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IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th October	Half Term
Mon 2 nd November	Start of Term 2 (Week 1)
Wed 4 th November	Year 12 'Safe Drive, Stay Alive' (1pm - 3.30pm)
Thurs 5 th November	Senior Maths Challenge
Mon 9 th November	UCAS Deadlines Parents' Community Group Meeting (6pm - 7pm)
Tues 10 th November	PTFA Meeting (7.30pm - 8.30pm)
Wed 11 th - Thurs 12 th November	Year 12 Art pre-public exams
Thurs 12 th November	Year 13 Parents' Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm)
Mon 16 th November	Year 12 Media (12D) pre-public exams
Mon 16 th - Tues 17 th November	Year 12 Photography pre-public exams
Wed 18 th November	Year 9 Theatre Trip - War Horse (4.45pm - 11pm)
Fri 20 th November	Year 11 pre-public exams
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th November	Year 11 pre-public exams (Continue)
Wed 9 th December	Christmas Concert (7.30pm - 10pm)
Thurs 10 th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm)
Mon 14 th - Tues 15 th December	Year 13 pre-public exams
Fri 18 th December	End of Term 2 (12.30pm finish)
Mon 21 st December - Fri 1 st January	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 th January	Start of Term 3



SCHOOL NEWS



FURZE PLATT STUDENT WINS FOYLE YOUNG POETS OF THE YEAR AWARD



Jonathan Stone (Year 13) has been named as one of 15 winners of Foyle's national competition. Jonathan's poem 'Pfbt' was one of over 12 thousand entries from almost 70 countries.

"Pfbt - pronounced as a sort of exasperated braying sigh - is about death and people's reactions to it, broadly speaking. The first thing to come to me was the image of a silently-deflated balloon, and how anticlimactic it is without a squeak, pop or anything else - I hit on the conceit of all the different endings of a balloon being like all the ways people die, and more specifically, the ways we're remembered." Please [click here](#) to read 'Pfbt'.



On Friday 16th October eleven Year 10 students took part in the Lionheart Regional Final. These students were part of the winning team from the in-school competition held in June.

We made our way to Hackney Town Hall via public transport (due to a last minute minibus break-down) and despite arriving 30 minutes late (rush hour, London travelling!) the students got straight into the challenge, hitting the ground running.

Students were tasked with coming up with a 'Social Action Project which would deliver a ground-breaking impact for a chosen citizen group'. Their product/service was called the 'Parent Pass', a discount card which could be used by single parents to get discounts in certain stores and on certain products in Maidenhead town centre.

During the day students worked with industry experts to help them develop their concept and the marketing and financial aspects of their product/service. They worked with members of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM), CIMA qualified accountants and students from The Glasgow School of Art. They had access to real market research databases to help them to understand their market.

At the end of the day students had to present their ideas to a panel of judges. Olivia Webster and Gabrielle Ford represented the group for the presentation and confidently presented their concept to an audience of over 200 people. The presentation was clear, evidence of a fantastic team effort during the day with all members making some great contributions.

Students won the trophy for the 'Best Product Concept' on the day and although they didn't make it through to the National Final they did really well against some very tough competition.

The students were a pleasure to be with throughout the day and conducted themselves really well both on the (busy) journey to and from the event and also during the day itself.

A massive 'Congratulations' to all involved.

Mrs Boswell



LionHeart
Challenge

OUR TEAM:

Olivia Webster
Tendasai Nyerenyere
Rowan Beattie
Lee Costello
Emilia Forman
Will Halliday
Tom Hassell
Josh Lindley
Gabrielle Ford
Holly Allen
Anabel Spear



PERFORMANCES AT OPEN EVENING

As part of the school open evening, a number of our students volunteered to perform in a concert for parents. The performances were a great success with students from Year 8 to Year 13 performing. The evening included a tutorial where some of our sixth-form Music students learned how to use our recording studio and recorded a number of the performances.

Two of these recordings have been edited and you can listen to them by clicking the links below. The two recordings feature Josh Davies singing and playing Guitar and Beth Wright-Paramio and Elsie Brown on Guitar and Voice respectively.

Mr Dingley (Music Department)

[Josh Davies](#)

[Beth Wright-Paramio and Elsie Brown](#)

WOOFABILITY CHARITY VISITS ETON HOUSE

Last week Eton House were visited by Woofability, a charity which uses dogs to support people with disabilities. Please [click here](#) to see some more pictures from the day.



MR DJAELANI'S BLOG

Please [click here](#) to see the latest blog entry to his World Title blog.

