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IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

Fri 25th March - Fri 8th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 28th - Thurs 31st March	CERN Trip (Geneva)
Sat 2nd - Sun 10th April	Ski Trip (La Thuille)
Mon 11th April	INSET Day
Tues 12th April	Start of Term 5 (Week1)
Fri 15th April	PTFA Quiz Night - The Big Quiz 2 (7.30pm - 10pm)
Sat 16 - Sun 17th April	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Wed 20th April	Spring Concert (7.30pm - 10pm)
Wed 27th April	Year 10 Theatre Trip - An Inspector Calls (6pm - 10.30pm)
Thurs 28th April	Junior Maths Challenge
Fri 29th April	Berkshire Schools' Combined Events Championships
Sun 1st May	Joint Choirs' Concert, Royal Albert Hall
Mon 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Tues 3rd May	Year 11 IGCSE English Exams
Wed 4th May	Year 10 PPE: Double Science - Biology/Chemistry (period 2-3)
Fri 6th May	Year 10 PPE: Double Science - Physics (period 2) Year 11 IGCSE English Exams
Fri 6th - Sat 7th May	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Sun 8th May	PTFA Table Top Sale in the Main Hall (10pm - 12pm)
Mon 9th May	University and College Visit
Wed 11th May	Year 9 - University and College Visit 15 x
Fri 27th May	End of Term 5 (3.15pm finish)
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June	Half Term
Mon 6th June	Start of Term 6 (Week 2)

ENDORSEMENT OF HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION AT FURZE PLATT

We have just received the findings of a recent review conducted of the school. At our invitation, we were visited by six experienced senior leaders, including an Ofsted trained headteacher, who spent two days at the school observing lessons and talking to staff and students. We are delighted with their findings which are a ringing endorsement of our hardworking staff and students. Whilst this is not a public report I wanted to share a few highlights from it with you:



'Furze Platt has a good record of achieving results over time that show both good attainment and strong value added at both GCSE and A-Level.'

'Teaching is overwhelmingly good or better.'

'Students show a great sense of belonging and pride in the school.'

'Behaviour seen in class was very good.'

'The Sixth Form is a real strength of the school.'

'Students in the Sixth Form are outstanding leaders.'

The report also contains some extremely practical suggestions to make some aspects of our work even better.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support for the school and to wish you a very happy Easter.

Ms White, Headteacher



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



REPORTS AVAILABLE



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)



**'FINAL PREPARATION
FOR GCSE' INFORMATION
EVENING**



**STUDY LEAVE
ARRANGEMENTS**



Thursday 14th April 2016, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

On Thursday 14th April we are running a "Final Preparation for GCSE" evening for Year 11 students and parents. These evenings are a great source of information and ideas for parents and students on how to get excellent results in the summer. There will be a mixture of revision tips, practical advice, extra resources and a chance to network with other parents.

I hope that you will be able to join us for this important final briefing. If you wish to attend, please complete and return the slip below to Reception.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

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)

**'Final Preparation for GCSE' Information Evening
Reply Slip**

Study Leave Arrangements Letter

Year 12 to study A2 - Recommendation Form



FCSE LANGUAGES AWARD



Last year your child produced some languages work which could be entered for the FCSE Languages Award. Some students found working towards this qualification very motivational even though the award itself is a low level qualification.

We are now at the point where we need to formally submit the work to the examination board and pay the administration fee for the work to be accredited. We are happy to do this so the students can receive recognition for their work, but at the same time are mindful of both the cost and also that not all students produce their very best work during Year 9 and may not achieve the highest grades. Furthermore for students now studying GCSE languages this qualification will be superseded by their GCSE result.

We are therefore asking parents to decide whether they wish their child's Year 9 work to be entered for this examination.

If you require any further information then please contact Miss Lee Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

Please complete the slip below and return it to reception by Wednesday 13th April 2016 if you wish for your child's Year 9 work to be submitted to the examination board.

Glen Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

FCSE Languages Award Reply Slip



EASTER HOUSE CHARITY EVENTS



It has been a fantastic term for our charities. Hundreds of students have been involved with a range of events, which have raised in excess of £1500 so far – thank you to everyone who participated and / or donated.

Events included:

- Sponsored running
- Sponsored silences
- Fancy dress tournament
- Fill smartie tubes with 20p pieces
- Penalty shoot out
- Cake sales
- Sponge a teacher
- Luxury Easter egg raffle
- Guess how many eggs in the jar
- Run 100 miles in 5 form times
- Mufti Day

SUMMER EXAMS

Full timetables for both our GCSE and A-Level exams can be found below.

