




## TERM 6 UNIFORM

With the hotter summer days upon us we will be refining our school uniform. For the rest of the term blazers will not be compulsory. Students should still wear shirts and ties.

If students wish to wear an additional layer they should wear a FPSS jumper or blazer. Please note, hoodies or non-uniform jumpers are not acceptable.

We will return to normal uniform arrangements in September.



## UPPER SCHOOL TIES

Students moving into Year 9 and Year 10 in September are entitled to purchase an Upper School tie. These can be purchased from Reception for £8. We are happy to accept old Lower School ties for school use if you wish to donate them.

**For our younger visitors next week:**



## YEAR 5 OPEN MORNING

We have had a very high number of responses to our Open Morning and are full for Monday's tour. Please do call Mrs Craker or Mrs Wardle on Main Reception who will help with alternative dates.



## YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

8.40am – 3pm

We are looking forward to students visiting us next week. They should bring a packed lunch, pencil case and be in their current primary school uniform ready for a prompt arrival between 8.30-8.40am.

We will be selling Lower House ties in the library from 2.45pm for £5 each. Students will be told in the morning



## UPCOMING EVENTS

[ALL EVENTS](#)
[SPORTS CALENDAR](#)

### Next Week (Week 1)

MON 1 JULY	Year 5 Open Morning (Fully booked)	9am - 12.30pm
	Parents' Community Group Meeting	6pm - 7pm
TUE 2 JULY	Year 6 Taster Day plus Second Hand Uniform Sale	
WED 3 - THU 4 JULY	Year 12 Taster Days	

### Forthcoming Events

MON 8 - FRI 12 JULY	Year 12 Work Experience Week	
THU 11 JULY	ESAA Championships - Birmingham	
MON 15 JULY	Year 12 Careers Day	
SUN 14 - WED 17 JULY	Year 12 Geography Trip	

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which House they will be joining and parents will be informed at the tie sale.

In addition, our PTFA will be selling freshly laundered pre-loved PE kits including shin pads, boots and trainers starting from just £5.

Please bring cash to purchase ties; PTFA items can be bought either via cash or bank transfer (details will be given on the day - please note ties cannot be purchased via bank transfer).

Thank you.



## YEAR 13 - KEEP IN TOUCH!

At the other end of the school, we have had our Year 13 Prom this week. Held at Badgemore Park in Henley-on-Thames, the successful event was organised by the students themselves.

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We regularly feature both our present day students and our Alumni in our newsletter, and we have some major events happening in school in the near future. We would like our Year 13 students to sign up to our Alumni list where they can hear about news and events. Please encourage them to sign up here (with an external email address):

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

Thank you to the Student Senior Leadership team for all their hard work and to ex Head Boy Adam Simmonds for sending us the wonderful Prom photographs.

## YEAR 9 AND 10 GCSE MUSIC

### LA FOLIA PROJECT

Our GCSE Music students have been given a very exciting opportunity to take part in a Taster Session with La Folia on Monday 1st July.

La Folia is a music charity and production company that brings together instrumentalists, singers, actors, dancers, visual artists and writers to create new music, original projects and ground-breaking performances. They work

with a pool of artists in many genres. These artists are all national or international figures in their own right who choose to work with La Folia due to their innovative approach, creative freedom & uncompromising artistic standards.

Students will be lucky enough to work with some highly acclaimed composers and musicians to compose and record an original piece of music by the end of the day. We are opening this opportunity up to students in Year 9 and 10 and a handful of Sixth Form students.

Not only will this be an excellent introduction to the GCSE Composition element but we are also hoping that this session will be a taster to a bigger, more exciting, project next year.

If you would like your child **NOT** to take part in this opportunity, please email me.

Mrs A Bradley, Head of Performing Arts

**EMAIL MRS BRADLEY**

## THE ACCORDION SHOP

### YEAR 9 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

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### A PARENT WRITES:

"Year 9 Drama students excelled themselves in 'The Accordion Shop' tonight. The quality of the acting was superb, everybody played their part enthusiastically and convincingly, the icing on the cake was they all enjoyed themselves and it showed! Huge credit



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to the staff who have given up their time and effort to pull it all together and believe the students can do it.”

Thank you to Mrs Dale for the report, well done to all the talented cast and a special thank you to Miss Satterthwaite for producing the show.



## SPORTS DAY 2019

We had a fantastic day of sports this week with amazing supporters cheering on their respective Houses and each other's competitors. The weather was perfect throughout. A huge well done to everyone who took part, either in individual or team events. Thank you to everyone involved in arranging the day.

House results to follow...



