

Weekly Update: Monday 10th October - Friday 14th October 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Thurs 20 th October	Year 11 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7pm)
Fri 21 st October	AS/A2 Photography Trip to Brighton

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st November	Start of Term 2



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OFSTED REPORT 2016

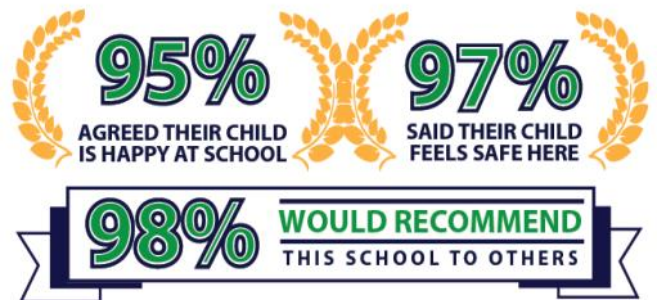
I am delighted to attach a copy (below) of the latest report from the recent Ofsted inspection which judges Furze Platt Senior School to be a 'Good' school. The report highlights the many strengths of our school, and praises the achievements and behaviour of students as well the effectiveness of teaching and leadership.

We are all extremely pleased with the report which recognises us as the high achieving and successful school we work so hard to be. Staff and students deserve to be very proud.

The many strengths identified include:

- 'Pupils in this school achieve highly'
- 'The quality of teaching and learning is strong. Teachers' strong subject knowledge and good behaviour management skills help pupils to learn effectively'
- Pupils are supported well by high quality verbal and written feedback which is clearly focused on the particular needs of the individual'
- Teachers use a wide range of techniques to help students expand and challenge their thinking'
- 'Good behaviour in lessons contributes to good learning'
- 'The behaviour of pupils is good in lessons and around school. Pupils are smart, polite and mature [and] are supportive of each other'
- 'Teachers and pastoral leaders have created a happy community where pupils are respectful of each other's views and opinions. Pupils value knowing that teachers will go out of their way to help them'
- 'Teaching in the Sixth Form is consistently good... students made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects [and] are excellent role models for younger pupils... the proportion of A* and A grades has also increased.'

Thank you to everyone who filled in the Ofsted questionnaire:



95% of respondents agreed their child was happy at this school; 97% said their child feels safe here and an overwhelming 98% of you would recommend this school to others.

Mr Gavin Tisshaw, Chair of Governors, writes on behalf of the Governing Body: 'We are pleased that findings from the recent Ofsted visit clearly demonstrate what a good school Furze Platt Senior School truly is. The commitment and support of teachers, staff, students, parents and governors alike continue to make this a safe, successful, inclusive and ambitious comprehensive school.'

As ever, we remain committed to securing the best possible education for all our students and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

OFSTED REPORT 2016



Thank you to all Year 7 students and their parents who came in to meet their Heads of House on Thursday. Please can all transition questionnaires be returned to Reception by the end of next week. The questionnaire can be found below.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION QUESTIONNAIRE

CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

We will be holding our Careers and Higher Education Fair on Thursday 24th November, from 6pm to 8pm, for students in Year 9 and above and their parents. We already have a large number of participants there, representing a wide variety of different careers, but are always keen to include more. If any parent would like to be part of the evening by coming along to represent their type of career, or can suggest someone who might be willing to do so, please contact judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net.

Thank you.

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

As you may have read in our latest Ofsted report, Furze Platt's Sixth Formers are described as 'excellent role models for younger pupils'.

We take great pride in our 6th Form, however, we have noticed that our dress code rules are not being adhered to by a few of our students. Please ensure your son/daughter is aware of the school dress code and dresses appropriately. As from Monday 17th October, any student who persistently does not adhere to our expectations will be sent home to change into more appropriate clothing. Students are also expected to wear their lanyard at all times while on the school site.

Our dress code expectations are:

Male: smart shoes, smart trousers, shirt, tie and jacket.

Female: smart shoes, smart trousers or skirt, blouse, jacket. Skirts should not be too short and tops not too low.

The full dress code, including those items not permitted, can be found in the students' planner and are in the link below for your reference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

SIXTH FORM DRESS CODE



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Please be advised that the Year 11 and 13 October Progress Reports for your children are now available via our online reporting service. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on Parents>Reports and the "Go 4 Schools' Login Page' link, or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com. Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net. If you have any questions regarding your child's performance, please speak with their teacher. If you have any specific concerns regarding your son's or daughter's progress, please contact their subject teacher. For any general questions, please contact Mr Sheppard for Years 7-11 or Mr Dollery for Sixth Form.

Ms Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



Thursday 20th October 2016: 4.15pm - 7pm

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On Thursday 20th October, there will be a subject consultation evening for Year 11 parents. We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings which as you know 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. The booking system is now open. 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 link on the school website.

