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NEXT WEEK (WEEK 1)

Tuesday 7 th March	PTFA AGM (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
Thursday 9 th March	Year 13 Trip to Rothermere American Institute Year 10 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Sunday 12 th March	PTFA Table Top Sale (sellers 7am start, buyers 9am - 12pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday 13 th March	Debate Club Trip to Eton (5.15pm - 8pm)
Tuesday 14 th March	Year 11 Parents' Information Evening (7pm - 9pm)
Thursday 16 th March	Year 7 Parents' and Students' Consultation Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Friday 17 th March	Late start: school starts at 9.10am



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MAIDENHEAD CYCLE HUB - PLEASE VOTE FOR US!

DEADLINE MONDAY 13TH MARCH

Maidenhead Cycle Hub is a local charity who have been supporting our school with various different projects. We are hoping to win £1500 via RBWM's Youth Voice Youth Choice scheme to continue the charity's extremely important work.

The link to the online voting can be found [here](#) and the project overviews on WAMSTER can be found [here](#). Please vote for Furze Platt Senior School in the Secondary School category.

If Maidenhead Cycle Hub can continue working with our school, their work will get more students cycling and active, and will help them to be more aware of road safety, as well as learning about local cycle routes.

The two projects with the most votes will win their funding amount and be invited to an awards event on 21st March at the Guildhall in Windsor.

(If you haven't voted already - the link to the online voting can be found [here](#).)

Thank you!



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING - CHANGE OF DATE



Please note: This important event will now take place on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 7pm.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th March.



CAREERS WEEK AND WORK EXPERIENCE JULY 2017



In the week beginning Monday 10th July 2017 we have our annual Work Experience Week. On the following Monday, 17th July, we will hold a Careers Day, where we will run workshops, mock interviews, lifestyle and finance talks. For the rest of the week we encourage all our Year 12 students to take part in work experience in order to enhance their education and prepare them for the world of work.

Please see the letter below for full details and reply slip.

Mr J Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

YEAR 12 CAREERS WEEK AND WORK EXPERIENCE LETTER

CLICK TO APPLY HERE

**'The Sixth Form is a strength
of the school'**

– Ofsted 2016



TWITTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST SCHOOL FUNDING CUTS



THIS SUNDAY, 5TH MARCH

Please follow us and retweet – this is a very important campaign and we would appreciate your support. Messages will be tweeted on Sunday from 5pm.

[Twitter - @furze_platt](https://twitter.com/furze_platt)

For details of the campaign please visit: <http://bit.ly/2ld2muM>

Thank you.



SCHOOL NEWS



Team Indonesia

In 2018, I will be one of a small group of people that will be going on an expedition to Indonesia. My name is Alex Bohdjalian and I am currently doing my GCSEs at Furze Platt Senior School. My choices are Computer Science, Graphics and Business Studies. For A-level however, I would like to take Computer Science, Maths, Product Design and AS Further Maths.

I knew I had to go on this trip as soon as I heard just a brief description of it. This was not just because of some of the amazing things I heard we will be doing there but for me it is because I have never done anything like this before and I knew I could not miss out. For the first week of the expedition, we will be camping in the forest and surveying various species that live there. For the second week of the expedition we will be studying different types of marine life and we will be doing what I am most looking forward to - scuba diving. The purpose of this expedition is to assist with species conservation, which is now vital as 135 different mammals are now being threatened out of an estimated 515.

A key part prior to this trip is fundraising. Operation Wallacea, have helped us with fundraising by giving us different fundraising ideas and activities to do. For example, as a part of a national raffle, Operation Wallacea supplied us with a large amount of raffle tickets to sell. We decided to sell them on both nights of the Year 8 Parents' Evenings. The first night went very well and we sold all the tickets we had. This got us approximately £140. The second night went even better and we raised an approximate £160. We have also all decided to collectively cycle the distance between the island Sulawesi and Maidenhead (7620 miles) in 6 months. This works out about 71 miles per person per month and as of now, we have collectively cycled over 800 miles!

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.



RESULTS FROM THIS WEEK



Congratulations to all our sports teams, it has been a very successful week indeed.

Football

Year 7 Boys' team beat LVS – 10-0 and beat Altwood – 8-0

Netball

Year 9 reached the Semi Finals of the Borough Netball Tournament

Team: Shannon Doyle, Sadie Peacock, Abbie Stares, Amber Hemsley, Becky Marques, Mia Langley, Brooke Harris, Chloe Savage, Taylor Crawford, Louisa Holborn

Hockey

Our Year 8 Hockey team played in a fixture against Charter's School earlier this week in very wet and cold conditions. Yet again they were a credit to the school and won the match 3-1. Goal scorers were Amelia Gilbert x2 and Mia Steadman x1. Player of the match went to Alexis Rottier.