## FIRST PLACE AT BOROUGH ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The PE department took over 80 students from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 to Thames Valley Athletics Centre to compete in the Borough Athletics Championships. Furze Platt students were a credit to themselves and the school throughout the day. Not only were they excellent competitors they also helped officiate! There were some extremely good individual performances throughout the day and the team results are as follows:

Both the Year 7 boys' and the Year 9 boys' teams came 1<sup>st</sup> and won the shield (both teams pictured).

Year 7 girls' team, Year 8 boys' team, Year 8 girls' team all came 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 10 boys' team came 6th (they were a reduced team), as did the Year 10 girls' team, and the Year 9 girls' team came 5<sup>th</sup>.

Well done to all competitors, these are fantastic results.







## FRENCH



Frankie King Year 7  
Max Simmons Year 7  
Daniel Hall Year 7  
Rosie Lewis Year 7  
Charlotte Barrons Year 8  
Eliza Carvill Year 8

## GERMAN



Daniel Hall Year 7  
Rosie Lewis Year 7  
Jessica Bristow Year 8  
Ashlyn Bull Year 8  
Will Lonsdale Year 8  
Finnley Tanner Year 8  
Declan Pinto Year 8

## SPANISH



Joel Flood Year 8  
Mia Shields Year 10  
Sabrina Lee Year 8  
Max Simmons Year 7  
Charli Arnold Year 7

## CSI: FURZE PLATT

### STUDENT REPORT

Last week, A level Chemistry students had the exciting opportunity to attend a taster session by research scientists from the University of Reading about Mass spectrometry and Infra-red spectroscopy; two widely used techniques in analytical Chemistry. They spoke about the chemistry behind the techniques, for example, Infra-red spectroscopy works since chemical bonds within molecules absorb radiation of specific wavelengths which Chemists use to identify certain characteristics of a molecule by analysing absorption spectra. Furthermore, they explained how by using Mass spectrometry, scientists can determine the molecular mass of a sample and can determine some key information about the arrangement of



a molecule. Using both of these techniques chemists can get a good idea of the identity of a molecule. They also spoke about how these analytical techniques are applied, for instance in Forensic and Environmental chemistry.

After the talk, we had the chance to use a portable infra-red spectrometer which was fascinating as it produced live data which we had the chance to analyse. This gave us a taster of what we may get to do as part of a chemistry degree or in a chemistry related profession. We looked at a sample of aspirin which was really interesting to see since we had just synthesised our own in class.



Moreover, we also solved problems using the skills we had just learnt giving an insight into what analysis could be like. For instance, we worked through a problem sheet that was designed as a forensic investigation in which we had to identify chemicals in a crime scene; I found it really interesting to see the science behind what goes into crime labs you see on TV.

By Sophie Caldwell, Year 12



## GCSE FOOD TECH VISIT TO RAMSBURY FARM

Students had a really good day out at Ramsbury Farm as part of the Open Farm School Day initiative. Ramsbury's website states 'the estate covers open land, and over 2,500 acres of woodland and forestry. Made up of a mix of



commercial and amenity woodland, this resource is of huge environmental benefit and contributes in lots of ways to the local economy'. The farm is sited over 19,000 acres of land in North East Wiltshire, West Berkshire and North Hampshire and was a very educational and interesting look at the workings of a farm. Thank you to Mrs Crisford, LEAF Education and the Shanly Foundation for their support for this trip.

## SUPER 75 PRIZE WINNERS

Enjoying pizza as part of their prize this week was Gracie Harper, Mia Wilcox, Kieran King, Andrea Cross, Liam Fitzgerald and Jorga Lavendar. Well done to them all!



## STUDENT REQUEST FROM GARDENING CLUB

Dear parents/guardians of students at Furze Platt Senior School,

Our student construction team have been given the responsibility of contributing towards the building of a new in school garden. This garden will be used for growing vegetables for different school departments and a place where students can relax at breaks. Any old tools such as spades, forks, wheelbarrows or anything else you feel would aid in the process would be greatly appreciated.

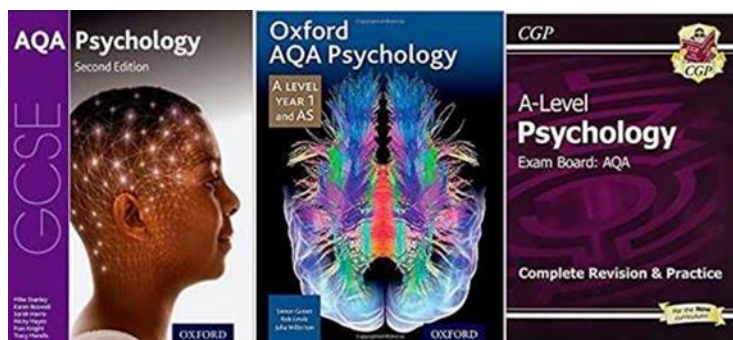
Thank you.

