are now for sale, please view our updated catalogue by clicking [here](#).

[Enterprise Club Product Catalogue](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY AT BERKSHIRE MAESTROS

Are you a student and interested in a Digital Marketing Apprenticeship?

Berkshire Maestros is recruiting for a Digital Marketing Apprentice to begin working at our Reading office in July. If you are looking to make your first steps in a marketing career with a digital marketing emphasis, or are looking to take a year out before going on to higher education to study music, then this could be ideal for you.

This is a supporting role, helping to ensure the smooth operation of all digital marketing requirements within Berkshire Maestros. Employment is on a fixed-term 12 month apprenticeship working towards a level 3 qualification in Web and Social Media.

For further details of the responsibilities and skills requirements, and to apply, please click here. Applications are to be made online to 3AAA (not to Berkshire Maestros).

Closing date – Tuesday 19th April 2016

The successful candidate will be:

- Maintaining and updating websites using Adobe Dreamweaver
- Putting together digital marketing campaigns, including through social media
- Monitoring website traffic
- Creating and monitoring online surveys
- (N.B. Knowledge of music is not essential for this role)

THE BIG QUIZ 2

TAKING PLACE TONIGHT - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD POLICE CADETS NEWSLETTER

MARATHON NEWS FROM MISS HUSSEY

Miss Hussey writes:

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me to run this year's London Marathon. Unfortunately I have injured my left knee, damaging my cartilage and ITB. I am however deferring my place for next year so all money raised so far will be carried over.

Thank you again for your support.



CURRENT VACANCIES

Clerk to the Governing Body

Sixth Form Manager



REMINDERS

Yr12

REPORTS AVAILABLE

Yr13

Please be advised that the Year 12 and 13 March Progress Reports for your children are now available.

The new service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact reports@furzeplatt.net. For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

Yr11

SUPPORT, REVISION & EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

Yr11

As you will appreciate, this is a very significant time for Year 11. As their examinations approach, the end is in sight, and students realise the importance of working hard in order to achieve the grades of which they are capable. Parents and carers are providing a great deal of support and motivation at home. Please click [here](#) to view more details about what extra support and revision we are providing in school, and to explain what will be happening in the weeks running up to and during the exam phase.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

6th

STUDY LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

6th

I am writing to inform you of our arrangements in the build-up to the public examinations. Students should have started their revision and be well underway with preparations for the exams. These exams are very important and you should be noticing a marked difference in the amount of time students are spending on their school work at home. An agreed revision timetable at home works well and it is a good idea to review this every Sunday evening. If you are in any way concerned that your son/daughter is not putting in enough effort at home, please let me know and we can discuss some strategies.

Please see below for a letter with full details of arrangements and an application form for Year 12 to study A2, which must be returned to Mrs Wrenn by Monday 18th April 2016.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

Study Leave Arrangements Letter

Year 12 to study A2 - Recommendation Form

EVENT TAKING PLACE TONIGHT - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

THE BIG QUIZ

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Friday 15th April

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall



per person



people per table

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



Giant Pan Catering

Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet



bar & prize raffle

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 fpss.pta@hotmail.com.

We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued.

For payment by cheque, please email fpss.pta@hotmail.com to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPSS Reception (PTFA drawer).

LAST FEW TABLES REMAINING!



**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

8TH MAY



For ages
9 - 11 & 12-14

From
£90*

SUMMER FUN

AT

**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Monday 25th - Friday 29th July 2016
Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2016
9 am to 3 pm

**A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF
ACTIVITIES, SPORT &
CRAFT**