

Weekly Update: Monday 22nd February - Friday 26th February 2016

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NEXT WEEK

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)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 7 th - Fri 11 th March	Year 12 Drama Exams Week
Tues 8 th - Fri 11 th March	Year 12 & 13 Pre-Public Exams with Study Leave
Tues 8 th March	Year 11 RE Pre-Public Exams (Period 2-3)
Thurs 10 th March	Year 10 Parent and Student Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)



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.

This first event is nearly fully sold out! At time of going to press there were only 4 table space left available (we supply the tables – you pay £10 on the day). Sellers can arrive from 7.30am. If you'd like one of the remaining tables please e-mail jeff@iifa.co.uk.



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS – MARCH 2016



The Sixth Form Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Tuesday 8th to Thursday 10th March 2016. All students will be examined in all of their subjects (with the exception of vocational courses).

Subject teachers will be informing students about which units will be examined in order to help them prepare. More details and a timetable can be found on by clicking [here](#). Students will receive individual timetables which will have details of their seating and specific exam times, including any AS retakes.

Study Leave will be in operation during the PPE programme. There will be no Sixth Form lessons on the 8th, 9th & 10th March, therefore students will only be required to be in school for their exams. Students are expected to revise and prepare for their exams in the environment that suits them best, whether that is at home or coming in to school to use the study rooms. All our usual facilities will be open all week.

Please may I ask you to work with your son/daughter to ensure that they prepare appropriately for the PPEs. They should be following a revision timetable and working steadily and sustainably towards the exams. PPEs are essential preparation for the final AS / A2 examinations next summer.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)



A-LEVEL REVISION PROGRAMME FOR THE EASTER AND MAY HOLIDAYS



We are pleased to be able to offer a range of revision sessions for A-Level students, which will run during the Easter & May holidays. Please click [here](#) to view the letter with full details.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

CAN YOU HELP?

Please could you take a few minutes to complete these questionnaires, thank you.

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 for each child.

[Travel Plan Questionnaire](#)

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](#)



PHOTOGRAPHS



If you are not ordering photos online, Year 11 photograph orders must be returned to the office by Tuesday 8th March.

Thank you.



SUPPORT, REVISION & EXAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016



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)



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



Thursday 10th March 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. Bookings will be open from 6pm on Friday 26th February.

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.

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)



DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 15th March

There will be an important Year 10 Double Award Science Information Evening on Tuesday 15th March at 5:30pm in the Main Hall.

The purpose of this evening is to provide information about how to prepare for the Year 10 exams and the dates of the Pre-Public Exams (PPEs). In addition there will be revision guides available to purchase for £3.50.

Mrs J Heales (Head of Science)



BTEC CONSTRUCTION COURSE



Monday 7th March

Taster session for BTEC Level 1 Construction course for Years 8 & 9.

Year 8 – p 2 & 3

Year 9 – p 4 & 5

This is a practical course where students learn skills including joinery, carpentry, brickwork, painting and decorating, plumbing and electrical installation.

If you'd like your son or daughter to attend this session please contact Miss D. Carty, (Alternative Curriculum Support) via email: desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net.



INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE 2016



GOLD MEDAL

Best in School:	William King	Yr 11	114	Maclauren Olympiad
	John Conacher	Yr 11	102	Maclauren Olympiad
Best in Year 9:	John Baker	Yr 9	66	Grey Kangaroo
	Alex Webb	Yr 9	65	Grey Kangaroo
Best in Year 10:	Immie Harding	Yr 10	64	
	Charlotte Gould	Yr 10	62	



SILVER MEDAL



Daniel Juden	Grey Kangaroo	Yr 9	60
Polly Batstone		Yr 11	59
Sterling O'Donohue		Yr 11	59
Adam Gambrell		Yr 9	59
Lily Harrison		Yr 10	56
Pawel Kowalski		Yr 9	56
Cameron Cassels		Yr 9	56
Thomas Doarks		Yr 10	55
Jemima Hutchinson-May		Yr 9	55
Jacob Barnett		Yr 11	54
George Kirtland Knott		Yr 10	54
Siu Cheung		Yr 11	53
Ollie Stares		Yr 9	53
Lewis Warner-Jones		Yr 9	52
Amy Slater		Yr 11	50
Mateusz Apanel		Yr 11	50
Lewis Finnerty		Yr 10	50



