



YEAR 13 STUDY LEAVE

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Important Information for Year 13 Students

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 20th May, however please note, that they are more than welcome to attend any of their usual timetabled lessons from this date onwards. All subject teachers will run revision sessions during this time, even though it is not compulsory to attend. Please note 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 advantage of these revision sessions. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish every Year 13 student well for their exams this summer.

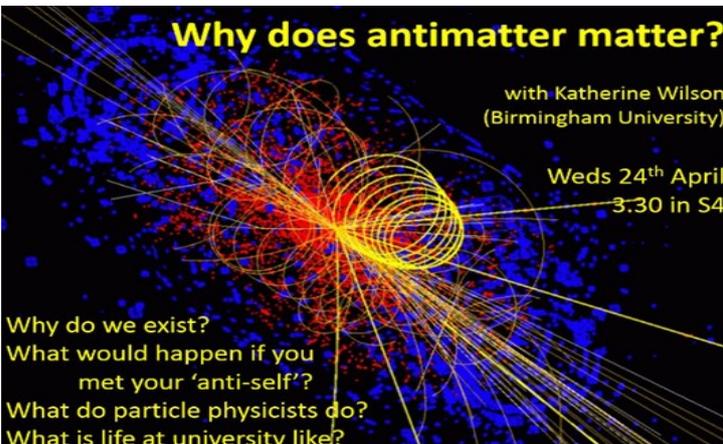
Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

WHY DOES ANTIMATTER MATTER?



Weds 24th April, 3.30pm in S4

Katherine Wilson, FPSS Alumni from Birmingham University will be presenting a fascinating introduction on Particle Physics and the hidden secrets it can uncover. All students welcome, we especially encourage Years 9 and 10.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL EVENTS

SPORTS CALENDAR

Next Week (Week 1)

TUE 2 APRIL	PGL Parents' Information Evening	6pm - 7pm
FRI 5 APRIL	End of Term 4	12.30pm finish

Forthcoming Events

MON 8 - MON 22 APRIL	Spring Holiday
SAT 6 - MON 8 APRIL	Year 10 (Silver) Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
WED 10 - SAT 13 APRIL	Iceland Trip
SAT 13 - SUN 21 APRIL	Ski Trip
SAT 13- WED 17 APRIL	Year 12 (Gold) Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
SUN 14 - TUE 16 APRIL	Year 12/13 CERN (Geneva) Trip
TUE 23 APRIL	Start of Term 5

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

YEARS 9, 11, 12 & 13 REPORTS



The above reports have now been issued and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools. The service is available either by going to our website www.furzeplatt.com and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools www.go4schools.com and selecting Parents. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs K Avery, Data Manager

VIEW REPORTS

SWIMMING LEGEND



Lars Cheli (Year 7) has been selected by the ESSA (English Schools Swimming Association) to join the South East Division Team and take part to the Inter-Division Championship that took place over the weekend, on 22/23 March in Crawley. Eight Division teams from all over England have participated in this competition.

Lars competed in the Junior Boys 200m Breaststroke event and achieved a very good 4th place in the age group. Within boys born in 2006 he placed 2nd overall in the 200m Breaststroke. Congratulations to Lars for this fantastic achievement.

69th Inter-Division Championships 2019 - Session 2

ENGLISH SCHOOLS SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

Boys Junior 200m Breaststroke - Heats (Declared Winners)

Full Results

Place	Name	YoB	Club	Time	FINA Pt	50	100	150
1.	Vadim Bosc	(05)	ESSA NW	2:34.43	551	35.30	1:14.39	1:55.10
2.	Richard Towers	(05)	ESSA SW	2:35.61	539	35.92	1:16.20	1:56.60
3.	Thomas Wilkinson	(06)	ESSA NE	2:43.45	465	36.75	1:18.02	2:00.92
4.	Lars Cheli	(06)	ESSA SE	2:51.31	404	37.21	1:20.64	2:05.60
5.	Daniel Hollis	(06)	ESSA Ea	2:51.39	403	38.11	1:23.02	2:07.53
6.	James Reid	(05)	ESSA Lo	2:51.66	401	36.99	1:20.14	-
7.	Leon Steer	(06)	ESSA WM	2:54.53	382	38.33	1:22.33	2:08.36
8.	Noah Rai	(06)	ESSA EM	2:59.80	349	39.45	1:25.49	2:13.38



GCSE PE HORSE RIDING ASSESSMENT

On Sunday 24th April I spent the morning with Ellis Murphy and Ellie Doyle, while they completed their GCSE PE Horse Riding assessment. Both girls looked very smart, oozed confidence and excelled. It was a real pleasure to witness. Congratulations Ellis and Ellie!

