

FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAYS

THURSDAY 11TH AND FRIDAY 12TH JULY

All students will be spending two days off timetable on our next Flexible Learning Days which will take place on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July. On each of the two days each year group will be split in two and will spend alternating days on a host of activities. Year 10 will not be split and will spend each day as a whole year group. Students in Year 7 will be taking part in the BIMA Digital Creatives challenge and will also be putting on a 'Play in a Day' with the Performing Arts department.

Year 8 will be visiting the Natural History Museum and will be visited by the Happy Puzzle Company for a day of maths puzzles including an escape room. Letters have already been sent out regarding the trip.

Year 9 students will be taking part in a Holocaust awareness workshop with the History and English departments, as well as a languages cultural day with the MFL team.

Students in Year 10 will be visited by the Army elite skills team for team building and group physical activities in conjunction with the PE department and will also prepare for Year 11 and develop mindfulness techniques on the 11th July. On the 12th July Year 10 will be taking part in a day focused on 'Crime and Justice' with a wide range of visiting speakers and activities.

Important information about where students need to be, what they will need to bring to school and how break times will be organised will be given out over the next few days to students via their tutors.

YEAR 10 FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAY – FRIDAY 12TH JULY

As part of the Flexible Learning Day next Friday, Year 10 students will be participating in a variety of Criminal Justice workshops including witness testimonies, prison life and fingerprinting. We are fortunate enough to have external agencies such as the police and a youth worker who will be leading some of these sessions. We are also working with



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Next Week (Week 2)

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

Forthcoming Events

WED 17 - SAT 20 JULY	Year 9/10 Spanish Trip to Madrid
THU 18 JULY	Year 12 Careers Day
FRI 19 JULY	End of Term 6
MON 22 - FRI 30 JULY - AUGUST	Summer Holidays
MON 2 SEPTEMBER	INSET Day
TUE 3 SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 (Years 7 & 12 only)
WED 4 SEPTEMBER	Start of Term 1 (Whole School)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018/19 AND 2019/20

Yeldall Manor and HM Prison Huntercombe who frequently work with schools to educate young people about the criminal justice system and rehabilitation. Students will have the opportunity to listen to the testimony of an ex-offender as part of the Yeldall Manor workshop, and/or a current low-risk prisoner and accompanying guards from HM Prison Huntercombe.

Any questions please email lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net

Miss L Stirling, Head of Philosophy and Religion

**CLOSES MONDAY – PLEASE
VOTE NOW!**

YEAR 9 AND 10 CONSTRUCTION GROUPS NEED YOUR VOTE!

Please vote for us - our Year 9 & 10 construction groups have applied for funding to raise money for our school garden. We need as many votes as we can to win £1500. The address is: <https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/YVYC2019/>
Thank you.

EXTERNAL VISITS FOR CURRENT YEARS 5, 6 AND 11

PRaise FROM THE
LOCAL COMMUNITY



"I just wanted to say what a pleasure it was to spend time on the Year 5 tour this morning with my son. Thank you to everyone involved and especially to our tour guides who were fabulous, excellent communicators and were such great ambassadors for the school. I think running this tour allows prospective pupils and parents such a valuable experience (and compliments well the October Open Evening)."

PRaise FROM THE
LOCAL COMMUNITY



"I attended a tour today at 10am and would like you to know how informative and useful we found it. Our guides were Connor, Reese and Isabella, who were all excellent with the adults and year 5 children in our group. They were a credit to FPSS and I hope one day my son can do the same at this school, behaving just like them. Also, well done to the food tech students who made such yummy cookies for us, they were an unexpected treat. Huge thanks to all the admin team, staff and pupils who made the tour possible."

We have had a wonderful few days this week meeting our upcoming students in Years 5, 6 and 11. It was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces around school with all our Year 5 and 6 visitors and also to see the maturity of the soon to be Year 12 students visiting us. All students were a credit to themselves and their schools. Our Year 7 Student Ambassadors were exceptional in their behaviour, patience and kindness, as were our new Student Mentors. Thanks to everyone involved at Furze Platt, staff and

students alike – your efforts were greatly appreciated and we have received a great deal of positive feedback from both students and parents.

TRIP TO RAMSBURY ESTATE – YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 GCSE FOOD AND NUTRITION

On Tuesday 25th June, 33 students and 4 staff visited Ramsbury Estate, with the cost of the coach kindly covered by LEAF Education who joined us on the trip. They are working at encouraging farmers and agriculturalists to work with schools to understand more about the farming process and food provenance. We were accompanied by a BBC reporter who interviewed Mrs Crisford, Head of Food and Nutrition, and some of the students.

