

Weekly Update: Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2017

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NEXT WEEK (Week 1)

Mon 30 th January	Year 10 Child Development Trip to Mothercare (11.45am - 1.45pm)
Tues 31 st January	Year 11 Child Development Trip to Town (2.15pm - 3.15pm)
Thurs 2 nd February	Intermediate Maths Challenge Year 8 Options Evening (Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses - 6pm Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses - 7pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 6 th - Thurs 9 th February	School Musical (7pm - 9.30pm)
Wed 8 th February	Tour of Auschwitz-Birkenau (All Day) Year 12 and 13 Theatre Trip 'This House' (12.45pm - 6.30pm)
Fri 10 th February	End of Term 3 (3.15pm finish)
Mon 13 th - 17 th February	Half Term Holidays
Mon 20 th February	Start of Term 4



SCHOOL NEWS



INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE, SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY. BUYERS AND SELLERS WELCOME.
THANK YOU FOR THE INTEREST, ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FOR 200 CLUB HAS BEEN FILLED.
TREASURER AND VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED, CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.

'YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION' REGIONAL WINNERS

Well done to Sam MacGregor, Patrick Ashe (both Year 13) and Olivia Flood (Year 12), who won the Senior Section of the regional Youth Speaks competition held at Claire's Court last week. The team beat Holyport College, BCA, Newlands and Claire's Court to first place with their entertaining and engaging six minute speech 'Why Britain should abolish the Monarchy'.

Pictured: Patrick, Sam & Olivia with judges.



FURZE PLATT SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN



Unable to attend the Sixth Form Open Evening?

Tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February 2017

Tuesday 7th February 2017

[Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Guide 2017](#)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



REVISION SESSIONS



The school is offering numerous extra revision sessions either before, during or after school for Year 11 students. Click on the link [here](#) to find details of what is currently available and when. Some teachers are running revision sessions in a different format and so, if a subject is not listed that your child is studying, please encourage your child to speak to their teacher.

Attending these sessions offers the chance for students to get help in subjects working in small groups, ask for specific help in subjects, gain free tuition in subjects from teachers who know them and overall can make a huge difference to pupils' attainment.

If you have any queries regarding these sessions, please contact Debbie Slater, Senior Learning Mentor on extension 127.

LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

On the following days **school will start for students at 9.10**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

- Friday 17th March
- Friday 24th March

This adjustment is in recognition of the fact that we have doubled the number of parents' evenings that teachers need to attend for students in Year 7 and 8. Parents' Evenings are so well attended that parents told us they were struggling to make appointments with all the teachers they wished to see. We hope this arrangement will allow every parent to meet all their child's teachers.

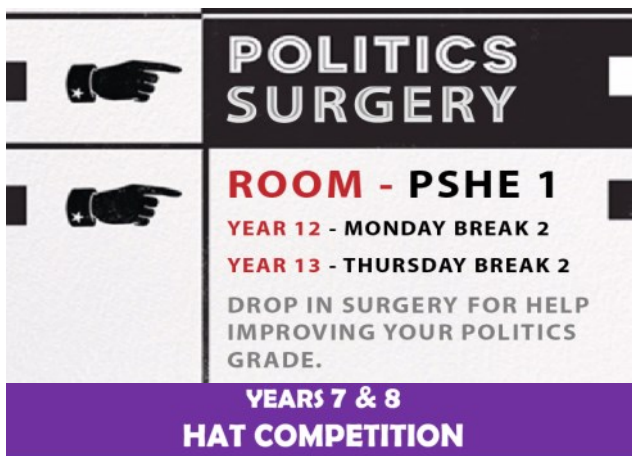
Ms T White (Headteacher)

SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE - SPRING TERM 2017

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We are proud to be able to offer a huge variety of activities. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend any which may be of interest to them. A full list of our current school clubs is available from the link below.

