

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Update: Monday 19th September - Friday 23rd September 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

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| Tues 27th September | Year 9 Parents' Information Evening (7pm - 8pm) |
| Wed 28th September | Year 10 Theatre Trip and Workshop: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time (2.15pm - 10.45pm) |
| Thurs 29th September | Year 11 Preparing to Succeed (6.30pm - 7.30pm) Year 10 Preparing to Succeed (7.30pm - 8.30pm) |
| Sun 2nd October | PTFA Table Top Sale (9am - 12pm) |

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Thurs 6th October | Whole School Open Evening (6pm - 9pm) |
| Fri 7th October | INSET Day |



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OFSTED VISIT

Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have had our Ofsted inspection. Thank you to everyone who filled in their questionnaires, it was lovely to know that so many of you think so highly of Furze Platt and we appreciate your comments.

We look forward to seeing our feedback from Ofsted, which we will share with you as soon as we are able.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

Please be advised that all students, including 6th Formers, must be on school site before 8.40am. Our gates close at 8.40am promptly so your child will need to be here earlier than that to ensure they are on time. Good punctuality is very important and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your sons and daughters allow sufficient time to arrive at school. We will contact you if your child is late and persistent lateness will incur sanctions.

Thank you for your support.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

NOTIFICATION OF PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

You will recall that I wrote to you a short while ago notifying you of a vacancy for a parent governor on the school's Governing Body and inviting nominations.

As there have been more nominations than there are vacancies, a secret ballot is to be held at the school on Friday 30th September 2016. The ballot paper and personal election statements submitted by the candidates are attached. Every parent of a registered student at the school is entitled to vote. The voting procedure is as follows:

Every parent may vote for one candidate. The number of votes does not depend on the number of children a parent has at the school. The completed ballot paper should be returned to the school in a sealed envelope.

The envelope may be returned either by your child, through the post, or in person to the school, marked 'Election' and should be signed on the back by the elector. This should arrive no later than 3.30pm on Friday 30th September.

Results of the election will be announced after the count. All parents/carers will be notified of the result. Parents wishing to be notified individually are asked to contact the school.

Ms T White (Headteacher and Returning Officer)

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION STATEMENTS

PARENT GOVERNOR BALLET PAPER

DIFFERENT BREAK TIMES ON TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

To accommodate an important Year 11 Maths exam we are moving Break 2 forward by an hour. For Tuesday 27th September only, Break 2 will run from 12.45am-1.15pm (rather than the usual 1.45pm-2.15pm). Period 5 will then run from 1.15pm-2.15pm (rather than 12.45am-1:45pm). The rest of the day will run as usual and the café will continue to offer its usual full range of hot and cold meals at both breaks.



WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

6PM - 9PM

THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2016

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS](#)



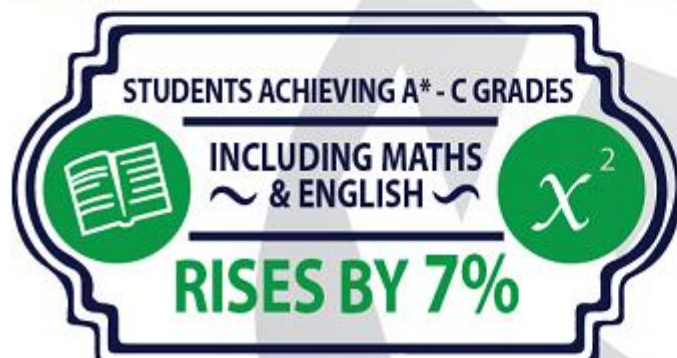
SCHOOL NEWS

2016 RESULTS

— GCSE —



STUDENTS MADE SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER PROGRESS THAN NATIONAL AVERAGES



Polly Batstone
Louise Snape
John Conacher
Will Parsons
Georgia Sellwood
Catrin Osborne
Claire Fan
Olivia Flood
Hannah Turner
Jonathan Knowles
Victor Kleshnev
Matthew Rapley
Eliot Avellano
Sterling O'Donohue
Ore Ogidan
Amy Slater
Oliver Okonkwo
Faraz Akhtar
Oliver Baldwin
Maya Tetteh
Findlay Cassels