[GCSE Exam Timetable](#)

[A-Level Exam Timetable](#)

COMPETITION WINNER – VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA



Darcey Richardson (Year 9) recently won a national competition that will see her spend a week in South Africa. The competition, run in conjunction with QPR FC, Microsoft and Acer, meant Darcey's written entry on the importance of football in the community won her prizes from all the sponsors including a week away to Johannesburg and Soweto, a new laptop and QPR goodies. During her time away, Darcey will also be spending time at one of the oldest football clubs in South Africa, the Orlando Pirates. We hope she has a very enjoyable time.

MARLOW HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.

Melissa Barnby & Oliver Baldwin	Lily Bushell & Sergio Collett	Ellen Gomersall & Samuel Cowdery	Anya Idrizi & Sam Jons	Lauryn Tagne & Freddie MacGregor	Ava Neeves & Kyle Ovens	Olivia Brienza & Adam Somerville	Charlotte Williams & Jake Streatfield

SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

The following students have been nominated for their work in specific subjects. Well done to them all.



ART & DESIGN



- Year 7** Carmen Hernansanz Santos/Nick Cowdery
- Year 8** Katerina Despiniadis/Philip Harrit
- Year 9** Kitty Cogswell/Samuel Holdford
- Year 10** Anabel Spear/Angus Bramwell
- Year 11** Holly Roberts/Sam Lloyd
- Year 12** Lucy Mansfield
- Year 13** Megan Webb



BUSINESS



- Year 10** Tanya Newman/Shawn Elliott
- Year 11** Amy Lockhart Wheeler/Martin Filipov
- Year 12** Layth Al-Wakil
- Year 13** Fred Kirby

ECONOMICS

- Year 12** Tiffany Gardner
- Year 13** Charlie Sharpe



CITIZENSHIP



- Year 8** Sophie Sutton/Edward Lattimer
- Year 9** Lucy Thornton/Sam Allen
- Year 10** Jessica Jenks/Alexander Norris
- Year 11** Claire Fan/Kieran Maynard



DRAMA



- Year 7** Olivia Brienza/Flynn Sturdy
- Year 8** Anya Idrizi/Freddie MacGregor
- Year 9** Gemma Higley/Pawel Kowalski
- Year 10** Cara McEvoy/Tendesai Nyerenyere
- Year 11** Madeline Smith/Max Selby
- Year 12** Ben Williams
- Year 13** Ashe Robinson



ENGLISH



- Year 7** Anna Howley/Freddie Stevens
- Year 8** Cara Alberts/William Reeve
- Year 9** Beth Murray/Tobias Lattimer
- Year 10** Manmeet Saundh/Asim Malik
- Year 11** Louisa Snape/Zach Penman
- Year 12** Samuel MacGregor
- Year 13** Robert White

MEDIA

- Year 12** Elsie Brown
- Year 13** Harry Difford



PROGRESS IN ENGLISH



- Year 7** Amy Tull/Haris Davis-Hussain
- Year 8** Georgia Gordon/Rhys Mills
- Year 9** Millie Harvey/Harrison Thorne



GEOGRAPHY



- Year 7** Eliza Stevenson/James Quin
- Year 8** Tahlia Ratcliffe/Kyle Bramwell
- Year 9** Jemima Hutchinson-May/Jake Streatfield
- Year 10** Nina Baston/Thomas Hassell
- Year 11** Polly Batstone/Will Parsons
- Year 12** Abbie Bird
- Year 13** Maddie Duffield



HISTORY



- Year 7** Emily Willcocks/Alfie Graham
- Year 8** Imogen Turner/Edward Roberts
- Year 9** Liv Howley/Joshua Hewitt
- Year 10** Sakina Ghadiyali/Cody Leahy
- Year 11** Verity Rose/Daniel Cooper

HISTORY/GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

- Year 12** Harry Gray
- Year 13** Hayden Kyle-Davidson



ICT



- Year 7** Mia Steadman/Henry Edwards
- Year 8** Amber Hemsley/Joseph Tarbit
- Year 9** Hollie O'Neill/Steven Johnstone
- Year 10** Charlotte Piggott/Navjyot Notay
- Year 11** Molly Baston/John Conacher
- Year 12** Jake Eaton
- Year 13** Ignacy Prystupa