Miss K Tomlin (PE Teacher)



YEAR 11 GCSE PE ASSESSMENTS

This Wednesday our Year 11 PE students put 110% effort into everything their GCSE assessments. Myself and Mr Whitaker are extremely proud teachers. To quote the moderator 'they were a credit to themselves and to the school'.

Miss K Tomlin (PE Teacher)

YEAR 10 NETBALL

A delightful end to a great sporting day on Wednesday as the Year 10 Netball team played very well in the tournament after school, winning 2 games and drawing 1. Congratulations girls!

Miss K Tomlin (PE Teacher)



THROUGH TO THE NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Our Year 8 girls ended the netball season on a high last week with both the A and B team securing their place in the Championship Finals.

Both teams played excellently against some very strong teams and showed so much enthusiasm and maturity throughout. Thank you also to all parents who came along to cheer the girls on.



FITNESS CLUB (BOOT CAMP)



Liam Fitzgibbon, Josh Woodhatch and Sam Davies getting themselves into and out of knots at Furze Platt morning fitness club. Students of all years are welcome, the Fitness Club takes place every Wednesday morning 7.40am – 8.15am in the Furze Platt Leisure Centre.



PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Year 10 have been learning about mandalas this week in their Philosophy and Religion lessons. After they are completed the mandalas, which are made up of different coloured sand, will be put swept up as a sign of impermanence.



WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ



Well done to Scarlett Phillips in Year 9 for winning the library's fiendishly difficult fiction quiz. Scarlett correctly identified the most quotations and has won the Amazon voucher prize.

See how well you can do:

Fiendishly Difficult Fiction Quiz

1. Identify the book or the character from the quotes. (To give you a clue the year the book was first published is given)
2. 'A book? What d'ya wanna a flaming book for? We've got a lovely telly with a 12-inch screen and now ya wanna book!' (First published 1988)

3. 'Never judge things by their appearances, even carpet bags,' (First published 1934)
4. "There was only orange juice in the fridge. Nothing else you could put on cereal, unless you think ketchup, mayonnaise or pickle would be nice." (Published 2013)
5. "About three things I was absolutely positive. First, Edward was a vampire. Second, there was a part of him-and I didn't know how potent that part might be-that thirsted for my blood. And third, I was unconditionally and irrevocably in love with him." (Published 2005)
6. "Maybe ever'body in the whole damn world is scared of each other." and "Trouble with mice is you always kill 'em." (First published 1937)
7. "Not all those who wander are lost." (First published 1954)
8. "Sometimes we get sad about things and we don't like to tell other people that we are sad about them. We lie but really we don't know why we are sad, so we say we aren't sad but really we are." (First published 2003)
9. "District 12:Where you can starve to death in safety." (First published 2008)
10. "I'll be famous one day, but for now I'm stuck in middle school with a bunch of morons." (First published 2007)
11. "The answer to the ultimate question of Life, The Universe and Everything is...42" (First published 1979)
12. "The gods rule us still. They have come down from the stars. And they are no longer kind." (First published 2015)
13. "Fear of a name only increases fear of the thing itself." (First published 1987)
14. Every time you post something you have a choice. You can either make it something that adds to the happiness levels in the world- or you can make it something that takes it away." (First published 2014)
15. Name the fictional character being given this advice. "Believe me. It would be better if we didn't meet again. Go back to school. Go back to your life. And next time they ask you, say no. Killing is for grown-ups and you're still a child."
16. Name the fictional detective."What would killing the Elders result in?" Panic? Fear? Three empty parking spaces in the Sanctuary?" (First published 2007)