School Clubs Schedule - Spring Term 2017



POLITICS SURGERY

ROOM - PSHE 1

YEAR 12 - MONDAY BREAK 2

YEAR 13 - THURSDAY BREAK 2

DROP IN SURGERY FOR HELP IMPROVING YOUR POLITICS GRADE.

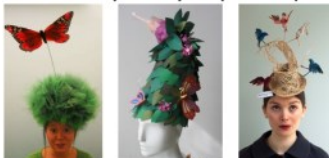
YEARS 7 & 8

HAT COMPETITION



This is your chance to design and make a hat based on a famous piece of Art! Come along and join in the hat making workshops for help and assistance.

Where: Art & Design Department (ART3)
When: Every Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm



All hats must be handed in by Monday 20th February.
Prizes will be awarded for the best hats after Half Term.



FITNESS CLUB

FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE

ALL WELCOME

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
7.40AM - 8.20AM

STOP FOLLOWING FITNESS ROUTINES ON INSTAGRAM AND COME GET WITH IT!



SCIENCE CLUB

EVERY FRIDAY
2ND BREAK

HELD IN S4

Come along to Science Club where you can take part in mind blowing experiments...

Also come and say hello to our new giant land snails!



Hello, my name is Zach Penman and I am a Year 12 student at FPSS studying Biology, Psychology and Product Design. Biology is my main passion and so Indonesia 2018 is an exciting opportunity for me to do conservation work in a place where biodiversity is so different to that in the UK. I cannot wait to experience it.

As a student in education for the last 13 years, I find a feature that makes a great teacher is where they have experience that gives their students great insight into topics they teach rather than just out-of-the-book knowledge.

As an aspiring Biology teacher myself, I see Indonesia 2018 as not only a once in a lifetime opportunity to help conserve such a precious part of our world, but also to gain an insight, which I can use to inspire future students of my own. It is important to have teachers with experience just like my own teachers at FPSS and so I would love to give that back.

This week, we attended an information evening presented by Rachel Daniels from Operation Wallacea, who gave us some great ideas on how to raise funds for our expedition. We will keep you posted via the school newsletter on all the exciting events we hope to run over the next eighteen months.



Fundraising Information evening (picture courtesy of Dr. Scott)

One way you can help is through our 'Just Giving' page (link below). We plan to raise money for our conservation trip by cycling, walking and running the distance from Maidenhead to Indonesia. As a group, we hope to complete over 7600 miles. We aim to raise £100 for each person by doing this, however, donations beyond that are gratefully accepted. Any money donated on the 'Just Giving' page will be shared equally to those who contribute the miles.

'Just Giving' Team Indonesia - <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/FPSSIndonesia2018>

Many thanks for reading my article.

Zach

We would love to hear from anyone with any possible ideas about how the team could continue to raise funds for the expedition. If so, please contact either

Mr. Molin andrew.molin@furzeplatt.net

Dr. Scott michele.scott@furzeplatt.net

If you would like to make a donation you can either do so online into account sort code 309536, account 59194168 or by writing a cheque to Furze Platt Senior School and delivering it to School Reception. In both cases please ensure that you give the reference IND18.

Thank you.



Well done to Meg Batstone and Sophie Caldwell, both Year 10, who beat a number of competitors at the Vinyl Albums Frontier Championships held at Norden Farm and hosted by Jeff Lloyd. All the contestants played tracks from their favourite album with explanations as to how they chose each one. The girls' winning album was Green Day's 'American Idiot'.

SPORTS NEWS



RESULTS FROM THIS WEEK



Football

Year 7 Boys beat Trinity School (Newbury) 7-1 in the County Cup

Year 9 B team beat Year 8 B team 3-0

Year 7 Boys' B team beat Holyport College 2-0

Year 7 Boys' C team lost 6-4 v Holyport College

Netball

Year 8 Girls' Netball tournament, both teams finished 2nd in their league. Well done to all our Year 8 netball players (below).