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



- Year 7** Abby Jones/Max Bird
- Year 8** Brooke Hanson/Farhaan Razaq
- Year 9** Millie Stibbs/Muhammad Summandar
- Year 10** Megan Green/Adam Simmonds
- Year 11** Laura Marlow/Benjamin Stepney
- Year 12** Francis Homer
- Year 13** Charlie Pridmore

DANCE

- Year 11** Celia Turner
- Year 13** Rachel Beavis



LANGUAGES



- Year 7** Rebecca Matthews/Sean Wilson
- Year 8** Emma Cowley/Peter Somerville
- Year 9** Orla Brennan/Daniel Impey
- Year 10** Holly Allen/Jordan Allen
- Year 11** Olivia Flood/Matthew Rapley
- Year 12** Claire Phillips
- Year 13** Eliza Scott



PSYCHOLOGY



- Year 12** Ella Graham
- Year 13** Erin Cartwright

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

- Year 12** Chante Langenhoven
- Year 13** Beccy Collins



MUSIC



- Year 7** Nicola Oakley/Joseph Collyer
- Year 8** Sacha Clements/Mihalis Despiniadis
- Year 9** Gabriella Hassell/Duncan Bentley
- Year 10** Anna Gregory/Finn Geraghty
- Year 11** Katie Finnigan/Nicholas Lattimer
- Year 12** Isobel Sebire
- Year 13** Jonathan Cooper



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



- Year 7** Daisy Harris/Arun Blundell
- Year 8** Kirsty Emmett/Sam Davies
- Year 9** Sophie Caldwell/Dominik Kurpiel
- Year 10** Gabrielle Ford/Luc O'Kelly
- Year 11** Molly Fawcett/Oliver Okonkwo



MATHEMATICS



- Year 7** Melissa Barnby/Jamie Ashworth
- Year 8** Rhiannon Williams/Elliot Lowe
- Year 9** Maya Rhucroft/Alex Webb
- Year 10** Laura Thomas/Elliot Busby
- Year 11** Amy Slater/Lewis Caldwell
- Year 12** Samuel Sheppard
- Year 13** Libby Parsons



SCIENCE



- Year 7** Ava Neeves/Oliver Anderson
- Year 8** Bethan Terry/Patrick Flood
- Year 9** Bethany Admans/Daniel Juden
- Year 10** Charlotte Gould/Ryan King
- Year 11** Sofia Hussain/Jamie Coulson

BIOLOGY

- Year 12** Evan Charles
- Year 13** Sarah Robbins

CHEMISTRY

- Year 12** Bella Fishwick
- Year 13** Katherine Wilson

HUMAN BIOLOGY

- Year 13** Ross Standage

PHYSICS

- Year 12** Jack Williams
- Year 13** Matthew Impey



TECHNOLOGY



- Year 7** Amelia Ballard/James Okonkwo
- Year 8** Nancy Huband/Daniel Nutbrown
- Year 9** Amber Miles/Harvey Neeves
- Year 10** Sophia Smith/Matthew Ashworth
- Year 11** Jessica McClintock/Barnaby Flew

PRODUCT DESIGN

- Year 12** Adam Mitchell
- Year 13** Hassan Akhtar



CHILD DEVELOPMENT



- Year 10** Lily Nobles
- Year 11** Marley Hickman



REMINDERS



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Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



SUPPORT, REVISION & EXAM ARRANGEMENTS



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)

POLITE REMINDER

Please do not use Deansfield Close or neighbouring streets as a pickup / drop off area for students. Thank you.



A-LEVEL REVISION PROGRAMME FOR THE EASTER & 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.



THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE 2016



Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July 2016

Every year we take a group of students to the Yorkshire Dales to take part in the world famous Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge. This incredible trip gives students the opportunity to really push themselves against some of the toughest terrain in the UK, work effectively in a team and experience God's own county's finest views. We are running the expedition for Year 10 this year, the cost of which is £120 (there are subsidies available). Spaces are limited and we are asking students to submit a short letter of application stating how they would benefit from this experience. This letter should be addressed to Mr Richards and Mr Randall and be submitted before Wednesday 23rd March. We will contact all successful applicants after the Easter holiday. At this point we will provide the permission slip and details of payment.

The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge is a serious physical test that involves covering a marathon (26 miles) distance and over 5000ft of ascent. Students need to be fit in order to take part. The training sessions are designed to prepare students for this challenge and they will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings (7.45am) in the new gym.