Tommy Grant, Year 9

## REQUEST FROM PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department would welcome old textbooks and revision guides once the exams are over. Every year we struggle with class textbooks being damaged or taken by students who never return them, so if your son/daughter do not need their GCSE or A-Level Psychology textbooks any more, we would greatly appreciate such donations.

Thank you.





## FURZE PLATT STUDENT 'ON ROAD TO WIMBLEDON'



Congratulations to Alexander Okonkwo (pictured, Year 9) who won a 'road to Wimbledon' competition to qualify and will play a tournament against people from all around the world from 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August at Wimbledon.

We wish him the best of luck!

on the email address above. Please be assured such conversations will be treated with discretion. Thank you.

### UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

## FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

We feature regular updates on our Twitter account (@furze\_platt) and our Facebook page (@furzeplattsenior), please do follow us for reminders, news and updates.

### FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



## PTFA NEWS

Further to the earlier piece, if you wish to donate good quality PE kit you can now do so by leaving it in Main Reception. All donations will support the school. Kit from any age and/or year group - in good clean condition - is acceptable, including clean football boots, shin pads and trainers. The PTFA intend to sell these pieces on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from the library and on future days/times which are yet to be arranged. If you have any queries please call PTFA Chair Lorraine Hughes on 07944 538519 or you can email her direct: [lphughes@aol.com](mailto:lphughes@aol.com)

## PHOTO CONSENT / UPDATING STUDENT DETAILS

Any amendments for student details such as change of address, contact numbers, medical information or emergency contact details should be emailed to [studentdetails@furzeplatt.net](mailto:studentdetails@furzeplatt.net).

Please note that information is used by staff on any school trips or in the use of an emergency and it is therefore paramount that the information provided is correct. Updating consents can be done via the link below.

Under GDPR, the overall responsibility for giving photo consent lies with the student when aged 13 and over and has capacity to understand the decision. If there is a legal reason students should not be pictured please contact us



## REMINDERS

### GATE CLOSURES FROM MONDAY BY INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL AND CRANBROOK DRIVE

I would like parents and students to be aware that the two gates at the bottom of our school field – those that go to the Infant/Junior schools, and to the Cranbrook Drive estate (the gate known as the Ostler Gate), will be locked from 1<sup>st</sup> July. This is to ensure the safety and security of everyone on the three school sites. The gates will be open at the beginning and end of the school days, as follows:

Opening Times:

7.45am-9.15am

2.45pm-6pm

Outside of these times, students can only enter the school via the front gates.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Mr E Towill, Associate Assistant Headteacher



## REMINDERS

### TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION

All letters with information on our numerous trips and visits can be found via the link below.

If you have booked a place for your child via WisePay, please assume they have been successful in securing a place unless you hear from us otherwise.

### FPSS TRIPS AND VISITS INFORMATION



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### YEAR 11 STUDENT LEAVERS

As your son/daughter approaches the end of their time in school we would like to remind you to plan your top-ups and spending so the balance on their catering account is at a minimum by the time they leave school.

Innovate will not refund account balances less than £5. Instead the total value of all account balances less than £5 (school leavers only) will be donated to the school.

If your account balance is over £5 you may either request a refund, have the money transferred to a younger sibling, or donate the balance to the school.



**FURZE  
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SENIOR SCHOOL



**Open Morning**  
**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019**  
**For Year 5 Parents\***



**Open Evening**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2019**  
**All Welcome**



**School Tours Available**  
**Sept and Oct 2019**  
**All Welcome\***

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\*Tours must be booked in advance, please contact Main Reception.

### Furze Platt Senior School offers:

- ▶ A broad, stimulating and rewarding education for girls and boys
- ▶ Outstanding academic, sporting and 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:



Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road,  
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7NQ



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'  
- Ofsted 2016

Would you like to join the support staff team of an extremely popular and expanding secondary school?

French Speaking Foreign Language Assistant/Administrator  
To start September 2019

Part time, 9 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only

Actual Salary £5,150 - £5,360 pa depending on experience

We are looking for a native French speaking language assistant to work alongside our MFL teaching team in preparing students for their French speaking examinations at GCSE and A Level as well as providing a small amount of administrative support. You will:-

- Work with teachers to provide classroom support to all students who are learning French with their written and verbal work.
- Conduct sessions with individual students and small groups to help them prepare for their GCSE/A Level French speaking examinations.
- Undertake small administrative tasks to support the MFL team.

If you are a native French speaker with strong organisational skills who would enjoy working with young people in education then we would be interested in hearing from you.

For further information about this role and in order to complete an application form please refer to our school website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com). Application forms should be returned to [Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net](mailto:Kiran.smith@furzeplatt.net). Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Closing date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 9.00 am  
Interviews will take place: week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> July