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YEAR 8 EXAMS

Year 8 exams

Year 8 examinations in English, Maths and Science take place during the week of 4th- 8th June 2018. The timings are as follows:

English exams

English speaking and listening exams will be held throughout English lessons during the week of 4th- 8th June.

Maths exams

All Year 8 students have their Maths exam are on Tuesday 5th June, during normal Maths lessons.

Science exams

Different Science classes have their exams on different days, as follows:

8f1	Friday 8 th June P4
8f2	Wednesday 6 th June P3
8f3	Friday 8 th June P4
8f4	Thursday 7 th June P4
8p1	Friday 8 th June P2
8p2	Friday 8 th June P6
8p3	Friday 8 th June P2
8p4	Friday 8 th June P6

Students will be preparing for these examinations in their lessons, and will spend their home learning time revising.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - YEAR 7 EXAMS

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Year 7 exams

Year 7 examinations in English, Maths and Science take place during the week of 11th- 15th June 2018. The timings are as follows:



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST

Next Week

MON 28 MAY	Bank Holiday
TUE 29 - FRI 1 MAY JUNE	Half Term Holiday

Forthcoming Events

MON 4 JUNE	Start of Term 6 (Week 1)	8.40am
	GCSE Public Exams	Until 21 st June
THU 7 JUNE	Year 6 Induction Evening	6.30pm - 8pm

English exams

English speaking and listening exams will be held throughout English lessons during the week of 11th- 15th June

Maths exams

All Year 7 students have their Maths exam on Thursday 14th June, during normal Maths lessons.

Science exams

7Bm	Wednesday 13 th June P4
7Br	Tuesday 12 th June P2
7Cm	Wednesday 13 th June P6
7Dy	Wednesday 13 th June P4
7Et	Friday 15 th June P2
7Hy	Tuesday 12 th June P5
7Mw	Wednesday 13 th June P6
7Wr	Wednesday 13 th June P6

Students will be preparing for these examinations in their lessons, and will spend their home learning time revising.

YEAR 9 ENGLISH PPES

The year 9 English PPEs were postponed due to Year 11 exams. They will, however, be taking place during the first week back after half term. Students will be writing an English Literature exam and an English language exam - the specific details of which will be provided by their teacher in their forthcoming lessons. Half term will provide a good opportunity for students to revise and prepare for these exams. Thank you for your cooperation.

SIXTH FORM REVISION TIPS

Revision resources are available on the 'Sixth Form Student Handbook' on our website.

SIXTH FORM STUDENT HANDBOOK

PARENT BOOKLET - TOP 10 TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH THEIR EXAMS

**Day One**

As I walk on this journey with my four friends

We make mistakes and come across dead ends

But we learn to motivate and support each other until we finish the first leg

We see Bluebells and Forget me nots and Butter cups on end

We walk with passion and strive with grace

Just to get through the first day

Our last leg of the day, we walk a long way

Just to get to the height of the hill and admire the environment

As we slap the bugs in our way

We walked out of the camp site and down the admiring road

Thinking about what I think I should do with my life

And the people I'm working with, I'm getting to know

Day Two

As I walk on this journey with my four friends

I think about my life and appreciate the views around us

I'm happy I succeeded and I'm proud of my work

Especially all of my friends

They did their best and are more confident in themselves

That's all I could wish for them

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GDPR – NEW DATA REGULATIONS

Please note that if we do not have photo consent for your child, we will be unable to feature their photo in our newsletter, on our website or around school, including in photos of teams, on trips etc.

To update student details at any time please email studentdetails@furzeplatt.net

YEAR 11 MATHS PRACTICE PAPER

There is now a Maths practice paper with answers on Show My Homework to help students prepare for their Maths Paper 2 on Thursday 7th June. The papers have been prepared in light of the Paper 1 yesterday.

SCHOOL NEWS**DUKE OF EDINBURGH POEM**

The following superb poem has been written by Shannon Doyle (Year 10). She wrote this about her recent Bronze expedition.

I'm hoping to do Silver and I'm excited for the journey ahead
 I have more aims and goals to do well and finish
 And I wish all my friends the best



Walking around on my cold feet
 When I can't even feel my heart beat

As a matter of fact I think it's dead
 As everything I see is black or red
 I stopped listening a long time ago
 I've gotten so sluggish and slow

Sitting down not thinking about life
 Is the best way to keep me away from the knife
 My soul slowly draining away
 There's nothing left for me to say



ENGLISH POETRY – ZOMBIE POEM

We have had some stunning poetry sessions submitted this week, in English. James Badham (Year 9) created a fantastic poem which everyone in the class loved! Inspired by The Walking Dead, James wittily wrote this poem from the perspective of a zombie.



