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## NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July - Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Battlefields Trip to France and Belgium
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>End of Term 6 (12.30pm finish)</b>
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> July - Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Sixth Form Mexico Trip

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> August	A Level/AS Level Results Day (Year 13: 9am-12.30pm / Year 12: 9.45am - 12.30pm)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE Results Day (Year 11: 10am - 12.30pm / Year 9/10: 11am - 12.30pm) Sixth Form Registration Day
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>INSET Day</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of Term 1 for Years 7 and 12</b>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Start of Term 1 for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13</b>



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### GCSE RESULTS DAY AND SIXTH FORM REGISTRATION



GCSE results day is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, please come to the main hall from 10am to 12.30pm to collect your results.

If you are unable to attend in person please refer to the results collection form that is available by clicking [here](#).

Sixth Form registration will take place in the Sixth Form block as follows:

Bisham, Bray, Cookham & Dorney: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow & Windsor: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Please ensure you bring your Registration Form and Common Room Fund Payment. In addition please ensure you visit the Summer work section on our website for your chosen A Level subjects to be completed by your first lesson in September 2016.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)



### A LEVEL & AS RESULTS (GCE) DAY



GCE results day is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August, please come to the main hall at the following times to collect your results:

Year 13 9.00am – 12.30pm

Year 12 9.45am – 12.30pm

If you are unable to attend in person please refer to the Results collection form that is available by clicking [here](#).

There will be advisers on hand to help you through the next stage of the process should you need assistance on receipt of your results.

In addition please ensure all school resources are returned, e.g. text books. Those Year 13s who have not collected their photos will also be able to do so.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

## LOST PROPERTY - COATS

We still have a number of coats in lost property. If you think one may belong to your son/daughter, you are welcome to come in during the day to have a look.

Any coats not reclaimed after school finishes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July will be donated to a charity shop.



## OPTIONS



Letters regarding which subjects students have been allocated for next year have been sent out via students. The majority of subjects are now full. However, if any student is certain they have made a mistake with their choices, they should bring a signed letter from a parent requesting a change to another subject and we will see whether a change can be made. Students will have a further fortnight in September to request changes, which again must be made via a letter from a parent. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, we will not be able to consider subject changes. Letters regarding subject changes should be brought to Mr Towill.



## REPORTS AVAILABLE



Please be advised that the Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 progress reports for your children are now available.

The new service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com). Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net)

There are no challenge targets on this set of reports for Years 8 and 9 as they are about to start GCSEs.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



## UPPER SCHOOL TIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016



Please do not forget students moving into Year 10 in September will need an upper school tie. These can be purchased from Reception for £5.

We are happy to accept old lower school ties for school use if you wish to donate them.

Thank you.



## RETURN OF MATHS TEXT BOOKS



The Maths Department is kindly requesting that all Sixth Form students return all Maths text books to the school before the end of term.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs Bull/Ms Searle (Joint Heads of Maths)

## SUMMER HOLIDAY READING

All students going in to Years 12 and 13 have already been set their summer holiday reading. A number of students and parents have asked whether this can be extended to students lower down the school. Next week, a Parentmail will be sent out, giving details of stimulating reading and other learning activities that we encourage students to do. This includes books to read, websites to see, programmes to watch, places to visit, plays to see and things to think about. The list will cover all subjects and will cover students in Years 7-10. We encourage students to undertake a number of these learning activities over the summer holiday.



## SCHOOL NEWS



### COUNTY ROWING CHAMPIONS



Congratulations to our Year 9/10 Rowers, our Girls' Team won and are County Rowing Champions and our Boys' Team came second. Very impressive results from all involved.

#### Year 9/10 Girls' Team

Izzy Bird

Immie Harding

Charlotte Williams

Liv Howley

#### Year 9/10 Boys' Team

Sergio Collett

Lewis Downie

Taine Richards

Kieran Pettigrew





## UCB'S WORK IN SCIENCE WEEK



At the start of July Daniel Juden, Sophie Caldwell, Peter Anderson and Charlotte Williams (all Year 9) took part in UCB's Work in Science Week. UCB are a pharmaceutical company who focus on neurology and immunology disorders. The UK premises of UCB are located in Slough and house the immunology research hub and the Head Office for the UK commercial organisation.

We spent 3 days at their facilities in Slough working in the Biology, Chemistry and Small Scale Manufacturing of Pharmaceuticals Departments. We joined with lots of other young people from across the UK to learn about the amazing industry, worked in labs doing many exciting experiments from researching proteins to making aspirin. We were also made aware of the wide variety of career options within science.

The week has really motivated us to work hard to achieve our goals and inspired us to learn from the scientists we have met.

Charlotte Williams (Year 9)



## FURZE PLATT STUDENT CHOSEN FOR WORLD YOUTH CUP TOURNAMENT



Will Cullum (Year 7) has been selected to play in goal for Wycombe, on behalf of England, at the World Youth Cup in Sweden. The Gothia Cup is the world's largest and most international youth football tournament with teams from 80 nations taking part. The team fly out on Sunday and the tournament lasts a week. Will is pictured centre back.

We wish him the very best of luck.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS



Well done to our Duke of Edinburgh students (all Year 10) who have been presented with their sectional certificates from Ms White and Mr Tisshaw, Chair of Governors, for completing some sections of their award.