George Jensen
average of almost 2 grades above target
Oliver Okonkwo
average of almost 2 grades above target
Molly Fawcett
average of 1.5 grades above target
Robert Anderson
average of 1.5 grades above target
Matthew Rapley
average of 1.5 grades above target
Adam Somerville
average of 1.5 grades above target
Zach Penman
average of 1 grade above target
Matthew Baker
average of 1 grade above target
Jess McClintock
average of 1 grade above target

2016 RESULTS

A-LEVEL

98%

PASS RATE

MAINTAINED FOR



23%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-A

44%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-B

74%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-C

**STAR
PERFORMERS**

SUBJECTS WITH A
100%
PASS RATE

Olivia Edwards

A* A* A*

Steven Fan

A* A* A*

Anna Kohn

A* A* A*

Matthew Impey

A* A* A

Tim Mulvany

A* A* A A

James Martin

A* A* A A

Charlie Sharpe

A* A* A

Sam Holdsworth

A* A A

Luis Avellano

A* A A

Katherine Wilson

A* A A

Robert Turff

A A A B

Rhian Osborne

A A A

Hayden Kyle-Davidson

A A A

Eliza Scott

A A A

Jordan Rance

A A A

Ryan Irvin

A A A B

Charlie Pridmore

A A A B

Maddie Dutfield

A* A B

Sarah Robbins

A* A B

Applied Business

Art & Design

Business Studies

Chemistry

Computing

Product Design

Dance

Drama

Economics

English Lang & Lit

English Literature

French

Further Maths

Geography

German

History

Human Biology

ICT

Maths

Media Studies

Philosophy & Ethics

Physical Education

Physics

Polish

Politics

Russian

Spanish

EPQ

BEST



PROGRESS

SINCE

YEAR 11

Ryan Irvin

average of 1.5 grades
above target

Iain Callaghan

average of 1.5 grades
above target

Steven Fan

average of 1 grade
above target

Alex Jones

average of 1 grade
above target

Harry Frith

average of 1 grade
above target

SUBJECTS WITH A

**HIGH
A*-B%**

Further Maths

100%

Economics

80%

Philosophy & Ethics

73.3%

ICT

66.7%

Chemistry

65.5%

Maths

63.6%

Human Biology

60%

Spanish

60%

English Literature

57.1%

2016 RESULTS

AS-LEVEL

89%

PASS RATE
IMPROVEMENT

ON PREVIOUS

2 YEARS

58%
OF GRADES
ARE
A*-C

**STAR
PERFORMERS**

100%
PASS RATE

BEST

PROGRESS
SINCE
YEAR 11

Tommy Clifford
aveage of 1 grade
above target

Lewis Hampton
aveage of 1 grade
above target

Sam Sheppard
aveage of 1/2 grade
above target

Georgina Wilding
aveage of 1/2 grade
above target

Kudzai Moyosvi
aveage of 1/2 grade
above target

Jamie Rhucroft
A A A B

Olivia Wright-Paramio
A A A B

Alex Hill
A A A B

Elle Holloway
A A A B

Sam Sheppard
A A A A

Chloe Smith
A A A B C

Tom De Courcy
A A A B B

Idris Al-Gabra
A A A B

Kieran Fishwick
A A A

Tommy Clifford
A A A C

Josh Davies
A A B B

Luca Antioco
A A B B

George Harris
A A B B

Bella Fishwick
A A B

Art & Design



Drama



English Lang & Lit.



