

Weekly Update: Monday 8th February - Friday 12th February 2016

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NEXT WEEK

Mon 15 th - Fri 19 th February	Half Term Holiday
Mon 22 nd February	Start of Term 4 (Week 2)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 23 rd February	Year 8 Parents' Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Wed 24 th February	Ski Trip Information Evening (Drama Studio from 6pm - 7pm)
Thurs 25 th February	U13 Berkshire Schools' Hockey Tournament
Fri 26 th February	Year 11 Pre-Public Exam: English AQA
Mon 29 th February	Parents Community Group (6pm - 7pm)
Tues 1 st March	PTFA AGM (7.30pm - 8.30pm)
Thurs 3 rd March	U12 Berkshire Schools' Hockey Tournament Year 8 Options Evening (6pm - 9pm)
Fri 4 th March	Duke of Edinburgh Navigation Day (Year 10)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TABLE TOP SALE - SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall 9am –12pm (Sellers from 7.30am)

Entry: Adults(16+) 50p per person, free entry for children.

Table spaces can be booked for £10 per table. Please contact jeff@iifa.co.uk.

SIXTH FORM TOURS 2016



Application Deadline: Friday 12th February at 6pm

Please book tours by contacting furzeplatt@office.com. All tours are scheduled for 9.10am until 10.10am on the following dates:

- Tuesday 23rd February 2016
- Tuesday 1st March 2016
- Tuesday 8th March 2016
- Tuesday 15th March 2016
- Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Sixth Form Prospectus and Course Guide 2016



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



Tuesday 23rd February 2016, 4.15pm - 7.15pm

It will be very useful for students to accompany their parents to this event.

Please follow the "Parent and Student Evening Bookings" link on the school website to organise your appointments. After you have made your bookings you will receive an email confirmation. Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility, so we recommend you choose your preferred times as soon as possible.

If you do not have easy access to the internet then please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please note the following special arrangements:

- Mr Morriss is likely to be extremely busy on the evening. Please only book appointments with him if your child is considering taking an ICT or Computing option for GCSE.
- Ms Jayne will not be available, if you have any specific concerns then please email the school office and these will be passed on to Mrs Avellano, Head of English.

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

CAN YOU HELP?

We would be grateful if the following questionnaires could be completed as we value your feedback. Thank you.

New School Website - Ten Minute Survey

The responses to the questionnaires below will help with our process to build a new school website and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. There are separate questionnaires for parents/carers and for students.

[New School Website: Parent Questionnaire](#)

[New School Website: Student Questionnaire](#)

Travel Plan - One Minute Survey

We are in the process of putting together a new School Travel plan and need to gather a little information about how our students travel to school. Please could you help us by following this link and completing our survey. Please complete one survey per child which will take no more than a minute per child.

[Travel Plan Questionnaire](#)



The Year 11 and Year 8 February Progress Reports for your children are now available via our new online reporting service. This 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. Please [click here](#) for instructions for logging on. Passwords for the new service are generated by Go 4 Schools directly and sent to you by email. If you have not received your password, please check your junk/spam mail in the first instance.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Sheppard, Assistant Headteacher.

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



LEAVERS' HOODIES - ORDER DEADLINE FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY



This is a reminder that the deadline for leavers' hoodies is Friday 12th February. Unfortunately we will not be able to submit any orders placed after this date.

Please [click here](#) for details of pricing, sizes and colours available. All order forms should be handed into Reception with payment in a sealed envelope by this Friday.

Miss L Lewis



OPTIONS EVENING

Thursday 3rd March 2016



Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses - 6pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses - 7pm

As you may be aware, your son/daughter has started to consider what options to choose for Year 9. He/she has discussed this in PSHE, has benefited from taster sessions in option subjects, and in some cases has been mentored by older students. I would now like to invite you, along with your son/daughter, to the school's Options Evening on Thursday 3rd March 2016.

The evening will be split into two parts:

a) Presentation by Mr Towill (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Molin (Head of House responsible for KS3-4 transition), focusing on recent changes to GCSEs and the options open to this year's Year 8 students.

b) Opportunity for all students and their parents/carers to find out more about different subjects by speaking directly to GCSE teachers and current GCSE students at our Options Fair.

In addition, you will be given a copy of our Options Booklet, which gives details of all the courses available next year.

This is an important and popular event, and in order to ensure that you and your son/daughter have plenty of time to find out about different options, there will be a staggered start to the evening. Please arrive at the time below, according to which house your son/daughter is in. The event will last approximately 2 hours.

Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses will begin at 6pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor will begin at 7pm

If you are unable to attend the appropriate time slot please contact Mrs G Dandridge at gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 3rd March 2016.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)

GO 4 SCHOOLS

Following feedback from parents, we have now been able to add your child's timetable to their Go4 Schools profile. When you log on you will see a link under your child's name which you simply click on, showing their lessons and who they are being taught by. We hope this will be a useful addition for you.



SCHOOL NEWS



Seussical was first put forward as an idea for the school musical by Miss Satterthwaite when she arrived at our school 5 years ago. It is safe to say she was right to be obsessed with this musical as the plot winds through different worlds, both tiny and huge, and includes a host of colourful characters, including Dr Seuss' favourites like the Cat in the Hat.

The music does not disappoint either, ranging from latin to pop, swing to gospel and RnB to funk. All of this combined to create a whirlwind of a show, topical in its themes to our current political climate.

As with every year we had a wonderful turn out to the auditions in September, making the job of casting the show very difficult. Everyone involved worked so hard and the result has been our fantastic show.

Each student has been forced to leave their comfort zones both vocally and dramatically, and they have risen to this challenge with such energy and determination throughout rehearsals and shows.

In addition to a fantastic cast, we have also had a flurry of active supporters in the background. Students and staff have made up the various different aspects of the production, from the gifted 7 piece band, GCSE Drama students creating authentic costumes and props, to the incredibly efficient sound and lighting teams, who so often remind the staff involved what is coming up and how to get organised!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs C Gregory and Miss E Satterthwaite



THE CAST

Darcey Richardson, Meg Batstone, Cara McEvoy, Maya Rhucroft, Madeleine Hedges, Giulia Mubeen, Ellie Smith, Ellie Dickens, Hannah Dobson, Charlotte Piggott, Ruby Anne-Lloyd Madeline Smith, Gemma Higley, Imogen Shaw, Natasha Robinson, Patrick Ashe, Jessie Jenks, Anna Gregory, Miya Dapier, Kayleigh Barker Sam MacGregor, Jonathan Stone, Cody Leahy, Freddie MacGregor, Dan Williams, Adam Wilson, Marcus Lewis, Cameron Turner



SPORTS RESULTS



Football:

Our Sixth Form are through to the next round of the Cup which will be vs Sandhurst or Bracknell and Wokingham College.

All other football games were postponed or cancelled this week.

Netball:

Furze Platt's Year 8 girls' netball team unfortunately lost their game but played the best that they had played all season and even the other school commented on what a brilliant team they were. Lottie Fisher and Taylor Crawford were named players of the match.

Hockey:

Our Year 9 girls' hockey team had an excellent evening of hockey on Tuesday. They beat Holyport A team 2-0 and also beat Holyport B team 3-0. Lucy Thornton and Orla Brennan were named players of the match.

SOUTH EAST SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Bexhill – Saturday 5th February

Polly Batstone (Year 11) - U17 Girls 77th

Sammy March (Year 9) – U15 Boys 12th

Elliott Lowe (Year 8) – U15 Boys 81st

Sammy has been selected to represent Berkshire Schools at the English Schools' Cross Country Championships at Wollaton Park, Nottingham in March.

Well done to all three athletes.

SIXTH FORM MUFTI DAY CHARITY TOTAL



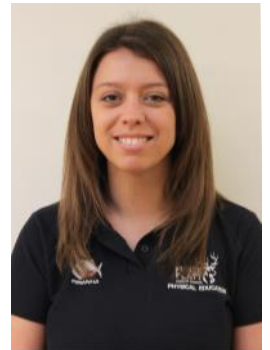
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Congratulations to our Sixth Form who raised this impressive total in aid of World Cancer Day 2016 on Thursday 4th February.

LONDON MARATHON 2016

This year I will be competing in the London Marathon 2016. The challenge has now become very real and I have been training hard since the beginning of January. The race day is Sunday 24th April 2016.

I would really appreciate it if you could give 2 minutes of your time to read my fundraising page. I will be raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital as it is a charity that is very close to my heart.



Thank you,

Miss C Hussey (Head of Windsor House)

<https://www.justgiving.com/charlottehusseymarathon>



COMMUNITY NEWS

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers which will go towards sports equipment. Please bring vouchers into reception, thank you.