UPDATE: TEAM MEXICO

Please [click here](#) to see an article written by Alex Hodgetts .

LEISURE CENTRE OPENING HOURS FOR STUDENTS

After school 3.15 – 4.30pm Monday to Thursday

Monday – Year 7

Tuesday - Year 8

Wednesday- Year 9

Thursday - Years 10 and 11

Monday to Thursday – Sixth Form

Friday 7.30am – supervised session for all years, students to do their own training.

Wednesday 7.40am - Mr Djaelani's Fitness Club

Please be aware there is a maximum of 30 students allowed – first come first served.

RUGBY

It has been another week of outstanding rugby performances and successes.



YEAR 7 A TEAM



Beat Sir William Borlase's Grammar School 30-10

Beat Maiden Erlegh 40-0

Beat The Piggott School 25-5

Try scorers against Borlase were Captain Iwan Hughes, Freddy Smith, Oliver Pearce, Charlie Ferriman x 2, and Jamie Caldwell. An outstanding performance from Charlie Ferriman led to his Man of the match award with Louis Bailey receiving the players player award after stepping up from the B team at the last minute and putting in an excellent performance.

For the next two games, Oli Pearce was our man of the match for one match and Hugh Rickard for the other. Tries came from Will Morrison x2, Matt Dille, Connor Charles x2, Max Bird, Oli Pearce, Charlie Ferriman and Tyler Simmonds x3

YEAR 7 B TEAM

Drew with Forest B 10-10

Drew with Forest C 10-10

Tries came from Jonny Barret x2, Marco Borkovic x2.



YEAR 8 TEAM



Beat Great Marlow School 35-24

A really strong team effort made the game a win for our Year 8 boys.



SIXTH FORM TEAM



Beat Maiden Erlegh 31-7

County Cup competition

Great play from all the team but mentions to Paul Englezos who captained the team, Rory Adamcsik who scored two tries, Charlie Sharpe (try scorer) and Joel Gormaly (try scorer).



QUEEN'S AWARD

Many congratulations to Sue Brett and her team at Foodshare, who have been awarded the Queen's Award for their voluntary work in the community. This is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK, which aims to recognise outstanding work.

STAY SAFE

There has been an incident recently whereby some girls were approached by a group of men in a car. When the girls refused to get in to the car, some of the men got out but the girls ran off to safety. Please can you remind your child to stay safe and not to approach or get in to any vehicle if they do not know the occupants.

Please [click here](#) for some Halloween safety tips from Thames Valley Police.

RBWM SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES SERVICES

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM)'s Local Offer brings together information about services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families, helping you to see what services are available and how to access them.

Please [click here](#) for the link to the directory of services parents and young people can access:



Teach Maidenhead is the foremost teacher training provider west of London. We are looking to recruit approximately 40 trainee teachers in many subjects across the four consortium schools (Furze Platt Senior School, Cox Green School, Desborough College and Altwood School) for 2016-2017. If you would like to find out more about our training programme please refer to our newly updated website www.teachmaidenhead.co.uk. You might also like to attend our School Experience Day being held at Furze Platt Senior School on Friday 4th November where you will have the opportunity to find out more about Teacher training and observe some lessons. If you are interested in applying, the UCAS teacher training application process will go live on 27th October 2015 via www.ucas.com



THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT - 21ST NOVEMBER 2015 - FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

The All New Quiz Night reboot, featuring games-style rounds as well as pictures, music and trivia. Tickets include food by Giant Pan Catering (Paella, Tartiflette, Cassoulet and Champignons Forestiere plus dessert). Plus a bar and raffle with some amazing prizes, for only £15 per ticket.

To book tickets in any number from 1-8 (tables take 8 but you can book in any numbers and we'll put you with a team) please use the following:

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 x4)

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 school reception (PTFA drawer).

WAR OF THE WORLDS FIREWORK DISPLAY

Saturday 7th November 2015

10% discount for Furze Platt families

Royal Windsor Racecourse will be hosting a War of the Worlds Firework display on Saturday 7th November. For full details please visit www.windsor-racecourse.co.uk and use the promotional code SCHFW15 or call 01753 498400, quoting the code.

FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE

Extended half term opening hours: 9am - 10pm Monday 26th - Friday 30th October. Students (aged between 13-19) - entry £2. Free 3 day pass for new adult applications.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



PRE-PUBLIC EXAM INFORMATION



Please [click here](#) view information about Pre-Public Examination arrangements for Year 11 students.