We will be holding fitness tests in the run up to the event and, whilst we will put support packages in place for students who fail the first test, students who fail the final test will not be at an appropriate level of fitness to take part in the challenge and will be unable to attend. If your son/daughter has been attending the training sessions they will easily pass the fitness tests.

ITINERARY

We will be departing from school on the morning of Friday 1st July and returning to school at around 3pm on Sunday 3rd July.

We aim to arrive at our campsite in the Yorkshire Dales in the late afternoon. We will all have a fish and chip supper, set up camp and have a nice relaxed evening ready for the challenge ahead.

On Saturday morning, we will start the hike at around 8am. Our mountain leaders will meet us at a nearby café and we will aim to complete the 26 mile route in under 10 hours. Upon our return to camp, we will shower, change and head out to the local curry house. We will come home for an early bedtime. On the Sunday morning, we will wake up, pack up and leave.

We will provide breakfast, lunch, all energy snacks and drinks on the walk, a support vehicle for the event, all transport, pitch fees, mountain leaders (guides) and fish and chips and curry on the Saturday night.

KIT LIST

- Waterproof trousers (it rains a lot in Yorkshire)
- Waterproof jacket
- Good WORN IN walking boots
- Access to a tent
- Sleeping bag
- Roll mat
- Day pack (small bag to carry for 10 hours)
- Clothes to walk in and a change for travelling and evening meal
- Warm jumper - as it can get cold at night
- A warm hat (possibly gloves, but keep an eye on the forecast)
- A change of shoes
- Money for food

USEFUL LINKS

[The Campsite](#)

[The Route](#)

If you have any further questions please contact us here at school.

Mr S Richards and Mr Randall (Trip Leaders)



Learning Together

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SIXTH FORM MANAGER

32 hours per week term time only + one week

£16,300 - £18,400 (depending on experience) FTE £21,772 - £24,657

Required from June 2016.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone with a passion for working with young people in a job that makes a difference to their future. The Sixth Form Manager will provide confidential management and support for student development under the direction of the Head of Sixth Form.

Due to the high level of responsibility and broad scope of duties, a willingness to be flexible in both sharing and scheduling the work are essential components of this job.

Main purpose of role and Key Accountabilities

1. To support the Head of Sixth Form by having a marked impact on the attainment, achievement and progress of Sixth Form students.
2. To provide an environment that ensures Sixth Form students have the ability to undertake effective independent study.
3. To support Sixth Form students' development by providing pastoral support and guidance.
4. To act as a main point of contact and liaison with parents, teachers, Sixth Form tutors and relevant external agencies regarding Sixth Form student concerns.
5. To provide administrative support and general office management.
6. To assist with, organise and attend Sixth Form events.

The successful candidate will:

- Have exceptional interpersonal / student liaison and time-management skills.
- Have the ability to confidently supervise and manage groups of students.
- Be capable of working collaboratively with a wide range of people, sometimes within sensitive / pressurised situations.
- Be capable of working independently and showing initiative to resolve problems.
- Be organised, hardworking and energetic, with a good sense of humour.
- Promote and safeguard the welfare of students at the school and to act as an appropriate role model for young people.

Further details and application information are available on our website at

www.furzeplatt.com. Please return to Mrs G Dandridge, via email:

gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net before the closing date.

Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.

This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

Closing date: 9:00am Friday 22nd April
Interviews: w/c Monday 25th April

Child Sexual Exploitation/Online Safety Awareness

For parents and carers

Date: 9th May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm (Refreshments available from 6.15pm)

Venue: 4 Marlow Road Youth Centre, Maidenhead, SL67YR

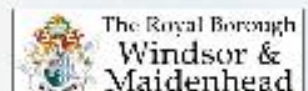
Parking at 4 Marlow Road is available but limited – there is also parking available at the Magnet Leisure Centre

The session will cover:

- What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Signs of CSE
- Young peoples vulnerabilities
- Grooming
- How to stay safe online
- Cyber bullying
- Where to get help

The session is **FREE** to attend and spaces must be booked in advance by emailing wamster@rbwm.gov.uk

For further information please call 01628 683964 or email us using the email address above



THE BIG QUIZ **2**

Friday 15th April

7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall



£15

per person



MAX.8

people per table

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



FOOD

Giant Pan Catering

Paella, Tartiflette,
Champignons Forestiere
and Cassoulet



PLUS

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).