17. "Girls aren't very good at keeping maps in their heads", (First published 1950)
18. "Have I gone mad?" I'm afraid so, the best people usually are." (First published 1865)
19. "He looked down and did something quite out of character for him: he took hold of Shmuel's tiny hand in his and squeezed it tightly. "You're my best friend for life." (First published 2006)
20. "Might I," quavered Mary, "might I have a bit of earth?" (First published 1911)
21. "What's in a name? A rose by any name would smell as sweet." (First published 1597)
22. "I think all those rules are boring. About what people can and can't wear. Surely everyone should be able to wear whatever they like?" (First Published 2008)
23. "It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen." (First published 1949)
24. "He could see the honey, he could smell the honey, but he couldn't quite reach the honey." (First published 1926)
25. Name the super hero. "Meet George Beard and Harold Hutchins. George is the kid on the left with the tie and the flat top. Harold is the one on the right with the T-shirt and the bad haircut." (First Published 1997)
26. "The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it." (First published 1904)
27. "None of the teachers at school have noticed that I am an intellectual. They will be sorry when I am famous." And "My skin is dead good, I think it must be a combination of being in love, and Lucozade." (First published 1982)
28. Name the fictional character; "I think the Merry Go-Round is a very good way of travelling if you don't want to go anywhere...especially if you have plenty of marmalade sandwiches to keep you going." (First published 1904)
29. "I wish every day could be Halloween. We could all wear masks all the time. Then we could walk around and get to know each other before we got to see what we looked like under the masks." (First Published 2012)
30. "If more of us valued food and cheer above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world. But, sad or merry, I must leave it now,. Farewell- Thorin" (First published 1937)
31. "Oh, please don't go-we'll eat you up-we love you so!" (First published 1963)
32. "In the light of the moon a little egg lay on a leaf" (First published 1969)
33. "Procrastination is the thief of time" (First published 1850)
34. "Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing." (First published 1892)
35. "it is true, we shall be monsters, cut off from all the world, but on that account we shall be more attached to one another." (First published 1818)
36. "Like most misery it started with apparent happiness". (First published 2006)
37. "'That's the duty of the old,' said the librarian, 'To be anxious on the behalf of the young. And the duty of the young is to scorn the anxiety of the old.'" (First published 1996)
38. "Stories are important", the monster said. "They can be more important than anything if they carry the truth." (First published 2011)
39. "But just as soon as this war's over and finished with, I'll get back home and marry her. I've grown up with her, Joey, known her all my life. S'pose I know her almost as well as I know myself, and I like her better," (First published 1982)
40. "It seems an obvious thing to say, but you should not imagine that we Pakistanis are all potential terrorists, just as we should not imagine that you Americans are all undercover assassins." (First published 2007)
41. "One must always be careful of books," said Tess, "and what is inside them, for words have the power to change us, only the very weak minded refuse to be influenced by literature and poetry." (First published 2010)

[CLICK HERE FOR QUIZ ANSWERS](#)

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DUKE OF EDINBURGH NEWS

Well done to our students who completed their Bronze practice expedition last week.



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Year 1- Silver DofE group on their way to their practice expedition in the South Downs.



Year 10 Construction class are supporting the Maidenhead Cycle Hub for the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh award by refurbishing donated bikes to sell in the shop.

Miss D Carty (DofE Coordinator)

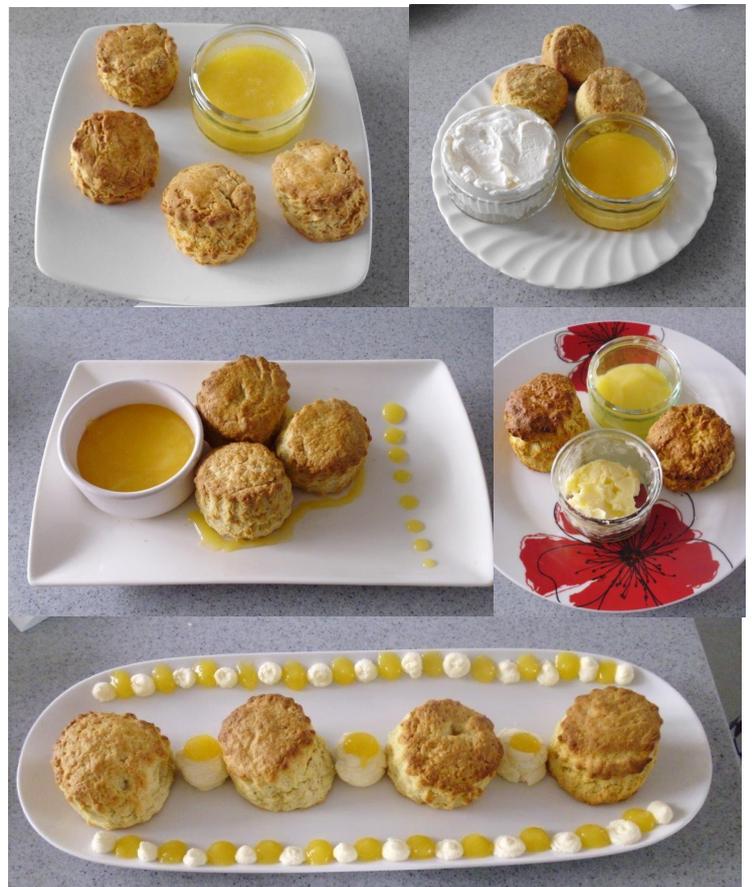


Our Year 10s meeting the locals on a recent navigation day.



YEAR 9 - PRESENTATION OF BUTTERMILK SCONES WITH LEMON CURD

Students learnt new cookery skills by making their own butter for these dishes. The scones were made with buttermilk. They also learnt to use egg yolk to thicken a mixture whilst making their own lemon curd.



