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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Mon 21 st November	Lionheart Team London Trip
Thurs 24 th November	Career and Higher Education Fair for Years 9-13 (6pm - 8pm)
Fri 25 th November	Year 11 Reading College Taster Day Year 13 Tectonics Day in Apollo Theatre, London PTFA Big Quiz 3 (7.30pm - 10pm)
Sun 27 th November	PTFA Table Top Sale (9am - 12.30pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 1 st December	Year 12 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm)
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR: INVITATION TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS 6-8pm, 24th November 2016

I would like to extend a very warm invitation to you and your son/daughter to attend our Careers and Higher Education Fair next Thursday 24th November. This is an excellent opportunity for students to stimulate their thinking on which careers they might want to enter, and which routes they might want to take via sixth form, apprenticeships, or university. It is also a wonderful chance for parents and their sons or daughters to discuss career and education options.

For our Year 9 students who will not have been to this event before, the sorts of things to expect are:

- many talks including careers in the IT industry, sixth form options at Furze Platt, apprenticeships, the benefits of university study and gap year projects.
- the opportunity to talk to representatives from an amazing array of occupations, including apprenticeship providers, caring services, retail, catering, medicine and healthcare, IT and computing, journalism, broadcasting, law (including both a solicitor and barrister), sport and leisure, performing arts, public services including police, army and RAF, approximately ten different science and engineering representatives, surveying, teaching, and veterinary science.
- plus the opportunity to talk to representatives from universities from across the country including Oxford, Cambridge and many other Russell Group universities,

and representatives from universities as near as London and as far as Cardiff.

For those who have attended this event previously, the format will be very similar to last year, consisting of five talks, about 25 universities and 40 employer representatives. However, we have many new additions, including:

- talks by an apprenticeship organiser, which helps source apprenticeships, by Microsoft on careers in the IT industry, and by gap-year providers;
- an enhanced range of employer representatives including catering, finance (banking, private equity and accountancy), law (both a barrister and a solicitor), medicine (including a GP), ten Science representatives, and many more;
- an enhanced range of university representatives including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities, plus many others from southern and eastern England and Wales.

The event takes place from 6-8pm on Thursday 24th November. Please click [here](#) to see the provisional programme.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Any students who are interested in the attached competition, please contact Miss D Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support Worker) at desrene.carty@furzeplatt.net

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION DETAILS



FOOD CONTAINERS



There are a lot of containers which have been left in Food Technology over the past few weeks. If you think you are missing a container please could your child come to Food Technology during break and check on the Year 8 shelf to see if it is there.

Any containers not collected by Wednesday 23rd November will be recycled.

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food & Nutrition)



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 8 STUDENT WINS MEDAL AT OPEN DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Harry Healey, Year 8, won a bronze medal at the Irish Open Diving Championships this weekend.

He had a very hectic weekend with non-stop training and competing and finished in third place, which is a fantastic achievement in a competition of this standard.

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' HOUSE CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone involved with the 'Getting to Know You' House Challenge, there has been a lovely vibe around the Drama Studios over the past weeks. Well done to Henley who were the winners of the challenge.



Miss E Satterthwaite (Head of Bisham House)

FURZE PLATT STUDENT INVITED TO ATTEND EUROPEAN SOUTHERN OBSERVATORY

John Conacher (Year 12) has successfully applied for a week-long astronomy camp in the Christmas break with ESA, European Southern Observatory in Italy. Prospective applicants were asked to record a 3 minute video on the subject 'I would like to invent/discover because' which would be considered as their application. Please see below for John's extremely interesting and creative video.

JOHN CONACHER'S VIDEO ENTRY



UKMT SENIOR TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE



On 3rd November four of our most able sixth form mathematicians competed in the Oxford regional final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge. Our team consisted of Alex Hill (Year 13), Samuel Sheppard (Year 13), Polly Batstone (Year 12) and John Conacher (Year 12).

'The Team Maths Challenge was an inspiring get together of other young mathematicians from our region of the UK, combining a collective passion for maths with great organisation. The event was a success in providing interesting and creative problems to those who enjoyed completing them. It was a welcoming invitation to the younger generation to live a more academic and mathematical life. Events like this are of paramount importance to enthuse the next Isaac Newton of our age.'