BRONZE MEDAL



Shay Bottomley	Yr 11	48	Branko Borkovic	Yr 10	45
Lucy Thornton	Yr 9	48	Ife Ogidan	Yr 9	45
Mathew Pearson	Yr 11	47	Chloe Moore	Yr 9	45
Matthew Ashworth	Yr 10	47	Benjamin Stepney	Yr 11	44
Jamie Lloyd	Yr 9	47	Daniel Abrahamson	Yr 11	44
Thomas Marland	Yr 9	47	Siraj Khan	Yr 9	44
Olivia Flood	Yr 11	46	Harvey Neeves	Yr 9	44
Hannah Turner	Yr 11	46	Ben Seddon	Yr 10	43
Tom Sutton	Yr 9	46	Laura Thomas	Yr 10	42
Daniel Niculea	Yr 11	45	Adam Somerville	Yr 11	40
Daisy Fokes	Yr 11	45	Findlay Cassels	Yr 11	40
Katie Finnigan	Yr 11	45	Tom Schilling	Yr 11	40
Catrin Osborne	Yr 11	45	Will Davies	Yr 11	40
Gabrielle Ford	Yr 10	45	Molly Fawcett	Yr 11	40
Harvey Fraser	Yr 10	45	Eliot Avellano-Khan	Yr 11	40
Richard Mulvany	Yr 10	45	Tendesai Nyerenyere	Yr 10	40
Alexander Bohdjalian	Yr 10	45	Shaun Elliott	Yr 10	40
Jordan Williams	Yr 10	45			



TEAM MEXICO UPDATE:

In preparation for this July's expedition, during half-term we took 13 of our intrepid adventurers on a PADI scuba diving course run by Quest-Adventures (<http://www.quest-adventures.co.uk/>) who sent four instructors to spend the day with us. Beforehand, the students (and staff) had to study the theory of diving and provide evidence of having completed five knowledge review tests. It was a very long but fruitful day. We left school at 7am and initially spent 5 hours in the pool at Wycombe Abbey School (see below for photos). It was extremely hard work but we all passed the confined water practical tests. At lunchtime, we headed back to FPSS to review what we had learned and sit the theory tests. The pass mark was 75% and incredibly we all scored well over 80%. Our instructor Lee and the rest of his team were full of praise for the students: *"myself and the rest of the crew really enjoyed our time with you all, we do love what we do but it's an extra pleasure when we get to teach a group as responsive and prepared as yours. They were a credit to the school."* We now have to complete four open water dives in Mexico to get our full PADI Open Water Diver qualification. Well done to all the students involved. It was a fantastic day and an amazing experience and your determination to succeed made us very proud of all of you.

Dr Scott & Mr Molin



SPORTS RESULTS



Football:

Year 11 beat St Crispin's, Wokingham 5-2 to go through to the next round of the County Cup.

Year 9 were narrowly beaten by Reading Blue Coat School 3-1.

Hockey:

Well done to everyone who competed at the Berkshire Schools' Hockey tournament, results to follow.



FURZE PLATT ENTERPRISE CLUB



Our Enterprise Club is made of 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 re-fund the paid price of any equipment in full. Currently only collection from School is available for all the products, please e-mail enterprise@furzeplatt.com for purchases and enquiries.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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>

PARENTS' COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

Monday 29th February

We will be holding our next Parents' Community Group meeting on Monday 29th February at 6pm 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 6pm - 7.15pm 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).

Did you attend Cookham Rise Primary School?



Monday 29th February - Leap Day at Longridge
Please click [here](#) for a message from the school.

CURRENT VACANCIES



Language Assistant (German)

Teacher of MFL, French with German or Spanish

Clerk to the Governing Body



FEBRUARY PROGRESS REPORTS



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)

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.

SIXTH FORM TOURS 2016

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

- Tuesday 1st March 2016
- Tuesday 8th March 2016
- Tuesday 15th March 2016
- Tuesday 22nd March 2016

[Sixth Form Prospectus and Course Guide 2016](#)



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)

TAKES 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
28th
February



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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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