Happy faces all round for our students for their Bronze practice expedition.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Norden Farm Young Leadership Programme

Running throughout the Easter and Summer Holiday

Open to students aged 14 – 18 years

The Young Leadership Programme at Norden Farm allows students to gain skills and experience that are transferrable to a wide range of contexts. They include planning, organisation, people management, teamwork, time keeping and customer service. Young Leaders play a vital part in the holidays at Norden Farm and will help with assisting with craft and storytelling sessions and front of house activity, working alongside professional arts practitioners and leading their own end of week open workshop for local children and families.

Participants in the programme will benefit from up to 3 training and mentoring sessions throughout their leadership week. Session content will include event management (including health and safety) and leading children's arts workshops.

Outcomes for Students

- Development of leadership skills
- Personal development; partially self confidence
- Valuable work experience
- Participation in this course can be used toward Bronze, Silver or Gold Arts Award and DofE Award.

For more information about the Youth Leadership Programme at Norden Farm, and an application form, visit the website on the link below.

[YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME AT NORDEN FARMWEBSITE](#)

CURRENT VACANCIES

We are looking for an Assistant Examinations Officer, a School Medical Officer and an Exam Invigilator. Please click the link below for more details.

[CURRENT VACANCIES](#)

INVITATION

Miss Holmes will be singing in the choir concert Music Without Borders taking place this weekend in Windsor. Please click the link below for more details.

QUIRE VOICES

Music Without Borders

A celebration of European choral music
Conducted by Sean Bui

Saturday 30th March 2019 at 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Garrison Church, Trinity Place, Windsor, SL4 3BB

Ticket details at www.quirevoices.com

[MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS](#)

REMINDERS

CAN YOU HELP?

Our Shine Department are on the look out for wool and plant/flower seeds. If you have any spare which you would be happy to donate please leave them at our Main Reception.

Thank you.



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ADMISSIONS SEPT 2019

The Borough will provide our list of accepted school places, along with our waiting list, at the end of March. Please contact our Admissions team (Ext. 131) week commencing 1 April if you have any queries.



High-Quality Music Tuition from Berkshire Maestros

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- Music helps to develop active listening skills
- Music can also enhance health and wellbeing

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Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school? We have the following opportunity starting ASAP

School Medical Officer to start ASAP

Part time, 35 Hours per week, ideally 8.30am to 4.00pm Flexible)
Monday to Friday term time only

Salary £18,550 - £20,450 pa (actual salary) depending on experience

We are looking for an empathetic, confident person with the relevant skills to provide a comprehensive medical and welfare service to the school. In addition to the provision of first aid and other medical support to individual students you will work with colleagues on the implementation of individual health care plans for students with medical conditions, organise first aid training for staff, co-ordinate immunisation programmes, liaise with the pastoral team in relation to pastoral issues and contribute to medical and student wellbeing policy. We would also like the successful applicant to train staff members who are working with students with severe and complex medical conditions as well as support the school trip process in relation to medical requirements.

We are looking for a team player who enjoys working with minimum supervision and who might already have a medical background in some form or another. For further information and an application form please refer to the vacancies section of our school website www.furzeplatt.com

Application forms should be returned to Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

Closing date: Tuesday 23rd April 2019, 9.00am
Interviews: w/c Monday 29th April 2019

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website www.furzeplatt.com. Application forms should be returned to kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net. Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

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ASPIRING MOTIVATED CONFIDENT CONSIDERATE

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If you have any news items you wish to feature in our newsletter please email: media@furzeplatt.net



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EXAM INVIGILATORS

**Term time only, casual contract £11.00
per hour** (from 1st April 2019)

Required from May 2019

Furze Platt Senior School is looking to add to their bank of dedicated Exam Invigilators, who will be employed on a casual basis to supervise students taking both pre-public exams and actual GCSE/A Level exams, as necessary throughout the school year.

We are looking for individuals who:

- Are available to work on an ad hoc basis during exam sessions particularly during May/June.
- Are able to work individually and as part of a team
- Have good interpersonal skills
- Remain calm under pressure
- Are able to follow all instructions including those set by the Exam Board

Full training will be provided and staff will be contacted prior to the exam period to discuss the invigilation schedule in relation to their own availability.

Please visit our website www.furzeplatt.com for an application form or contact Mrs Sarah Hemsley via sarah.hemsley@furzeplatt.net for further information.

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CAREER EVENTS

ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIPS

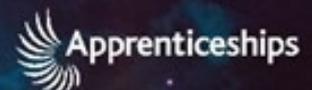
Come and find out more about the exciting careers you can have in Engineering.

Tuesday 2 April 2019
4:30pm to 7:30pm

Holiday Inn Oxford, Peartree Roundabout,
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This is an informal drop in event for young
people and their parents/carers.

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THE BIG QUIZ 7



Friday 26th April 2019
7.30pm - 10.30pm

At Furze Platt Senior School in the Main Hall

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



per person



people per table

But you can book in any numbers from 1-6 and we'll find teams for you.



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



bar & prize raffle

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