English Literature



French



ICT



Music



Photography



PE



Politics



Spanish

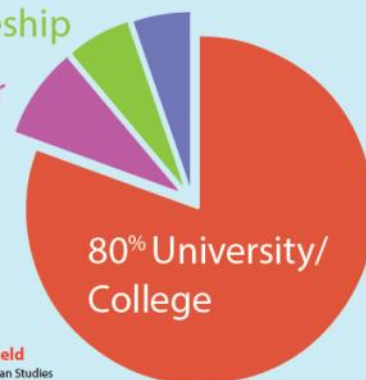
SIXTH FORM DESTINATIONS

2016



47 Different Universities
63 Different Courses
133 Students

5% Employment
 6% Apprenticeship
 8% Gap Year



| Gap Year | Apprenticeships | Employment |
|--|---|--|
| Sophie Bonhomme Erin Cartwright Naman Chaturvedi Harry Frith Cameron Green Charlie Gregory Rachel Haddon Rosie Hart Lawrence Mound Shahrukh Saeed Jasmine Sandhu | Thomas Billingham Peter Brancato Rebecca Brant Mathew Buckett Daniel Cabral Libby Parsons John Marlow Kate Roberts | Kimberley Coulson Harry Difford Benjamin Foreshew Joel Gormally Warrick Heath Hayden Kyle-Davidson Daniel Lawrence |



Please see below pictures of our new Year 9 & 10 construction group. Their first project is making a shelf.



[CLICK HERE FOR PHOTOS FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS TRIP TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM 2016](#)



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COMMUNITY NEWS



"It's accepted wisdom that when you leave the gates of junior school as a parent your involvement with secondary school is not required. I'd like you all to ignore this as the help and support the PTFA can provide this fantastic school is irreplaceable."

Jeff Lloyd, Head of PTFA, Furze Platt Senior School

The PTFA are a fantastic group who work hard to raise money for our school, enabling our students to have improved experiences (eg better prizes, graduation gowns, additional musical instruments such as ukuleles and much more).

To see how you could help our school please see our Contributions Booklet below.

Thank you.

[CONTRIBUTIONS BOOKLET](#)



CURRENT VACANCIES

[Home](#) > [Vacancies](#) > [Current Vacancies](#)

Full Time Assistant Site Controller and Part Time Assistant Site Controller

Early Help Services Available for Children, Young People and Adults Supporting Them

The Bracknell Lecture

Crossrail: Opening a new railway - a 21st century challenge

Speaker: Charles Devereux - Devrail Ltd

Friday 28th October 2016, 6.30 pm for 7 pm

Bracknell & Wokingham College, Church Road, Bracknell RG12 1DJ

LONDON EXHIBITION

Miss Chetwood (Marketing & Design Officer) has some of her paintings featured in the Capital Art Gallery, London. Click [here](#) for more details.



Upper Thames Junior Rowing Club
Come try us!



REMINDERS



DRAMA CLUB



On Thursday 22nd October, I have been able to secure a film workshop by Elliot from MN Academy. Therefore, Drama Club will finish at 5.00pm on this day to ensure that we have sufficient time with him.

I hope to see as many students as possible and am looking forward to the year ahead. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the information below.

Miss E Satterthwaite (Drama Teacher)

01628 625308

emily.satterthwaite@furzeplatt.net

SQUID CASHLESS CATERING NOTICE

Please be aware that the Trips purse within sQuid should not be used, as this system is yet to go live. Only the Catering purse should be used.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mrs L Peat (Business Manager)



INFORMATION EVENING FOR BOTH PARENTS & STUDENTS



[Home](#) > [Parents](#) > [Useful Information](#) > [Year 7 Parents' Guide](#)

If you were unable to attend either event held on Thursday 15th September the information provided during this event can now be found on our website. The presentation is available in the 'Parents' section under 'Useful Information'.

[YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)



INFORMATION EVENING FOR BOTH PARENTS & STUDENTS



[Home](#) > [Sixth Form](#) > [Year 12](#)

[Home](#) > [Sixth Form](#) > [Year 13](#)

If you were unable to attend either event held on Tuesday 13th September the information provided during these two events can now be found on our website. The presentations are available in the Sixth Form section under Year 12 and Year 13 respectively.

[YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)

[YEAR 13 INFORMATION EVENING PRESENTATION](#)



PREPARING TO SUCCEED INFORMATION EVENING



Thursday 29th September 2016, 6.30pm 7.30pm

On Thursday 29th September we are running a 'Preparing to Succeed' evening for Year 11 students and parents. These evenings are a great source of information and ideas for parents and students on how to get excellent results in the summer. There will be a mixture of revision tips, extra resources and a chance to network with other parents.