AFTER SCHOOL CATCHUP / SUPPORT / REVISION



Term 2 – November / December 2015

The information below is designed to help students in Year 11 organise their after school study activities.

The table shows which subjects will take priority for catchup / support and revision for Year 11, and on which days. Some subjects may also offer after school sessions on a second day as well. If a student isn't needed in one of the priority subjects on a particular day, then they may, of course, attend sessions from another department. They should arrange this through discussion with their subject teachers.

Three subjects are not on this list: Business Studies, which, where possible, will have a small number of students each day after school for the first week only, and both Music and Food Technology, which will require students on assorted occasions, and will avoid days when students have priority subject sessions.

This information replaces any that has been issued previously.

Day	Priority Subjects
Monday	Graphic Products Resistant Materials Science tbc ICT Computing
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Drama (Practical) History Modern Languages Religious Education
Thursday	Maths
Friday	Art PE Drama (Written)



TRIP TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE 2016



The History and French Departments are planning to run a trip to France and Belgium from 16th – 20th July 2016, visiting some well-known sites connected to the First World War including the Ypres Salient and the Somme. Students will also get an opportunity to practice their French speaking and listening skills, through visits to a French market, a sweet factory and a snail farm. The trip will end with a shopping trip to Bruges on the final morning. This residential trip is open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Studying French and/or History is not a requirement. For further details, [please click here](#). The trip can accommodate 40 students and the first deposits are due in by Friday 6th November.

Ms Ridgway

Head of History



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 26th November

We will be holding our third Careers and Higher Education Fair on 26th November from 6pm to 8pm, for students in Years 9 to 13 and their parents.

So far over 20 universities have agreed to be there, including several Russell Group universities and some who will be here for the first time this year, e.g. Cardiff, Goldsmiths, Leicester, the University for Creative Arts.

We will have individuals and organisations here representing a wide range of careers, e.g. science and technology, the police and armed forces, healthcare, veterinary work, childcare, teaching, scriptwriting, journalism, retail, accountancy – and more. There will also be several organisations here that provide apprenticeships in a variety of career areas.

During the evening there will be a number of short talks on offer too, including two new ones this year – one about setting up your own business and one on why you should go to university.

It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to find out about some of the opportunities available to them in the future. For further information please contact judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net



YEAR BOOK



All of the students in Year 11 now have the opportunity to purchase a Yearbook. It is essential that their orders are placed in plenty of time so that they don't miss out. There will only be one print run; students will not be able to place orders after. The cost for a Yearbook is £24. Payment can be made by cash or cheque and all cheques should be made payable to Furze Platt Senior School.

Yearbooks are available to order from Sick Bay at break times. If you would like to buy a Yearbook please ensure your child hands in full payment by Friday 6th November 2015. Unfortunately we will not be able to place any further orders after this date. Completed Yearbooks will then be available for collection in May 2016.

Miss Lewis



PROGRESS REPORTS



Your sons / daughters will have received their latest Progress Report this morning. (Please note that the Year 12 reports only include Attitude to Learning at this juncture. Grades will be included on the next report).

We are in the process of transitioning to a new reporting system that will give you easier online access to your child's progress and attendance information. In the interim we are providing printed reports as the Furze Platt Portal is no longer in use. During Term 2 we will be writing to you with login information for the new system.

Please do get in touch with me (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) or Sarah Watford, our Data Manager (sarah.watford@furzeplatt.net), if you have any questions or did not receive a copy of your son/daughter's report.

James Sheppard

Assistant Headteacher



SAFE DRIVE, STAY ALIVE

Wednesday 4th November 2015



Every year in the Thames Valley, too many teenagers and young people are killed and seriously injured on our roads.

Safe Drive Stay Alive is a theatre production designed to reduce the number of road traffic collisions. It involves Fire and Rescue, the NHS, Ambulance Services, ten local authorities and Hampshire & Thames Valley Police Joint Operations Unit, who have come together to produce a hard-hitting event watched by thousands of students.

We are taking all of Year 12 students to Wycombe Swan Theatre on Wednesday 4th November to this presentation.

We will be attending an afternoon performance, leaving school by coach at 12.00pm and returning back to school at approximately 3.00pm. Students will have lessons P2 and P3, which they must attend and 6th Form dress code applies.

Mr J Dollery

Head of Sixth Form

SCHOOL CLUBS FOR TERM 2

New additions to the school clubs list include Running club (Monday), girls' football (Monday) and the Spanish club (Tuesday). Please [click here](#) for the full list of school clubs available next term.