Please note:

The Science staff will each see only students from one class on the evening. Otherwise each could have up to 90 appointments which would obviously be impractical. Therefore, you will only be able to book with one teacher who will have full information about all the science subjects.

Our school's career adviser will be present and available to speak to parents and students on a drop-in basis (no appointment necessary).

Mr Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS



FURZE PLATT'S DEBATE CLUB WELCOMES THE PRIME MINISTER



Congratulations to Sam MacGregor and Patrick Ashe in Year 13 who have secured the services of our very busy Prime Minister and Maidenhead MP, the Right Honourable Theresa May. Mrs May will join the Debate Club on Friday 4th November and will talk about key political issues, before taking questions from the floor. This is a ticketed event with a maximum capacity of 100. In the event of it being over subscribed, allocations will be made on the following basis: 20 tickets to be drawn at random from Debate Club members, 20 tickets to be drawn at random from our two Sixth Form Politics classes, and 60 tickets to be drawn at random from students from the rest of the school. Further information on how to apply for tickets will be given in due course.

THANK YOU FROM AFRICA

We were asked to donate a laptop to a school in Africa through a scheme promoted by Lisa Peters, TA at Cookham Rise Primary School. Our IT Manager, Mr Tincu, was only too pleased to help as we are aware how much difference this can make. Please see below for their lovely thank you letter.

“Greetings Mr Remus Tincu

How are you and how is work and family. This is Mr Nickolas Kintu John from Africa, from Uganda and from New Brainstorm School, saying hi. We have got great news from our dear Untie Lisa, that you have sent her a great blessing of a laptop for us, Sir, no one can imagine how happy we are, I just feel a lot of joy just from deep down my heart...Sir, for me this is another dream come to pass. I have told our dear Untie Lisa that we have desired to have a school laptop for a very long time...BUT we can't imagine this dream has come into reality.

Thank you Sir, thank you so much...Greetings from Africa.”



RUGBY RESULTS



Rugby A team - beat Great Marlow School and Waingels College with some superb play, special mentions for Charlie Myall and Maison Cockram. Our B team, in their first rugby match for all players, narrowly lost to Forest and Piggott Schools despite a great try from Leo Boyes.



VISIT TO ROYAL HOLLOWAY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



29 of our Year 11, 12 and 13 students went on an afterschool trip to Royal Holloway, University of London. Students had a chance to participate in numerous mini-studies, including eye tracking tasks, estimating the speed of a car while being in a position of a pedestrian, language processing, emotion recognition and visual perception. Furthermore, students experienced two mini-lectures in the auditorium – the lectures were devoted to methods of brain investigation and the science of laughter. In addition to the entertaining value of the event, the students deepened their understanding of what university education looks like. For some of our Year 11s, this was their first opportunity to discover the fascinating world of Psychology.

Miss Paradowska (Head of Psychology & Child Development)



FURZE PLATT STUDENT IS NATIONAL JUNIOR BALLROOM DANCE CHAMPION

Many congratulations to Katie Harley Waters, (Year 11) who came 1st in the National Grand Finals in both Junior Silver Samba and Junior Silver Quickstep.

Katie competed in the National Association of Teachers of Dancing (NATD) at the Empress Ballroom, Blackpool Winter Gardens last weekend.

The competition events range from ages under 6 to over 50s and this was Katie's last competition as a Junior (age 12-16). From November she will be dancing as an adult in the under 35s section.

Katie is a pupil at County School of Dancing in Reading. She is pictured here with her teacher Hayley Symons.



COMMUNITY NEWS

FURZE PLATT VOICES

Furze Platt's Adult choir, consisting of staff and parents, met for the first time this year on Wednesday 12th October. We would love more people to come and join us to sing, so if you like to sing and want to try singing as part of a choir please email katie.johnston@furzeplatt.net for more information. The choir runs every Wednesday from 7pm - 8.30 pm in the Music Department. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Johnston (Head of Music)



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REMINDERS



STUDY SKILLS/TIME MANAGEMENT



Over the next 2 weeks all Year 11 students will attend a time management session in preparation for their imminent PPEs, and ultimately their GCSE exams next year. They will be bringing a flexible timetable home to use, please discuss this with your children. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor: debbie.slater@furzeplatt.net.

The table to the right outlines when each house will be attending or have attended.

House	Day	Date
Dorney	Monday	10 th October
Henley	Tuesday	11 th October
Cookham	Thursday	13 th October
Bisham	Friday	14 th October
Windsor	Monday	17 th October
Bray	Tuesday	18 th October
Marlow	Thursday	20 th October
Eton	Friday	21 st October



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Full course details overleaf, please read in full.

SIMPLY BOOK & PAY BY **Wednesday 19th October** 2016 for the above offers

Any payments made from Oct 20th will be charged at normal price.



Outfield
Players & GK
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Girls &
Boys
4-12
Years

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