YELLOW TEAM

- Tilly Pink-Costello
- Abbi Hellings
- Freya Wilcock
- Ava Neeves
- Ellen Gomersall
- Ainara Sanchez
- Florence Checkley
- Olivia Brienza
- Georgia Rawlings

BLUE TEAM

- Grace Springle
- Lauren Wood
- Isabella Considine
- Isha Hodge
- Eloise Nessling
- Abby Jones
- Izzy Nobles
- Izzy Arnold
- Lauren Tagne
- Shannon McBride

Rowing

Years 7/8 Boys won the Borough Indoor Rowing Competition and will go on to County Finals in the Summer.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday

No Year 7 training

Thursday

No Year 7 football training

Berkshire County Sportshall Championships

Congratulations to Freya Wilcock (Year 8), who achieved first place with her team of U13 Girls in the Berkshire County Sportshall Championships.

As part of the U13 Boys' team, James Badham and Harry Shrimpton (both Year 8) came second, with James also placing second in the Vertical Jump, fourth in the Shot Put and joint first in the eight lap Paarlouf.

Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships

11 students from Furze Platt competed in the Berkshire Schools Cross Country Championships recently at a very cold and icy Newbury Showground.

Congratulations to all our runners, especially to Elliott Lowe (Year 9) who qualified for the Berkshire team to compete in the South East inter-counties competition on 4th February in Kent.

Pictured: Kensa Horner and Brogan McCafferty (both Year 7).





PTFA TABLE TOP SALE THIS SUNDAY:

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY 2017



2017 PTFA MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tues 7th March (AGM)

Tues 13th June

Each starts 7.30pm in the library, all welcome.

Can you help?

- Treasurer required (approx. one hour per week)
- Two more volunteers required for our Indoor Car Boot Sale. (Any parent who has a stall at the event and is willing to assist in the set up and set down will receive 50% off their stall fee)
- Two more volunteers needed for our school production 6th-9th February 2017 to serve refreshments in the evenings

Upcoming events:

- Indoor Table Top Sale, Sunday 29th January. Buyers and sellers welcome.
- AGM meeting, Tuesday 7th March, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- Big Quiz (No.4) on Friday 21st April (food, bar and raffle available). Tickets £15 a head.
- 200 Club – only £5 per month, cash prizes available.

For further details on any of the above please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk



CURRENT VACANCIES

Headteacher's PA



REMINDERS



JANUARY PROGRESS REPORTS AVAILABLE



Home > Parents > Reports

Year 8 reports were issued last week and are available online as usual via Go 4 Schools.

The new 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. Please click [here](#) for instructions to log on. Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs S Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



OPTIONS EVENING
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY



Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses - 6pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor Houses - 7pm

As you may be aware, your son/daughter has started to consider what options to choose for Year 9. He/she has discussed this in PSHE, has benefited from taster sessions in option subjects, and in some cases has been mentored by older students. I would now like to invite you, along with your son/daughter, to the school's Options Evening on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

The evening will be split into two parts:

a) Presentation by Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr A Molin (Head of House responsible for KS3-4 transition), focusing on how the new GCSEs are organised and graded, and the options open to this year's Year 8 students.

b) Opportunity for all students and their parents/carers to find out more about different subjects by speaking directly to GCSE teachers and current GCSE students at our Options Fair.

In addition, you will be given a copy of our Options Booklet, which gives details of all the courses available next year.

This is an important and popular event, and in order to ensure that you and your son/daughter have plenty of time to find out about different options, there will be a staggered start to the evening. Please arrive at the time below, according to which house your son/daughter is in. The event will last approximately 2 hours.

Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses will begin at 6pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor will begin at 7pm

If you are unable to attend the appropriate time slot, please contact Mrs G Dandridge.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 2nd February 2017.

Mr E Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

**Sunday 29th
January 2017**

**Time: 9am-12pm
(sellers from 7.30pm, buyers from 9am)**

**Entry: Adults (over 16) 50p per person
Children go 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.
- It's like a car boot sale, but indoors without the bad weather!
- All entry and table hire money goes to the Furze Platt PTFA.