BBC INTERVIEW



Jacob Sykes (Year 10) writes:

My day at the farm was incredibly thrilling and very interesting. My favourite part of the trips was the brewery where we watched a demonstration of how to make mayonnaise and vinegar and watched the cows being milked on Chisbury Lane Farm. One person who needed to milk 200 cows, twenty at a time, had to be extremely quick. In addition, I liked being in the trailer on the back of a tractor which allowed us to witness the true beauty of the surrounding wildlife and appreciate what we take for granted.

Ben Sheppard (Year 10) writes:

On my trip to Ramsbury estate, we learnt about how the farmers use the large machines to produce the most food but in an eco-friendly way. We saw how they made a pure,

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high quality rapeseed oil for cooking.
We found that beef cattle can cost about £1,500 and a bull can cost between £5,000 and £20,000.



SPORTS DAY 2019



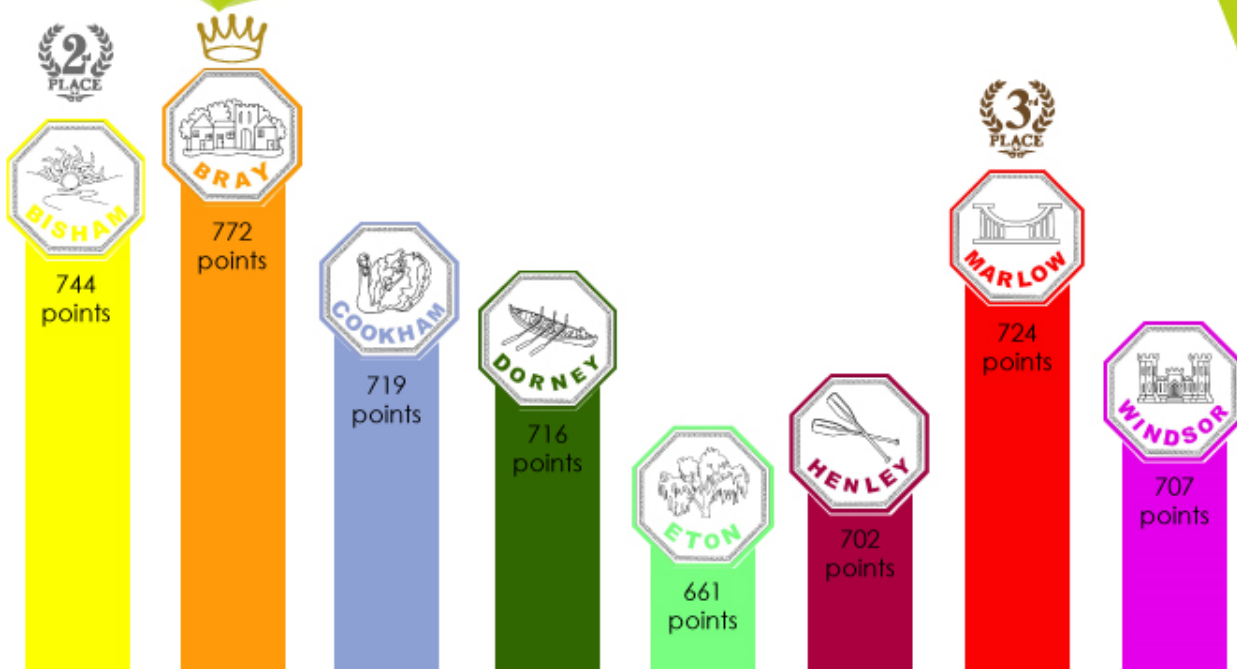
We had a fantastic day of sports this week with amazing supporters cheering on their respective Houses and each other's competitors. The weather was perfect throughout. A huge well done to everyone who took part, either in individual or team events. Thank you to everyone involved in arranging the day.

YEAR 8 INTERHOUSE

Our Interhouse Year 8 Football final was played this week between Windsor and Dorney Houses, refereed by Max Bird (Year 10). Congratulations to Windsor who were the winning team!



SPORTS DAY RESULTS



BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well done to all our U13 (Year 7) Berkshire Schools Championships athletes:
Rashaad Derby 75m 2nd – 9.70
Lucas Norton 1000m – 4th 3:18.3
Jack Britton LJ – 3rd – 4.66
Jayden Taylor – 7th 4.15

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD – YEAR 10



Our Year 10 Construction group successfully passed their Bronze expedition last week. Congratulations to all involved.



TRIP TO ROME / VATICAN CITY - TWO SPACES AVAILABLE



Two spaces have unexpectedly become available for this popular trip which we are offering to students in Years 9, 10 and 12.