Zombie apocalypse poem

God please ease my pain
 I don't deserve this I'm not to blame
 What an earth did I do
 Nothing makes sense to me anymore not even you

There's no place for me on this earth
 So hit me up with your worst
 Make it fast or slow you can choose
 Burn my outer shell and feed the fire with booze

This place has nothing to give me
 So why would I even want to be



HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Manmeet Saundh (Year 12, who with her team Reading Hockey Club, won the GU18 Hockey finals. The game, played at Lee Valley, saw Manmeet score in both the first and second half, with her second goal coming at the stroke of full time to make for a very exciting finish.



ESAA TRACK AND FIELD CUP – BERKSHIRE ROUND



The Year 7 and 8 Girls' athletics team took part in the Berkshire round of the ESAA track and Field Cup at St Mary's School Ascot. The team finished 7th out of 12 teams.

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The team were:

Erin Huddleston	Maya Ciesielska
Brogan McCafferty	Daisy Hellings
Sacha Nicholls	Hannah Britton
Zara Atkin	Martha Garner
Amelie Price	Kensa Horner
Eloise Peacock	Sofia Blake



FEATURED ARTWORK



Harry Shrimpton - Year 9

GCSE Art & Design



named from the ancient box woodland found on the steepest west-facing chalk slopes overlooking the River Mole. And I can hear you asking – what is a box woodland? No - it's not an Amazon box that you might get delivered! The common box is a large, slow-growing evergreen tree – hence the name box woodland.

Box Hill is a famous destination for day-trippers of all ages! As such, it has much to offer families, as well as ramblers, naturalists and cyclists. The scenes from the summit were stunningly calming and relaxing, especially on such a clear day.

On the summit, there is a café/servery and small gift shop. The Natural Play Trail provides engaging educational resources for visitors with stepping stones across streams and opportunities to explore and learn as they make their way through the woodlands. There are also guided walks to gain a better understanding of the area.

As part of our visit, we carried out surveys with the general public, questioning them on their mode of transport: likes and dislikes of the area and the potential risks. We also evaluated the impact of tourism on the area: amount of visible litter; how sounds of large groups impact the wildlife; vandalism and amount of trampling and erosion caused to designated walkways and to non-designated walkways. Luckily, Mr Fraser will be collating all the responses when we return!

At different hills, we conducted various experiments: observing the sward (grass) height; the percentage of bare ground; the percentage of long, short or medium sward and measuring how compact the ground was. You can probably picture us all crouching down with our rulers and measuring away. Other visitors were probably wandering what on earth was going on! But, I found the perfect piece of grass to make a 'grass whistle' and managed to make a screeching sound!

The trip was brilliant as it helped me to see the impact we

BOX HILL REPORT



Rajveer Notay Year 10 MW3

On Friday 18th May, some Year ten GCSE Geography students went on the annual field trip to Box Hill which supports students in one of the exams in the final year. I was looking forward to it as I haven't been before.

Box Hill is a summit of the North Downs in Surrey, and was

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have on the natural environment. I would thoroughly recommend it – not just for your geographical understanding but as a great day out! Thanks for organising this Mr Fraser.

that their efforts will go some way towards raising much needed funds for Cancer Research, their chosen charity.

If you would like to support Georgina and Erin, they would be thrilled and very grateful. Please find the link below.

Good luck to both girls.

TEAM HEAD BOY VS TEAM WHITAKER



Team Head Boy triumphed in a war of attrition on a scorching afternoon. Team Whitaker pushed for an equaliser but were left defeated 1-0.

Our Head Boy team will be greatly missed at school and we wish them all every success.

Thank you to Mrs Pasa for her help.



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200 CLUB



Many congratulations to our three winning 200 Club number holders who each won a substantial cash prize. Our next draw is in July.



COMMUNITY NEWS



YEAR 7 PUPILS AND THEIR RACE FOR LIFE

Friends Georgina Castignetti and Erin Hanna, both in Year 7, have taken up the challenge of running the 5K Race for Life that is being held at Windsor Racecourse on Saturday 2nd June.

The event is to raise money and more importantly promote awareness for Cancer Research.

Only recently have the girls taken up jogging regularly after school, using the Couch to 5K app to help them build up their stamina and speed.

This will be their first official race and they're looking forward to putting all their hard work and training into this challenging event.

Sadly, like so many of us, both girls have members of their families who have been affected by cancer and they hope



200 CLUB

Winning numbers for Draw 3

on Friday 11th May 2018



HOW DOES THE 200 CLUB WORK?

ANNUAL PAYMENT

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

JOB VACANCIES

Early Years Practitioner – Full time position, 37 hours per week, term time only plus Inset days

Start date - September 2018.



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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS (CONT.)

YEAR 12

Work Experience Week:

- **Monday 9th to Friday 13th July - Year 12 Work Experience week:** All students need to secure their work experience placement, complete and hand in their work experience forms as soon as possible or by the deadline of Friday 25th May.