Awards were for:

Kirsty Jeynes - volunteering

Jake Humpage, Shoab Mahmood, Joe Bolger & Yumeng Dai - voluntary and expedition

Michael Grant - skills, volunteering and physical

Lewis Penman and Jake Humpage were given recognition of their work in construction and will receive a certificate during the Celebration Evening in September.



## WINNER OF ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Elliott Thorne, Year 11, won the Intermediate Boys' long jump title at the English Schools Track and Field Championships in Gateshead last weekend. With a winning leap of 6.77, he has now been selected to represent English Schools at the Home International on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July in Ashford, Kent. Elliott hopes to go on to further study sports, and we wish him the best of luck with that and his sporting career.





# FURZE PLATT YEAR 7 BOYS ARE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS



The PE department took over 100 students to the District Athletics competition held at Thames Valley Athletics Centre this week. It was a very wet day and the students performed in some extremely difficult environments but were a credit to the school and showed outstanding resilience throughout.

Results as follows:



**Yr7** **BOYS - WINNING TEAM** **Yr7**



**Yr7** **GIRLS – 6<sup>th</sup> Place / BOYS - 1<sup>st</sup> Place** **Yr7**



**Yr8** **GIRLS – 5<sup>th</sup> Place / BOYS - 4<sup>th</sup> Place** **Yr8**



**Yr9** **GIRLS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place / BOYS - Joint 5<sup>th</sup> Place** **Yr9**



**Yr10** **GIRLS – 4<sup>th</sup> Place** **Yr10**



**Yr10** **BOYS – 6<sup>th</sup> Place** **Yr10**



## MATHS MARATHON



Two students from Year 7, Justine Dela Vega and Jamie Ashworth, were selected to represent FPSS in a Maths Marathon at Slough Aspire Centre on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. They competed against 6 other schools in the county. They were required to complete challenging mathematical problems, both independently and as a team. Although they did not achieve first place position, they performed very well and were close in the running.

Mrs Bull and Ms Searle (Joint Heads of Mathematics)



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Junior Maths Challenge participants received their certificates earlier this week. Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians.



### Our Year 7 Mathematicians



### Our Year 8 Mathematicians



## ROYAL HOLLOWAY STUDY



Royal Holloway invited us to participate in their study on face recognition. Thank you to Year 7 and 8 students who were selected to take part, they have done so well representing the school, and they can have a little pride in knowing that they put their contribution towards science. If you're interested to know the results of the study, please pop in to see Miss Paradowska (GEN1) after summer holidays. A special thank you to Year 12 Psychology students, Evan Charles and Bethany Wright-Paramio for helping out as part of their work experience.



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT VISITOR



We had great pleasure hosting workshops with textile artist Julie Roberts, who came in to teach our Child Development girls how to develop printing and appliques onto a range of fabrics.





## OXFAM CHARITY WALK

Mr Richards (Assistant Headteacher) and three friends will be attempting to walk 100k at the end of July to raise money for Oxfam. The charity provides much needed support to refugees and migrants.

The group are walking through the night and plan to complete the gruelling trek in under 24 hours.

If you would like to sponsor them [click here](#).

Thank you.



## PTFA UPDATE

Last weekend we had another very successful Table Top Sale run by the PTFA but we need more helpers for future events. Please see below for a list of Table Top Sale dates and our next PTFA meeting, to which all parents / carers of students at Furze Platt Senior School are invited.

Table Top Sales will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 27<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. The price is £10 a pitch.

This series of indoor Table Top Sales have replaced the popular outdoor car boot sales that Furze Platt School used to specialise in. Due to leisure centre access issues the outdoor sales won't be returning, however the weather will never affect us - so make a date of the events planned and remember to book early!

Please email [jeff@iifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@iifa.co.uk) to secure a table or to reserve a place at the PTFA meeting.



## REMINDERS



### FOOD & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT NOTICE



There are a large number of containers which have been left in Food Technology. Please could any pupil, who thinks they may have lost a container, come to FT1 during break times. There is a large green crate where all of these containers are being stored. Any containers remaining by the end of term will be discarded. Thank you.

Mrs Andrews (Food Technician)

### SQUID TRIPS PAYMENT

Coming soon – the Squid App will offer the facility to pay for school trips and other items online alongside lunch money. We hope to launch this in the Autumn, and further details will follow on Parentmail.

### ALL WEATHER PITCH / LEISURE CENTRE IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

It has been brought to our attention that sadly a student was hospitalised last week after injuring themselves attempting to climb the fence of the all weather pitch after school hours. May I take this opportunity to remind students that the school site is out of bounds after normal school hours unless legitimately using the Leisure Centre. The all weather pitch may be accessed only by booking through Legacy Leisure at Furze Platt Leisure Centre.

Mr Randall (Head of PE)

### NEW SCHOOL CAFÉ MENU





**FURZE  
PLATT**  
SENIOR SCHOOL



**Open Morning**  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**For Year 5 Parents\***



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016**  
**All Welcome**



**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2016**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*Please contact us to reserve a space for these events.

**Furze Platt Senior School offers:**

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 'the arts' facilities
- ▶ Supportive transition activities for all our Year 7 students
- ▶ A wealth of extra-curricular interests, trips and visits

"Excellent student and staff relationships encourage a positive learning atmosphere that permeates through the school."  
- OFSTED

**How to find us:**



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