These will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with the deposit of £125 due now and the next instalment of £110 due by the end of July. Payments should be made via cash or cheque payable Furze Platt Senior School.

Please see our trips letters page on our website for more information about dates and costings or email Miss Stirling for details: lisa.stirling@furzeplatt.net.

CENTURION PRIZE FOR YEAR 7 GIRLS



Very well done to our Year 7 girls who were awarded their Centurion Prize of a meal out. They all thoroughly enjoyed their Pizza Hut Lunch Buffet with Miss Boseley this Wednesday with laughter and smiles the whole time!

Camelia Ionel
Ellis Binnington
Jemima Jennings
Tori Appleton
Megan Delahaye
Lena Holmes
Hannah Foote
Eloise Downes

NEW BUILDING – PROGRESS



A group of staff were invited to take a tour of the new building which will house our Science and English departments. It was a very interesting peek into the areas



of school which have been boarded up and was fascinating to see what goes on inside a building site. Thank you to everyone concerned from Beards, especially Bill, and to all our contractors who are working very hard to get the rooms ready for use within the next few months.

REQUEST FROM GARDENING CLUB

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

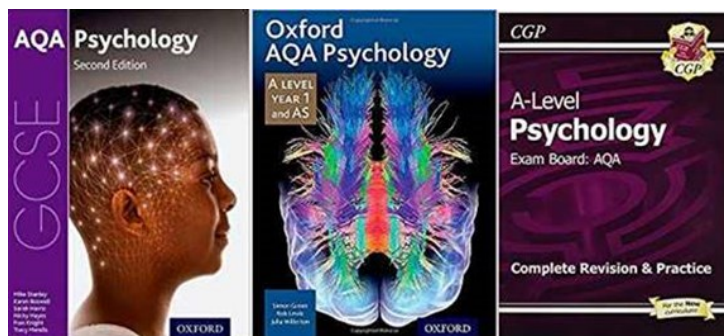
Our student construction team have been given the responsibility of contributing towards the building of a new in school garden. This garden will be used for growing vegetables for different school departments and a place where students can relax at breaks. Any old tools such as spades, forks, wheelbarrows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



PTFA NEWS

SECOND HAND PE KIT SALE FRIDAY 12TH JULY 3.15-3.45PM

If you wish to donate good quality PE kit you can now do so by leaving it in Main Reception. Kit from any age and/or year group - in good, untorn, saleable condition - is acceptable, including clean football boots, shin pads and trainers. We would be especially grateful for hoodies 38-40", polo shirt boys & girls 36", shorts 30-32", skorts 26-28", rugby shirts 36", 38", 40".

PTFA items can be paid for by either cash or bank transfer and all donations will support the school.

If you have any queries please call PTFA Chair Lorraine Hughes on 07944 538519 or you can email her direct: lphughes@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 200 CLUB WINNERS

The last draw of the school year on Friday 28th June means we have now seen 12 winners in this academic year who have each won £200, meaning over £3,700 has been raised for the school via the 200 Club.



200 CLUB
Winning numbers for Draw 8
on Friday 28th June 2019



Pictured: Amelie Stone (Year 7), our student receptionist for the day, who picked the winning numbers.

Thank you to everyone who supports the school in this way, to everyone in the PTFA who 'makes it happen' and well done to all our winners.

If you would like to purchase a number (or two), please click here:

ANNUAL PAYMENT (£57 PER YEAR)

MONTHLY PAYMENT (£5 PER MONTH)

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.

If your details have changed it is vital we are told. 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 on the email address above. Please be assured such conversations will be treated with discretion. Thank you.

UPDATING 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

PROJECT FASHION UPCYCLE

Have you ever wanted to learn how to alter clothes or can you sew and want to help others learn? Then this is the project for you!

Project Starts w/c September 9th at Windsor College. You will spend time learning a few basic sewing skills and then upcycle at least two outfits with the help of our volunteers.

The project will end at Easter with a fashion show where you will get to model your creations. You will have full hair and makeup for the fashion catwalk show done by students of Langley hair and beauty. There will be a further opportunity to model at a dinner at the Windsor racecourse in November.

Places are limited so please apply to anita.ambasna@giveandtakecare.co.uk as soon as possible to secure your place or for further information on how to volunteer.

We are also looking for donations of sewing items - needles, threads, scissors, trims, zips etc. Please email on the above address if you can help.

PROJECT GARDENING BUDDIES

Have you ever wanted to grow your own food? Are you aged 11 to 18? Then this is the project for you!

You will be teamed with an allotment owner who will mentor you to grow your own fruit and vegetables, from preparing the ground over winter to sowing the seeds, thinking the crop and harvesting.

