

Weekly Update: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

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| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June | Year 10 DofE Trip to The Wycombe Swan Theatre (3.30pm - approx. 8pm) |
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June                          | A2 Applied Business visit to the Look Out Centre, Bracknell |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June                          | Year 11 Graduation 4pm                                      |
| Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Year 13 Prom 7pm  |
| Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June                         | Year 10 PPEs English p2-3, RE p5-6                          |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Year 10 PPEs Option C p2-3, Physics p5-6                    |
| Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June                        | Year 11 Prom 7.30pm   |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July                           | Year 10 PPEs Maths p2-3, Option A p5-6                      |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July -Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> July | 3 Peaks Expedition  |
| Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Year 5 Open Morning   |
| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Year 6 Taster Day   |
| Thus 7 <sup>th</sup> July                          | Year 12 Taster Day  |



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**THE PROPORTION OF FURZE PLATT STUDENTS WHO ARRIVED WITH LEVEL 5 IN BOTH ENGLISH AND MATHS AND WENT ON TO ACHIEVE A\* OR A GRADES IN THOSE SUBJECTS IS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.**

**OFSTED 2016**

### INSET DAY / EXAMS

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Please note that the school will be closed for students on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, unless they are sitting one of the following exams:

A Level English Literature  
A Level English Lang/Lit  
A Level PE  
A Level Dance  
A Level Maths

GCSE Physics  
GCSE Geography

The normal school uniform expectations should be followed by all students coming in for exams.



### YEAR 8 SCIENCE: END OF KS3 EXAMS



During week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 8 will complete their End of KS3 Science Examinations.

As such, students should be looking to revise the subject matter from both Year 7 and Year 8, covering the Key Stage 3 curriculum.

Revision can be conducted online using BBC Bitesize and Doodlelearn, but it would be beneficial to purchase (at face value) the KS3 revision guide. These will be available from the Science Prep Room during school for £5 on a first-come, first-served basis.



All Year 13 photographs must be ordered by 20<sup>th</sup> June.

[Photo Order Instructions](#)



## SCHOOL NEWS



### FURZE PLATT VOICES SUMMER CONCERT 2016



What a night at Furze Platt's Voices Summer Concert yesterday evening!

With songs from The Monkees to a hilarious Victoria Wood tribute from our altos, and with solos ranging from dramatic to funny, and musical excellence on the piano, there was music for all tastes. The first half ended with a James Bond medley, and the concert finished with a rousing Mamma Mia tribute.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the concert and to all those who contributed, the choir raised over £280 for the Nordoff Robbins charity.

A special thank you to Mrs Gregory and Mr Dingley who have made the choir and its concerts such an amazing success.



**REMINDER - Furze Platt's Art, Design and Technology Show**  
on tonight  
4.30 - 7pm





**YEAR 7/8 COMBINED  
CRICKET TEAM  
SUCCESS**



After brushing Slough and Eton college aside in the previous round, our Year 7/8 combined cricket team travelled to Ascot, to take on the much fancied LVS team.

Our students were impeccable in terms of attitude, behaviour and performance. With a depleted 10 man team the Year 7/8s still managed to complete an emphatic victory. After restricting LVS to 109 with some exceptional bowling from Rajveer Nottay, Zain Ali and Thomas Cullum, Furze Platt set about the chase in style. Some enormous hitting from Alfie Graham, Alfie Hall and the outstanding Thomas Cullum guided us home with relative ease.

More important than the win was the mature, good natured, sporting attitude that the entire team displayed, which made them a true credit to the school.

Meanwhile, FP go marching on into the quarter finals!

Mr Whitaker, PE Teacher



**SPORTS DAY RESULTS  
(so far...)**



After high jump, shot put, and 1500m, Cookham House were in the lead by one point - but now we have added in the long and triple jump, Henley House are in the lead (still with javelin and all track events to go).

Well done to Harrison Thorne, Year 9, who broke the school record for high jump with an incredible 1.7m.



**NEW HOUSE CAPTAINS  
2016-17**



Congratulations to the following Sixth Formers who have been chosen to represent their Houses as either Captains or Vice Captains:



Bisham - Ewan Hill, Will Clegg and Zoe Tarrant (VC)

Bray - Elsie Brown and Milo Mussenden

Cookham - Sam MacGregor and Abbie Bird, Claire Phillips and Evan Charles (both VC)

Dorney - Amy Dickens and Henry May

Eton - Kathryn Whyte and Grace Morton-Woodruff

Henley - Abi Wilcock and Josh Reynolds

Marlow - Jess Price and Chloe Smith

Windsor - Joshua Davies, Patrick Ashe and Layth Al-Wakil (VC)

Our Head Boy and Head Girl are George Harris & Sophie Hurst.



**Yr 7 KNIGHT FRANK ATHLETICS  
LEAGUE Yr 8 Yr 9 Yr 10**

Year 7/8 boys finished 7<sup>th</sup>

Year 7/8 girls finished 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 9/10 boys finished 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 9/10 girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup>



### UPDATE

Our next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> September, please put it in your diaries – new members are always welcome.

We have a replacement treasurer for Sue Giles who is passing it on after 4 years. Thank you to Maria Dunstan for taking on this role and to Sue for all her time and effort over the years.

We are looking to start a new draw (along the lines of a 200 club) but we are looking for someone to run it. Please email [jeff@informedifa.co.uk](mailto:jeff@informedifa.co.uk) if you can help or if you have any other fundraising ideas.

### 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, 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](mailto:fpss.pta@hotmail.com), for more information.

### MEN NEEDED FOR LOCAL MUSICAL

A local amateur musical theatre group, SWMTC (Slough Windsor and Maidenhead Theatre Company) are urgently looking for more men to join the cast of their next production Made in Dagenham. Based on the true 1960s story of the women of Ford Dagenham's strike for equal pay, the show recently ran in the West End starring Gemma Atherton, and has only recently been released for amateurs – this will be the area premier. This is a great musical comedy, full of uplifting songs with a laugh out loud script.

Already in rehearsal with an outstanding cast, the group urgently need to cast more men for the key roles of factory bosses, plus half a dozen men for the chorus of factory workers. These are both singing and non-singing acting roles with an age range of 18 - 55.

Rehearsals are on Mondays and Wednesdays at Furze Platt Secondary School, Maidenhead, show week is 13-17 September at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts.

This is a great opportunity to be part of a fun show with this local, award winning society.

If you are interested, please contact Jean Johnson 01753 832519 or 07754 786407.



## REMINDERS



### 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](mailto:lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net).





## PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

### Year 10 Pre-Public Exams Letter







**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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# SUMMER FUN

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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**9 am to 3 pm**

**A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF  
ACTIVITIES, SPORT, CRAFT,  
DRAMA & FILM SCHOOL**