CURRENT VACANCIES



Language Assistant (German)

Teacher of MFL, French with German or Spanish



REMINDERS



OFFICE 365 ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS



Office 365 Education is available for free to students who are currently attending Furze Platt Senior School. Services include Office Online (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote), 1TB of OneDrive storage, Yammer, and SharePoint sites.

Students can install the full Office applications on up to 5 PCs or Macs for free. To take advantage of this additional benefit, you'll see the Install Office button on your Office 365 home page after you complete sign-up.

[Click here](#) to sign up, **usernames and passwords have been sent to every student via their school e-mail.**

For further information and FAQs please [click here](#).

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Yr12

YEAR 12 AND 13 PPE RESULTS AND PROGRESS

Yr12

Yr13

Please be advised that the Year 12 and 13 PPE Results and Progress Reports for your children are now available via our new online reporting service. 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. Please [click here](#) for instructions for logging on. Passwords for the new service are generated by Go 4 Schools directly and sent to you by email. If you have not received your password, please check your junk/spam mail in the first instance.

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For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Dollery, Assistant Headteacher.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)

SCHOOL NOTICE

There has been a recent outbreak of headlice in local schools. Whilst less common in secondary schools, outbreaks do occur, so please take the time to check your child over the half term break. At Furze Platt Senior School we will always contact parents if we become aware that your child has headlice and we will send them home to be treated by their parents.

Yr9

GCSE OPTIONS

Yr9

Thank you to all who attended the Year 9 Options Evening. If you were unable to attend please click below for more information.

[Year 9 GCSE Options Booklet](#)



GCSE OPTIONS EVENING



Thursday 3rd March

Important: Year 8 to choose GCSE Options this year. Year 8 GCSE Options Evening to take place on Thursday 3rd March in the Main Hall.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to ensuring that students have a broad curriculum, enjoy their studies, and do extremely well in their examinations. After a great deal of discussion and research, we have decided that Year 8 will choose their GCSE options this year, and start their GCSE studies in Year 9. Provided below is more information about what this means, why we have decided to make this change, and what happens next, including the dates of various important parent information events.

What this means

Key Stage 4, as the GCSE stage is known, will now be three years long, and will begin in Year 9. All students will study English Language and Literature, Maths and either Double or Triple Science. They will take GCSEs in these subjects at the end of Year 11. They will study PSHE, which will not be examined. All students will also study PE and RE, and will choose whether to take GCSEs in these subjects. Students will choose 4 GCSE options, from a very wide range of subjects. They will make these choices later in Year 8. They will then start their GCSEs in Year 9, and complete them in Year 11.

Why we have decided to do this

There are three major benefits to this:

1. Motivation: since students will be studying subjects they have chosen, alongside other students who have chosen the same subjects, they will work harder and achieve better.
2. Pace: students will have longer to complete their GCSEs, allowing more time to master tricky concepts, more time to consolidate their learning, and more time to practise examination skills. This is especially important because the new GCSEs are harder than GCSEs were in the past.
3. Choice: By starting GCSEs in Year 9, students will be able to choose 4 options, rather than 3. This is particularly important because the government would like all students to take 'English Baccalaureate' qualifications, including one language, and either History or Geography. By starting GCSEs in Year 9, students can achieve the English Baccalaureate, and take two other GCSE subjects.

What happens next

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 23rd February from 4.15pm -7.15pm. It is vital you attend this with your son/daughter.

The Year 8 Options' Evening will be on Thursday 3rd March from 6-9pm. During this evening you will receive full information on all the options available, and will be able to meet teachers from all the option subjects. It is vital you attend this with your son/daughter.

Students will hand back their Options Forms to school by Friday 11th March.

Mr Towill (Deputy Headteacher)

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL SIXTH FORM TOURS

Missed our Sixth Form Open Evening?
Call us to book
a tour!



Tours are scheduled for
9.10am–10.10am every
Tuesday from 19 January
to 22 March 2016.

► **Call 01628 625308 to book.**

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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
28th
February





Our successful school is a happy, safe and caring learning community where achievement is promoted, potential realised and young people flourish.

Learning together our students will:

- Be prepared for the future
- Achieve
- Aspire
- Be curious
- Be creative
- Enjoy and value their learning
- Understand and respect others
- Be kind and courteous
- Be confident
- Be resourceful, independent and resilient
- Have broad horizons
- Participate and contribute
- Be active citizens
- Take responsibility