Project starts November and runs til August 2020. NB You will only meet occasionally over the winter months.

We are also looking for volunteer gardeners with their own allotments to join this project.

For further information & to register an interest please contact anita.ambasna@giveandtakecare.co.uk



REMINDERS

GATE CLOSURES

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 now be locked at certain times. 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

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

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

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YEAR 11 STUDENT LEAVERS (CONT.)

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.

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

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.

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:



'Pupils achieve highly at this school'

- Ofsted 2016

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

ASPIRING MOTIVATED CONFIDENT CONSIDERATE



FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL



Open Evening
Thursday 3rd Oct 2019
All Welcome



School Tours Available
Sept and Oct 2019
All Welcome*

01628 625308 | office@furzeplatt.com | www.furzeplatt.com

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



Private View - Thursday 11th July 2019 @ 3.30 - 6.30 pm
 Furze Platt Senior School Art & Design Department
 Year 13 and Year 11 Coursework and Exam Display

Jubilee River is not for swimmers

Stay safe as the temperature rises



Jubilee River runs through Slough and we want you to enjoy it safely. It may look an inviting place to cool off in hot weather. BUT there are hidden dangers which make going into the water harmful and may lead to drowning.



- ⚠ Water is very cold and stops the body working quickly - cold water shock
- ⚠ Depth changes - very deep in most places and shallow in others
- ⚠ Strong currents can drag a person under the water
- ⚠ Fast flowing water which can get faster at any moment
- ⚠ Objects under the surface which can cause injuries e.g trolleys, glass
- ⚠ Dirty or polluted water can cause illness

Risk of serious injury and death
 In an emergency, call 999 immediately

Behaviour by the Jubilee River

- Enjoy the river but take care at all times even on paths near the water
- Don't go into the water for a swim or paddle
- Don't dive or jump from bridges as the water can cause cold water shock even on the hottest of days
- Don't walk over the weir - fast flowing water will knock you over
- Don't push a friend in the water even for fun
- Don't hang off branches or swing out over the water
- Don't vandalise lifebuoys that are there to save lives
- Don't jump over fences to get to water

Stay safe near Slough's canal and park ponds



Slough has a working canal where barges travel, especially in the holiday season. The borough also has ponds in some of our parks. These waterways also pose dangers to children.

Children always need to be supervised.

- Be careful near the edges of the canal or ponds
- Don't follow animals into the water
- Be careful playing ball games near water
- Do not try to retrieve balls from the water
- Dangerous rubbish maybe hidden beneath the surface
- Canal is busy with barges and boats



PADDLING POOLS

Paddling pools are great for children to cool off in their own gardens. However, they also pose danger to children who can drown in as little as two inches of water.

**never leave children alone around water*



WANT A SWIM?

Have a safe swim on hot days at The Centre, and Langley Leisure Centre. Organised activities such as kayaking on the Jubilee River can be organised by The Riverside Centre.



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Stay safe around all water and enjoy the sunshine

www.slough.gov.uk
Slough
 Borough Council

JOIN THE 200 CLUB

THE SIMPLEST WAY TO WIN

THE SCHOOL WINS TOO

&

JUST £5 PER MONTH

3 lucky winners get £200

..each quarter

**Help school raise up to
£6,000**

...per year if 200 numbers are in play

Any adult connected with Furze Platt Senior School can enter - parents, carers, family, friends & staff.

Quarterly Draws can be viewed on Furze Platt Senior School PTFA Facebook page and results are published in the school news letter.

Cost is - £5 per month per number and we ask you commit for a minimum of 12 months.

To enter go to Donorbox to arrange a £5 monthly or £57 annual payment (saving £3).

**Next Draw
September 2019**



Annual: <https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-annual>

Monthly : <https://donorbox.org/furze-platt-senior-school-ptfa-200-club-monthly>

For further info:

- School Newsletter, Furze Platt Senior School PTFA Facebook page or Twitter account
- E-mail fpsspta200club@gmail.com

Terms & Conditions: You must be over 16 to enter and connected with the school. 200 Club is a simple quarterly raffle - You can purchase more than one number. Numbers are allocated on receipt of payment via Donorbox and e-mailed to you. We ask that you commit to a minimum of 12 months. You keep the same number (s) for the year. FPSS PTFA is using Donorbox to manage payments. FPSS PTFA is a registered charity No. 287878

*The number and size of the cash prizes depends numbers entered. The PTFA reserve the right to vary the prize fund.

** Winners share 45% of money raised by 200 club and school PTFA receives remainder – after Donorbox fees.

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

CURRENT VACANCIES

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