Alex Hill, Year 13



Our boys' team were fantastic and unbeaten in the Berkshire Rugby festival. They beat LVS, Ranalagh, Maiden Erlegh, St Crispins, Bullmershe and Forest School.

Well done to the team!



OUR TEAM

Sam Rollett
 Charlie Myall
 Alfie Bristow
 Maison Cockram
 Rohan Zanbarda
 Matt Cooley
 Janos Revesz
 Victor Harrit
 Finlay Crawford
 Ben Wilson
 Nick Holdsworth
 Jack Staunton
 Josh Dilley

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Saturday, Furze Platt's Junior Boys' Team competed in the SW regional round of the ESAA XC Cup. The XC race was held at Kings College, Taunton, with the team finishing strongly in 7th place.



OUR TEAM

Frank McGrath
 Josh Dilley
 Nick Holdsworth
 Matt Dilley
 Iwan Hughes
 Alex Bate

NETBALL CAPTAINCY

Well done to Poppy Butler, who has been selected as Year 7 netball captain.

ROWING

Good luck to the Furze Platt students in Maidenhead Rowing Club's Junior squad, who are going up to GB Junior trials in Boston this weekend.



DRESSAGE SUCCESS



Many congratulations to Miss Tomlin, PE Teacher, who is celebrating double success in Dressage, both nationally and internationally. Along with her team mates at Wokingham and Bearwood Riding Club, Miss Tomlin will not only be competing at next year's British Riding Clubs National Championships but also the Winter Dressage Championships, after qualifying in first place for both events.

Pictured: Miss Tomlin with her horse Wills.





TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 27th November 2016

Over half the available tables have already been booked for the next Indoor Car Boot Sale on Sunday 27th November so please hurry to secure the few remaining spaces available in your quest to clear out the pre-Xmas clutter. Contact jeff@iifa.co.uk to book your table space. We supply the table and you can set up from 7.30-8.30am when buyers arrive.

We need 6 volunteers to run the boot sale, 2 to run refreshments, 2 to help set up at the start and run the door for the first half and 2 at the end to help set down and lock up after doing a stint on the door. Please get in touch ASAP on jeff@iifa.co.uk to offer a couple of hours' help. Without your help we cannot run these events which raise valuable funds for your child's school.

Thank you.



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

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BIG QUIZ 3

Friday 25th November 2016

Following the fantastic response we had to the big quiz in April we're pleased to announce that The Big Quiz 3 is on Friday 25th November.

Featuring music, trivia, and picture questions as well as 'two team challenges'.

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 jeff@iifa.co.uk. We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued. For payment by cheque, please email jeff@iifa.co.uk to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPSS Reception (PTFA drawer).

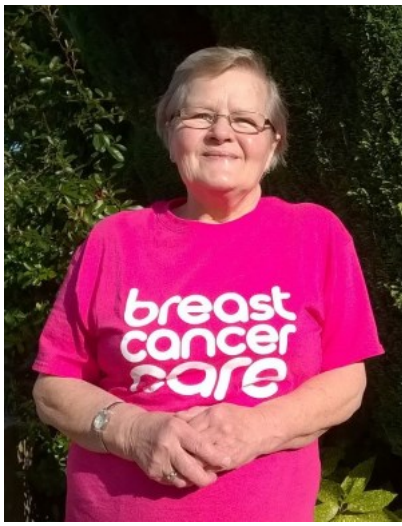


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MESSAGE FROM A YEAR 10 STUDENT

My nan is going to be 80 on 21st November. To mark the occasion she has decided to raise money for Breast Cancer Care by going on the zip wire at Bournemouth pier, this Sunday 20th November. Please see the link below.

Thank you

Bethany Admans.Year 10

[DONATE HERE](#)

COOKHAM CROSSING PETITION

Proposal: Reduced speed limit on Cannondown Road / Maidenhead Road.

In order to reach Furze Platt Senior School from Cookham it is necessary for this road to be crossed.

The petitioner proposes that Cannondown Road by the railway bridge in Cookham should be slowed to 30mph and a crossing put in place to provide students with a safe place to cross.

If you would like to support this petition please click [here](#).

Thank you.



REMINDERS

IMPORTANT NOTICE - MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Students should not carry any medication in school apart from emergency medication (epipen, asthma pump, diabetes and epilepsy medication).

