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NEXT WEEK

Mon 30th May - Friday 3rd June

Half Term Holiday

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 6th June

Start of Term 6 (Week 2)

Parents' Community Group (6pm - 7pm)

Mon 6th - Fri 10th June

Year 12 Careers/Work Experience Week

Tues 7th June

PTFA Meeting (7.30pm - 8.30pm)

Thurs 9th June

Year 6 Induction Evening for Parents (6.30pm - 7.30pm or 8pm - 9pm)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



CORE EDUCATION



After half term we will be studying Identity and Diversity in CORE lessons and our focus will be on the study of Christianity, Islam and Sikhism. We will have visitors in to speak to our Year 7 students on these subjects, beginning with Gideons International.

Any questions please feel free to contact Miss Stirling, Head of Religious Education at lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net.



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Wednesday 29th June to Tuesday 5th July. They take place during the normal school day, and students will be expected to be in lessons if they do not have an exam. As with previous years, there is, therefore, no 'study leave' for PPEs and students will be in school from 8.45am to 3.15pm as usual. However, when students have afternoon exams they will be permitted to leave after the exam finishes. Please note that, while some exams will finish before 3.15pm, there are some subjects that will not finish until 3.30pm.

During the exams Year 10 will have their Break 2 at an earlier time than usual. This will run from 12.45pm to 1.15pm. They will then start their afternoon exam after that.

Details of timings are on the letter below. Students will receive individual timetables which will have details of their seating and specific exam times.

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 GCSE examinations next summer.

PPE results will be given to students on Friday 15th July.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday 6th June, 6-7pm, Learning Resource Centre

We are delighted to announce that Bethan Osborne (parent) will be the guest speaker at our Parents' Community Meeting, to be held at Furze Platt Senior School on Monday 6th June at 6pm. Bethan is a member of Excellent Education for Everyone (EE4E). This presentation is at the request of the Parents' Community Group who wish to learn more about how the group is challenging the proposal for a local satellite grammar school.

Please email wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net if you would be interested in attending.

[Year 10 Pre-Public Exams Letter](#)



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2016



**Best in School
Best in Year 8**

GOLD MEDAL

Kyle McDonald Yr 8 **107**
Amber Hemsley Yr 8 **92**

**Qualified for Junior Kangaroo
Competition**



SILVER MEDAL



Aaron Kew	Yr 8	79
Sam Davies	Yr 8	78
Adam Gibbon	Yr 8	77
James Ashworth	Yr 7	76
Kirsty Emmett	Yr 8	75
Elise Brammer	Yr 8	72
Kyna McCall	Yr 8	71
Rajveer Notay	Yr 8	71
Caitlin Murray	Yr 8	70
Oliver Fitzgerald	Yr 7	70
Saffron Minter	Yr 8	69
Natalie Finnigan	Yr 8	65
Jayne Newman	Yr 8	65
Billy Gurney	Yr 7	65
Freddie Stevens	Yr 7	65



BRONZE MEDAL



Owen Bagshaw	Yr 8	64	Peter Somerville	Yr 8	55
Harry Twite	Yr 8	64	Kyle Ovens	Yr 7	55
Vivienne Langton	Yr 7	64	Jake Allaker	Yr 7	55
Patrick Flood	Yr 8	62	James Quin	Yr 7	55
Jack Betteridge	Yr 8	62	Sean Wilson	Yr 7	55
Stephani Gaibani	Yr 7	60	Freddie Smith	Yr 7	54
Benjamin Sheppard	Yr 7	60	Jamie Dobson	Yr 7	54
Xanthe Ashe	Yr 8	59	Fraser Quin	Yr 7	54
Isabella Considine	Yr 7	58	Charlie Ferriman	Yr 7	53
Imogen Turner	Yr 8	57	Gemma Antinoro	Yr 7	53
Daniel Webb	Yr 8	57	Harvey Bates	Yr 7	52
Freddie Grant	Yr 8	56	Elicia Mercer	Yr 7	52
Joseph Tyne	Yr 8	56	Adam Cuva	Yr 7	52
Rachel Kirtland	Yr 8	56	Sakib Khan	Yr 8	51
Milan Patel	Yr 7	56	Rebecca Fisk	Yr 8	51
Inshal Rizvi	Yr 7	56	Ellen Gomersall	Yr 7	51
Freya Allen	Yr 8	55			



BAKE MY DAY, HENLEY!



On Friday 20th May, Henley house captains Olivia Edwards and Charlie Gregory organised this year's Henley Bake Sale in aid of this year's charity, The Link Foundation. Once again, the contributions made by Henley students were outstanding. Cakes came flooding in their baker's dozens in all shapes and sizes, from salted caramel cupcakes to chocolate fudge brownies, and millionaire shortcake to Victoria sponges. Students had clearly been very busy kneading and baking their cakes in support of the event.

It didn't take long for news of the impending bake sale to get round school, and there were soon queues outside the Sixth Form block in scenes reminiscent of the final of the Great British Bake Off. Staff and students alike were keen to get their hands on the varied choice of baking delights.

One young man was quoted as saying "They do make exceedingly good cakes!" James Kipling, Year 8. While another remarked "This year's bake sale is the most exciting yet!" Teri Berry Year 7.