PARENTS' COMMUNITY GROUP

The first meeting of this academic year will be held on Monday 9th November at 6pm in the library. 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 6.15 – 7.15 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. If you would like to join us on Monday 9th November, please contact Wendy Pritchard at wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net.



Learning Together

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Website: www.furzeplatt.com

CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Salary dependent on experience - 100 hours per annum
(of which approx. 40 hours evening work)

Required to start as soon as possible.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and reliable person to become our Clerk to the Governing Body. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with previous experience as a Clerk or who has good administrative skills and would like to learn more about how a Governing Body operates within a thriving and successful secondary school.

We ask that you have:

- Excellent administrative and organisational skills including accuracy in relation to record keeping and recording of Minutes of meetings.
- Excellent communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively with members of the school's Senior Leadership Team.
- Good ICT skills, including working knowledge of Word, Excel and the desire to learn about and use in-house systems.
- An understanding of the sensitivity and confidentiality of all matters surrounding Governing Body business and in particular in relation to discussions during Governing Body meetings.
- The capacity to work from home for some of the stated hours (not during meetings). Photocopying facilities at the school may be used for clerking duties if required.

Previous experience of similar roles would be an advantage but not essential.

Further details and application information are available on our website. Please return to Mrs D Harding via email: debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net

*Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.
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ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

Required immediately – part time, 52 weeks per year

Salary: £12,258 to £13,328 (dependent on experience)

This highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 comprehensive school is looking to appoint an Assistant Site Controller.

We require a hard-working individual to join our team of site staff, assisting the Facilities Manager in providing an efficient on-site service. Relevant experience is desirable. A full driving licence is required.

Tasks and duties will include:

- Carrying out caretaking duties as directed by the Facilities Manager
- Dealing with lettings as agreed
- Carrying out minor maintenance and repairs such as painting
- Being a key holder for the school premises
- Working on an alternating shift system to provide site staff cover during the school day and during evening opening
- Assisting the Facilities Manager with Health and Safety matters and administrative tasks as necessary

The successful candidate will be:

- Well organised and conscientious
- Able to work on their own initiative
- Able to prioritise workload
- Flexible with regard to the working hours and pattern

Further details and application information are available on our website. Please return to Mrs G Dandridge via email: gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net.

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MIDDAY SUPERVISORS

£9.82 per hour, 2 hours per day, term time only

Required to start as soon as possible.

We are looking for **Midday Supervisors**

£9.82 per hour, term time only

2 hours per day, 11.15am-12.15pm and 1.45-2.45pm Monday to Friday

We are seeking enthusiastic and reliable people to join our team of Midday Supervisors. Our Supervisors will care for the safety of our 11-16 year old students during breaktimes Monday to Friday, term time only.

You will be part of a very important team, sharing responsibilities and duties and contributing greatly to our school.

For further information please telephone Gill Dandridge on 01628 625308.

Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered, these can be found on our website www.furzeplatt.com or you can collect a paper copy from school reception. Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure via the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Introduction to journalism

10am – 3pm, 27th & 29th October
At 4 Marlow Road Youth Centre,



£25

- Course written and delivered by Gareth Morgan, freelance journalist with 15 year experience writing for national newspapers and now running professional PR Company 'The PR Box' www.theprbox.com – twitter.com/thprbox
- Write your own article to feature on the youth service website www.wamster.org.uk
- Submit article and potentially have it feature within the local newspaper (Maidenhead Advertiser)

'A fun, informative introduction to journalism and online writing for 13-19yr olds.

Participants will gain news gathering and writing skills and by the end of the course have something to put towards a portfolio. Participants will also get a working knowledge of the newspaper and magazine industry, industry-expert career advice and a better understanding of how to write and construct a story.

'Due to limited number all participants would need to apply to gain a place on this course and a short application form will be sent to parents/carers/young people at time of the provisional booking. Places can only be confirmed upon receipt of the application form'

- PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A 2 DAY COURSE -

For more information and booking enquiries
contact Rob Hathorn on

Office: 01628 796966

Mobile: 07876 145958



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Phoenix goes funky!



Date: 21st November 2015

Time: 7pm doors open - 11.45pm

Tickets: Tickets £20 adult, £10 under 16s.
Buy **here:** www.positickets.co.uk
Entry includes hog roast and sides

Venue: Holyport Memorial Hall,
Moneyrow Green, Maidenhead, West
Berkshire SL6 2NA

Band: Bodkin Lane (11-piece soul band from London)
www.facebook.com/Bodkin.Lane