Team: Alexis Rottier (c) GK, Mia Steadman, Amelia Gilbert, Freya Wilcock, Liya Razaq, Daisy Stibbs, Olivia Brienza, Abby Jones, Maizy Scott, Izzy Arnold, Tilly Pink-Costello.

NEXT WEEK

Monday

Girls' Football all years

Tuesday

Year 7 Boys' County Cup Quarter Final @ FPSS (TBC)

Year 9 Boys' Football v St Crispin's away

Year 10 Boys' Football away No

Year 7 training Year 8 Boys' Football training

Wednesday

Year 8 Netball @ FPSS

Year 7 Boys' Football training

Thursday

No Year 7 football training

COUNTDOWN CHALLENGE RESULTS



10

POINTS



15

POINTS



6

POINTS



14

POINTS



15

POINTS



10

POINTS



15

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15

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DEBATE CLUB TRIP TO ETON

On Monday 27th February, 8 Debate Club students and I went to Eton College to take part in another 'Debate Masterclass'. Eton College has an incredibly high standard of debating, and it was a real privilege to take part in a debate at their school. The two topics we debated on were 'This House regrets the development of Nuclear Weapons' and 'This House believes that Public Schools should be banned' (a certain challenge when debating at Eton!). We learnt a huge amount in regards to technique and the rules when implementing the 'Westminster model' of debating, and it was a really great evening. A big thanks to Dr Scott, Miss Paradowska and Mr Morbey for kindly offering to drive the minibus to and from our school. Thanks also to Mr Towill and Year 13 student Sam MacGregor for being a great help whilst organising this event. Finally, thank you to Eton College for being so accommodating and to everyone who has participated in this event so far. If your son / daughter would be interested in coming to the next free trip to Eton College on Monday 13th March, please ask them to email me - ashep001@furzeplatt.com.



Patrick Ashe (Year 13)



COMMUNITY NEWS



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 Table top 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)

Upcoming events:

- AGM meeting, Tuesday 7th March, 7.30pm. All welcome.
- PTFA Table Top Sale, Sunday 12th March, 9am - 12pm, in the Main Hall.
- 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 PTFA related queries please email: jeff@iifa.co.uk



CURRENT VACANCIES

If you would be interested in working at Furze Platt Senior School please visit our website and follow the links to our Vacancies page.

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

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

The National Citizen Service is a highly-regarded government funded organisation that runs a summer holiday programme for young people aged 15-17. Over the next two weeks, a representative from the NCS is coming into Year 11 PSHE lessons to talk to students about the programme, which is part residential and gives young people the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, develop employability skills and get involved in local issues. Please see the link below for the letter from the NCS for further information and contact details.

[National Citizen Service Letter](#)



PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING THURSDAY 9TH MARCH



On Thursday 9th March, there will be a subject consultation evening for Year 10 parents.

We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings which as you know has proven to simplify the whole process and put parents firmly in control of their own appointments. Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility.

Due to the volume of students that the Science staff teach, parents will only be able to book with one teacher who will have full information about all the Science subjects.

If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening Bookings link under News and Events on the school website, or click on the link below.

Mr G Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

[Home](#) > [News & Events](#) > [Parents' Evening Bookings](#)



PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS



The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Thursday 9th to Friday 17th March. They take place during the normal school day. Unlike in Years 10 and 11, where PPEs run as formal exams in the Sports Hall, Year 9 PPEs will take place in their normal classrooms during normal lesson times. (Art is an exception to this as students studying Art will be given specific instructions by their teacher). The purpose of these exams is to start to familiarise students with the rigours of busy exam programmes and the structures of exam papers. The PPEs will also provide an initial assessment of where students are after the first 6 months of their GCSE studies.

Details of timings can be found below. Your son/daughter's teachers will be providing them with specific information about what is going to be assessed in each of their exams.

Mr J Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[Year 9 Pre-Public Exams Letter](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

Food and Nutrition – Containers

As a new rotation begins for some Year 7 and Year 8 students in food, please could parents ensure that students have suitable, and named, containers to take food home in. For most things a lunchbox sized container, 'Celebration' sized plastic sweet tubs or clean plastic takeaway tubs are all ideal.

If parents have spare sweet or chocolate tubs (empty) or a cupboard full of plastic takeaway tubs, please bring them to reception, this would help on the odd occasion that people forget their container.

Our Art Department need newspaper and magazines, please either deliver to Reception or students can bring them straight to the Art Department.

Our Science Department need toilet roll tubes, please can students bring to S8 or the Science Prep Room.

Thank you.

LATE STARTS TO THE SCHOOL DAY

On Friday 17th and Friday 24th March school **will start for students at 9.10am**. They will miss registration and assembly and go straight to Lesson 2.

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)



INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

Furze Platt Senior School Main Hall

**Sunday 12th
March 2017**

Time: 9am-12pm
(sellers from 7.30am, 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.