REMINDERS

YEAR 11 PROM, GRADUATION AND HOODIES

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[PROM TICKETS , GRADUATION & HOODIES LETTER](#)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

YEAR 12

We have a number of important dates and events coming up after half term for Year 12 students, so please be aware of the following information:

Pre Public Exams (PPEs):

- **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th June - Year 12 Art & Photography PPEs:** Students to attend school at normal time. The exam duration is 5 hours with 2 breaks, and students will finish school as normal at 3.15pm.
- **Monday 25th – Thursday 28th June- Year 12 PPE period:** During these 4 days, students will be on full exam/study leave and will not be expected to attend any school sessions (tutor time, assemblies, tutorials etc.) and will only be expected to attend their exams. All students must wear clothing that meets with the Sixth Form's dress code whilst at school during this week. All students have an individual timetable issued to them outlining the times of their exams. **Please note that the morning exams are due to start at 8.45am and students should arrive at 8.30am to be ready to start at 8.45am. Afternoon exams will start at 12.30pm and students should arrive at 12.15pm to be ready to start at 12.30pm.**

Careers Day:

- **Friday 29th June - Year 12 Careers Day:** The day will consist of a variety of seminars and workshops that will assist students with planning for and developing skills for their future careers. Further details and information to follow shortly. All students must arrive at school promptly at 8.40am.

ICELAND FIELD TRIP - EASTER 2019

Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th April 2019

The Geography Department at Furze Platt Senior School is well known for organising a range of excellent trips – both in terms of preparing students for examinations, and also offering an experience of a lifetime. In 2015 and 2017 we have taken students to Iceland during the Easter break. These trips have been exciting for the school and department and have proved to be a huge success.

We are excited to be offering another trip to Iceland during the Easter Break of 2019: 10th – 13th April. Although this trip will offer excellent support to the work that students cover in A Level and GCSE, this will be run as a purely optional trip giving Furze Platt students the chance, every two years, to experience the raw power of Geography in an environment very different to that of the UK! As we only plan to run the trip once every two years, this opportunity will be open to all students from Years 9 to 13 – although priority will be given to those students studying Geography in Years 12 and 13 to ensure that they get a chance to go before they leave school. Based on the success of previous trips, we expect this to be a very popular trip. Quotes have been requested based on 40 students and 4 staff so it is likely that a 'Reserve List' will be created in the event of over-subscription.

Please see the letter in the link below for more details.

[YEARS 9 –13 ICELAND TRIP 2019 LETTER](#)



YEAR 10 UNIVERSITY VISIT

Tuesday 26th June and Monday 9th July

As part of our programme of activities to help students make choices for their future, we are planning to take all Year 10 students to visit a university on either Tuesday 26th June or Monday 9th July 2018. Students will have the opportunity to see a university at first hand; they will have a tour of the campus, meet students and attend various talks and activities about the benefits of Higher Education.

Students have a choice of university to visit, please see the letter in the link below for full details.

**YEAR 10 UNIVERSITY VISIT LETTER
(REVISED DATES)**

YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE

As Year 13 students enter their final exams at Furze Platt Senior School please be aware of the following arrangements for your information. Year 13 students will be on full study leave from Monday 4th June, however please note that they are more than welcome to attend any of their usual timetabled lessons from this date. All subject teachers will be running revision sessions at these times, even though it is not compulsory to attend. Students attending these revision sessions must continue to adhere to the Sixth Form dress code. The revision lessons will cease once the final exam has been sat for that subject. We hope that the vast majority of students will take up this opportunity. We wish every Year 13 student well for their exams.

ASPIRING MOTIVATED CONFIDENT CONSIDERATE



**Open Morning
Monday 2nd July 2018
For Year 5 Parents***



**Open Evening
Thursday 4th Oct 2018
All Welcome**



**School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2018
All Welcome***

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*Places on these events must be booked in advance.

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

'An increased number of pupils achieved top grades at key stage 4 [and] made very strong progress in both academic and vocational subjects. The most able make similar or greater progress than other pupils nationally.'
- Ofsted



How to find us:



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'
- Ofsted 2016

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SKI TRIP 2019

TO LA THUILE, AOSTA VALLEY

SATURDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2019

Skiing £1,015
Snowboarding £1,025

This includes:

- Extensive 6 day lift pass that covers both La Thuile in Italy and La Rosiere in France.
- Five hours of ski/snowboard lessons per day.
- Full board accommodation including dinner out at a different restaurant every night.
- Exciting après ski programme.
- Travel to and from the resort on a luxury coach.

Open to all current Year 7-12 students who will be at the school in April 2019.

Application forms available from Reception, PE department or Drama department.

[CLICK HERE FOR PDF SKI TRIP 2019 LETTER AND APPLICATION FORM](#)