I hope that you will be able to join us on Thursday 29th September. If you and your son/daughter would like to attend, please return the slip below by Tuesday 20th September. This will enable us to provide enough resources.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

[YEAR 11 PREPARING TO SUCCEED INFORMATION EVENING - REPLY SLIP](#)



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 27th September 2016, 7pm-8pm

We will be holding a parents' information evening for all Year 9 students plus their parents and carers, at the time stated above. During this evening, we will focus on:

- The new Year 9 GCSE curriculum - what your son or daughter is studying now;
- New assessment arrangements for GCSE students, including the government's new 9-1 grading system, which replaces A*-G grades;
- Internal assessments and Year 9 examinations;
- The importance of home learning;
- How you can help and support your son or daughter through their GCSE journey.

I do hope you can join us on Tuesday 27th September, along with your son or daughter. Please complete the reply slip below and return to reception by Tuesday 20th September.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher -Curriculum)

**YEAR 9 PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING -
REPLY SLIP**



SUPPORTING LEARNING AT KS4 EVENING



Thursday 29th September 2016, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

It will not surprise you that much educational research agrees that the guidance and support provided by parents and guardians is a crucial factor in raising the achievement of young people. However, whilst all parents want to help their sons and daughters to do well, many are unsure about the best ways to support learning.

To assist parents in creating a supportive learning environment at home we are running a 'Supporting Learning at Key Stage 4' session on Thursday 29th September. The session will run between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. We will give you an overview of the GCSE course structure, how GCSEs are assessed using numerical grades 1-9, information on internal assessments and examinations, and plenty of advice on how to support your son/daughter.

I hope that you will be able to join us on the Thursday 29th September. If you and your son/daughter would like to attend, please return the slip below by Tuesday 20th September. This will enable us to provide enough resources.

Ms T White (Headteacher)

**YEAR 10 SUPPORTING LEARNING AT KS4
EVENING - REPLY SLIP**



FOOD TECHNOLOGY REQUEST



We are always happy to accept Heroes/ Celebrations tins or unwanted containers as we can put them to good use. Any empty tins can be brought to Reception.

Thank you,

Mrs S Crisford (Head of Food Technology)

JOIN THE

200 CLUB FOR JUST

£5 PER MONTH

"I'm too busy to help out or attend

PTFA events"

"I'm done with the PTFA now that my

child is at secondary school"

"I'd like to support the school but I'm

not really into the events that are

organised"

"If I could just make a donation to say

'I support the school' I'd do it"

**Do any of these
sound like you?**

If so, the 200 Club is the simplest, and easiest, way to support the school and PTFA.

Anyone in the school's 'extended' community (parents, carers, family and friends, school staff, students over 16,) can enter by filling in the form to set up the monthly payments. We ask that you commit to a minimum of 12 months (£60 per year per number).

It's a simple lottery style draw that takes place in November, February, May and August and the prize fund is 50% of all money raised in the year going to 3 lucky winners each draw*.

You join by purchasing one or more numbers at £5 per number per month, either payable by direct debit to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, NatWest a/c no 64289788 sort code 60-13-35 quoting '200' and your surname, or you can send a cheque payable to Furze Platt Senior School PTFA and hand in at our main school reception marked '200'.

200 Club: Application Form

Please issue me with _____ number(s) at £60 each per year. Numbers are allocated on receipt of this form and will be generated by the PTFA. I have paid online / by cheque **(please delete as appropriate)**

Total amount paid: £ Amount in words _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

I am over 16 years of age – please sign to confirm:

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Tel No: _____

**FPSS PTFA 200 Club
Account Details:**

a/c: 64289788
sort code: 60-13-35

Please return forms to Maria Dunstan, Treasurer, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA, c/o Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead SL6 7NQ or email mazdunstan5@sky.com.

*The number and size of the cash prizes depends on how many numbers have been sold. The PTFA reserve the right to vary the prize fund.



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

- 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

SUNDAY

2ND OCT

