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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Mon 21 st - Thurs 24 th March	Year 13 Drama Exams
Tues 22 nd March	Mufti Day
Thurs 24 th March	End of Term 4 (12.30pm finish)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 25 th March - Fri 8 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 28 th - Thurs 31 st March	CERN Trip (Geneva)
Sat 2 nd - Sun 10 th April	Ski Trip (La Thuile)
Mon 11 th April	INSET Day
Tues 12 th April	Start of Term 5 (Week1)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MUFTI DAY-TUESDAY 22ND MARCH

There will be a Charity Non-Uniform Day on Tuesday 22nd March. If students wish to wear their own clothes, they must purchase a ticket for a minimum donation of £1. All monies raised will go to this year's house charities. Tickets will be on sale during tutor time next week.

The charities that each house has chosen to support this year are:



**REPORTS
AVAILABLE**



Please be advised that the Year 8 and Year 11 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 Head.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



**Save The Children
- refugee crisis
appeal**



Water Aid



**Taplow Animal
Sanctuary**



**Leukaemia
Research**



Woofability



Limbcare



Click Sargent



**SpecialEffect -
The gamers'
charity**



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
- Some 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)



VISIT TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



'Learning in the Cerebellum'

A number of our Year 12 Psychology students attended a lecture entitled 'Learning In The Cerebellum: An Auto-Pilot System In The Human Brain' given by Professor Narender Ramnani at Royal Holloway. Students were impressed with the university building and the quality of research done at the university. This trip helped them with the understanding of the working of the cerebellum – one of the brain structures they have learnt about in the lesson. Thanks to Mr Marris for volunteering to drive us all.

Miss R Paradowska



SPORTS RESULTS



VISIT TO READING UNIVERSITY



'Heroines in Science'

Year 8 knocked out Kennet School winning 5-0 in the cup and will play Charters on Tuesday at FPSS.

Year 11 boys' football team beat Reading School 3-1 to go through to the County Cup semi final and will play Forest on 14th April at FPSS.

Sixth Form drew with Bulmershe School 1-1 in the league and also have a cup game on Wednesday at FPSS vs Bracknell and Wokingham College.

Year 10 beat Charters 3-0 in the league.

Year 10 girls visited Reading University to take part in a range of activities including attending their 'Heroines in Science' seminar. The girls enjoyed themselves thoroughly and well done to Charlotte Gould for winning the poster competition.

Mr D Varnam



MUSICAL RECORDINGS



Some of our Year 9 students have made recordings from recent projects. One group wrote a song and performed it, and the other group chose to cover a song. The songwriting group includes Hollie O'Neill, Molly Sammes, Lydia Rickard and Gabriella Hassell and the performers in the cover song group are Gemma Higley, Harrison Stevens, Kevan McCormack, Louis Forisky, Lewis Duncombe and Leeya Weitz.

Songwriting Recording

Cover Song Recording



HYGIENE PACKS FOR REFUGEES

Our Wednesday assembly last week was presented by visitors from Refugee Relief Slough, Maidenhead and Windsor. This charity works to support the refugees in Calais and Dunkirk.

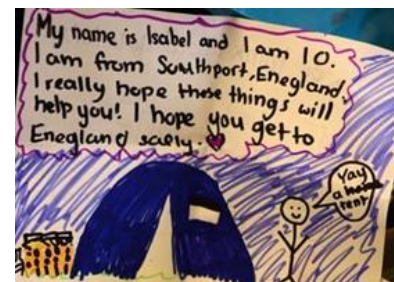
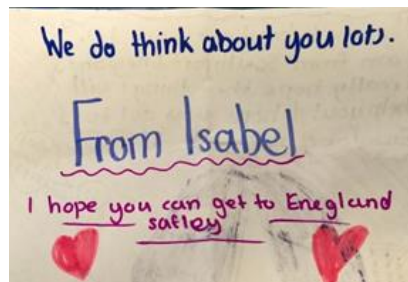
They explained to the students what refugees were; why they had left their homes, how they had made their journeys and the appalling and unhygienic conditions where they are presently living.

The school would like to support this charity in their work to help the refugees in the camps in Calais and Dunkirk by making hygiene packs which are desperately needed. Keeping clean is a major challenge as there are few showers and most people get water from standpipes. The children saw some (appropriate) pictures of the conditions in the camps so they were able to appreciate the needs of the refugees and how they may be able to help.

The charity will supply a bag to every one of our students who would like to help by creating a hygiene pack. Of course, your support will be needed and very much appreciated.

THE CONTENTS OF EACH HYGIENE PACK NEED TO BE:

- A new toothbrush
- A tube of toothpaste
- A comb
- A roll-on deodorant
- A small pack of baby wipes
- A small bottle of hand sanitiser



The final item is optional but will add a personal and compassionate touch: it would be lovely for your child to write a small card, postcard or message to show support and encouragement to a refugee.

The charity's work is entirely humanitarian. It understands that not all families will want to support this initiative; some of you will already be involved, others may have political views which mean you can't support it.

If you would like to find out more about the charity's work, see the website or Facebook page

<https://refugeesupportblog.wordpress.com/> or

https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeReliefSloughandMaidenhead1506263183009936/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Refugee Relief - Slough, Maidenhead and Windsor is part of Open Charity Information for Schools

Many thanks for your help



Following the fantastic response we had to the all-new big quiz in November we're pleased to announce that The Big Quiz 2 is on Friday 15th April.

Featuring games-style rounds as well as the usual music, trivia and pictures.

Food from Giant Pan Catering - Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet, plus a bar and prize raffle.

Start time: 7.30pm until 10.30pm

Only £15 per person. Table max size: 8 but you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.

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).

Jeff Lloyd (Head of PTFA)

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>

APPRENTICESHIPS INFORMATION

ICAEW Parents Evening

DATE: TUESDAY 22 MARCH 2016

TIME: 17:30-19:00

LOCATION: GREEN PARK CONFERENCE CENTRE, READING



CURRENT VACANCY

Clerk to the Governing Body



EASTER HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

Please call 01628 502641 for details.



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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)



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.

LAST SIXTH FORM TOUR 2016

Tuesday 22nd March 2016 9.10am-10.10am.

Please book by contacting furzeplatt@office.com.

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

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY -5TH JULY 2016

Students who take part in extra curricular music activities are invited to join a trip to see the London production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on Tuesday 5th July. Letters will be given out to these students this Monday.

This trip serves as a reward for all those who have taken part in extra-curricular music activities throughout the year. We hope that the production will inspire them to continue performing next year. For many taking GCSE and A-Level, it will also help with their understanding of musicals – a topic which is studied in both exams. The trip is not compulsory, but we would warmly recommend it.

The coach to London will leave school at 4.15pm on the Tuesday, so please be at school by **4pm** and we will return by 11.30pm. Students will be advised of a more accurate return time when we leave London. Once we arrive, we will stop for dinner at McDonald's before heading to the theatre. Students should bring money to be able to purchase dinner. In order for the trip to proceed, we require payment of **£30**. If you require help with covering the cost of this trip, please contact Mr Dingley as soon as possible. You may pay using online banking (details on the reply slip on the letter), or by cheque (payable to 'Furze Platt Senior School').

If you wish to take part, please return the form on the letter **labelled 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Trip'** and make payment by Tuesday 12th April. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Students who are not part of the extra curricular music groups but who would like to participate in this trip should see Mrs Gregory or Mr Dingley.

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

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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