The event was a resounding success, which raised a staggering £77.85 for The Link Foundation, a Maidenhead based children's charity. Many thanks to all the parents who helped support their sons and daughters with the baking, the staff and students who supported the event and to the collaboration between all the different house captains who helped to sell all of the cakes.

Mr Molin (Head of Henley House)



EXAM PROGRESS

Well done to all students who have been taking exams so far this year and good luck to all those revising next week.

Mrs Hemsley and her team have laid out over 3000 individual papers on the desks of more than 500 students, with more exams taking place after the half term.



COMMUNITY NEWS

TEACH MAIDENHEAD

TRAINEES ALL PLACED IN JOBS

Congratulations to all our Teach Maidenhead 2014-15 trainee teachers who have successfully completed the course and have found jobs in the following schools:

Alice Streames-Smith – Teacher of English at Cox Green School

Monika Tristram and Tom Seddon – Teachers of Maths at FPSS

Dan Haldane – Teacher of Physics at FPSS

Anthony Ratcliffe – Computing and ICT Teacher at The Beaconsfield School

Julian Bradbury – Computing and ICT Teacher at John Colet School in Wendover

Lynn Del Lewis – Food Specialist at Upton Grammar School

We are really proud of their achievement and of the fact that they have all found teaching posts either within the Teach Maidenhead Consortium (Furze Platt Senior School, Cox Green, Altwood and Desborough College) or at other local schools.



TREASURER VACANCY

The PTFA require a new treasurer from September 2016.

You don't need to be an accountant, just to be organised, able to use Excel and have an hour or two a week to spare to help support the school. The Treasurer has overall responsibility for managing the PTFA funds and complying with the legislation governing charities.

The PTFA is Furze Platt's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association organises both social and fundraising events. In the last 2 years, we have funded the Drama studio seating, a Heat press for the Art Department, The Ukulele orchestra, plus all minibus costs and maintenance.

Please contact Sue Giles at fpss.pta@hotmail.com, for more information.

NORDEN FARM'S YOUNG LEADERSHIP SCHEME

The programme is open to students aged between 14 – 18 years old, and allows them to gain skills and work experience that are transferrable to a wide range of contexts.

The programme can be used towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Young Leaders play an important part of the holidays at Norden Farm. Assisting craft and storytelling sessions and front of house activity, working alongside professional arts practitioners and leading an end of week open workshop for local children and families.

Participants in the programme benefit from up to 3 training and mentoring sessions throughout the leadership week.

The programme, which runs throughout the summer holidays is open to young people, aged 14- 18 years.

[Norden Farm Young Leadership Scheme](#)



DATA COLLECTION

Letters have been sent out via form tutors to your son /daughter, as new details required from the DfE now include their country of birth and nationality. Please can you specify the specific country of birth (rather than 'UK') and return the completed form to Reception as soon as possible. If you have any queries or have not received the original letter, please e-mail: reports@furzeplatt.net.

Thank you.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)



REMINDERS FOR SIXTH FORM



Lanyards and ID Badges

These must be worn around school at all times. They are not only your entry to the school grounds, they are also your identification as a student at Furze Platt.

5mph Speed Limit

To ensure safety around school, the speed limit for cars is 5mph. Drivers who go above this limit may have their parking permission revoked.



RE-SCHEDULED SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS



Due to the popularity of the Year 11 Science revision classes over half term, we would like to re-schedule some of the sessions in order to be able to accommodate everybody.

Please could we ask that all students look at the revised timings attached and, where possible, go to the sessions that apply to them. If students only intend to go to maths then they should stick to the original times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Heales (Head of Science)

SKI TRIP - EASTER 2017

Arrangements have now been made to run a ski trip to Italy during the Easter holidays of 2017, departing Saturday 1st April and returning Sunday 9th April. After the resounding success of this year's trip, we will again be travelling with Interski to La Thuile in the Aosta Valley.

Please see below for the letter with full details and reply slip.

Mr Richards (Ski Trip 2017 Co-ordinator)

[Ski Trip 2017 Letter & Reply Slip](#)

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - SUMMER TERM

Please see below for a full list of our current school clubs. We are proud to be able to offer a huge variety of activities. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them.

[School Clubs List](#)

ICELAND TRIP - EASTER 2017

The Geography Department at Furze Platt Senior School is well known for organising a range of excellent trips both in terms of preparing students for examinations, and also offering an experience of a lifetime. In 2015 we took our first trip to Iceland during the Easter Break. This was exciting for the school and department and it proved to be a huge success.

We are excited to be offering a second trip to Iceland during the Easter Break of 2017. Although this trip will offer excellent support to the work that students cover in A Level and GCSE, this will be run as a purely optional trip giving Furze Platt students the chance, every two years, to experience the raw power of Geography in an environment very different to that of the UK!

Please see below for a letter with full details.

Mr Fraser (Iceland Trip 2017 Co-ordinator)

[Iceland Trip 2017 Letter](#)

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SUMMER FUN

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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,
DRAMA & FILM SCHOOL**



The Furze Platt Voices

Wednesday 15th June at 7.00 pm
Drama Studio
Furze Platt Senior School

Tickets available from the Music
Department - Price £5.00

All proceeds will be donated to
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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
10TH JULY**