It is also recommended that for students who suffer from severe asthma and severe allergic reactions that parents keep a spare in date asthma and/or epipen in the school sick bay.

Please ensure, where possible, that all medication is taken before and/or after school and not during the school day.

If it is necessary for students to take medication in school this needs to be brought in by parents/carers and given to reception or sick bay in its original packaging with prescription label intact and the medication leaflet.

All medication kept at school must be within its expiry date and it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure this is kept up to date. All medication out of date will be disposed of without notification.

If your child has asthma and you would like them to be given Salbutamol (emergency asthma pump) in the event of an emergency, you must sign and return the consent form below to Mrs S Hemsley, Student Services Manager. Please be aware students should have their own pump with them at all times.

If a student has a short term medical condition (e.g. broken/sprained limb with a time limit for recovery) that requires medication or special consideration during school hours, parents/carers need to come to reception to review and discuss a welfare and safety plan before the child can be admitted into school. It is the parents' responsibility to bring the student to the front office, and wait for agreement from reception staff before their child can come into school. This is to ensure that their welfare and safety needs can be met.

USE OF SALBUTAMOL INHALER - CONSENT FORM

Students with long term, severe and significant medical conditions

Parents of students with long term conditions (e.g. anaphylaxis, epilepsy, diabetes, severe asthma, etc) are asked to complete a Healthcare Plan to record important details about the child's medical needs at school, their triggers, signs, symptoms, medication and other treatments. Healthcare professionals can provide support with writing these plans. Further documentation can be attached to the Healthcare Plan if required. Parents should then return these completed forms to Mrs S Hemsley for agreement. It is the parents' responsibility to notify the school if modifications need to be made or if the plan is no longer required, so that it can be officially terminated.

Parents/Carers of children with a severe medical condition need to read and complete the Healthcare Plan below.

INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLAN



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

Thursday 1st December 2016



[Home](#) > [News & Events](#) > [Parents' Evening Bookings](#)

On Thursday 1st December, there will be a subject consultation evening for Year 12 parents.

We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings which has proven to simplify the whole process and put parents firmly in control of their own appointments.

Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility. If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

[PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS](#)



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS - NOVEMBER 2016



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The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th November 2016. All students will be examined in all their subjects (with the exception of vocational courses).

Please see click the link below for the letter with full details and examination arrangements.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[YEAR 13 PRE-PUBLIC EXAM DETAILS](#)



INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN ACCOUNTANCY?

ICAEW is hosting a Parents' Evening event in Reading in two weeks' time. Parents and students will have an opportunity to network and hear about school leaver and graduate opportunities with local and national employer representatives from a range of SME employers local to the Reading area.

Attendees will also hear from ICAEW about the various routes into chartered accountancy, to help decide whether to train as a graduate or straight after school or college.

Tuesday 29th November, 5.30pm -7pm at Green Park Conference Centre, Reading

Parents can register their place [here](#).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to [get in touch](#).

LOST PROPERTY

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There are a number of items listed on our Lost Property page, including some from the recent PGL trip. Please can you contact us if any of the items listed are yours.

Thank you.



Learning Together

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COVER SUPERVISOR

Term time only, 31.25 hours per week

£13,700 - £15,300 pa, depending on experience

Furze Platt Senior School is a highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which is committed to continuous school improvement.

Students do very well at Furze Platt but we want to support them to do even better.

This role might suit someone with previous experience of working or volunteering with children and/or young people, or someone who may be considering teacher training in the future.

You will:

- be joining a strong team of colleagues across our school and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable.
- instruct students about the work set by the teacher and make sure they understand the task and complete it to the best of their ability.
- have at least grade C or above in GCSE English and Maths (or equivalent).

A full job description and application forms are available on our website www.furzeplatt.com.

Please return to Mrs D. Harding via email: debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.

Posts are subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

EVENT TAKING PLACE NEXT SUNDAY!



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- 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

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THE BIG QUIZ



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£15

per person



MAX.8

people per table

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FOOD

Giant Pan Catering from
Ashridge Delicious
Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons
Forestiere and Cassoulet



PLUS

bar & prize
raffle

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We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued.

For payment by cheque, please email
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hand cheque in to FPSS Reception
(PTFA drawer).

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