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Weekly Update: Tuesday 25th April - Friday 29th April 2016

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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Tues 3 rd May	Year 11 IGCSE English Exams
Wed 4 th May	Year 10 PPE: Double Science - Biology/Chemistry (periods 2-3)
Fri 6 th May	Year 10 PPE: Double Science - Physics (period 2) Year 11 IGCSE English Exams
Fri 6 th - Sat 7 th May	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Sun 8 th May	PTFA Table Top Sale in the Main Hall (10pm - 12pm)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WE ARE IN THE TOP 20% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY

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the schools, students and
teachers network

We were delighted to receive a letter this week from the national 'Schools, Students and Teachers Network', congratulating us on our success.

This highly respected organisation works with schools all over the country to help raise standards and spread good ideas. They have compiled a huge educational database which allows them to compare schools across the country. You will be glad to hear that they have identified Furze Platt as being in the Top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for GCSE attainment. They say, "We would like to congratulate you on this achievement, which reflects your hard work and dedication to your students."

Earlier in the year when the Department for Education published their data, it was clear that our results last year were significantly above the national average, however confirmation that our results are in the Top 20% nationally really is something to celebrate.

Yr12

WORK EXPERIENCE

Yr12

Monday 11th - Friday 15th July 2016

In the week beginning Monday 11th July we have our annual Careers Week. On the Monday we will hold 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 below for the letter with full details.

Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)

[Year 12 Work Experience Letter](#)

Yr7

Yr8

MATHS PROGRESS ASSESSMENT

Yr7

Yr8

The Year 7 Maths Progress assessment will take place during Maths lessons on Thursday 5th May and the Year 8 assessment on Friday 13th May. These assessments will cover a range of topics that have been taught so far. In preparation for the assessment, students should practise their skills using My Maths.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bull and Ms Searle (Joint Heads of Mathematics)



Please find below a copy of the revision programme that we have put together for your sons and daughters to attend in the run up to their exams. They have all received a printed copy of this already.

May I remind you of the following important dates and bits of information:

Exam Phase 1: Monday 16th May - Friday 27th May 2016

While the English IGCSE exams are on Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th May, the main body of exams starts in full on Monday 16th May. There will be a full revision / final preparation programme throughout the exam period, with subject-specific preparation sessions as short a time as possible before the exam. (This will normally be the afternoon before a morning exam or the morning before an afternoon exam where it doesn't clash with another exam). During Exam Phase 1, students will either be in an exam, a revision session for that exam or in their normal lessons. When in normal lessons, students will have a choice of either working with their teacher for that subject or to revise for another subject quiet study will be expected. However, (after Thursday 12th May) students will not be expected to attend tutor time and will thus not be required in school until 8.45 if they have a 9.00am exam or 9.10 if they are going to normal lessons or a revision session. When students have an afternoon exam they will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as the exam finishes. On Friday 27th May all Year 11 students will be permitted to leave the school site, in order to study at home, after their English Literature exam. The exam will finish at approximately 10:30am.

Exam Phase 2: Monday 6th June - Friday 24th June 2016

From Monday 6th June Exam Phase 2 starts. During this phase students will attend their exams and the associated revision sessions. When they are not in an exam or a revision session they will have Home Study, where they will be expected to be working at home preparing for their next exam.

Every student should also already have received their own, personalised, copy of the exam timetable. They should see me or Mrs Hemsley as a matter of urgency if they do not have this.

Please do take a few moments to review the above dates and timings of exams and revision sessions with your sons and daughters, in order that they know exactly where and when each exam and revision session is.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone (01628 625308) or email (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net).

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

GCSE Revision Programme May/June 2016



CHANGE TO PROM TIMINGS

We have these two very special events to mark the end of Year 11s' compulsory education at Furze Platt Senior School.

Our formal Graduation Ceremony will take place on Monday 27th June at 4pm, to which you are warmly invited. To help us with planning for numbers could you please return the reply slip below by Friday 13th May.

Students should arrive at school by 3.30pm at the latest in order to change into their gowns. School uniform should be worn (although it is not necessary to wear a blazer).

On Graduation Day, students will be expected to return any outstanding text books which belong to the school.

The Prom will take place at Windsor Racecourse, Windsor on Thursday 30th June from 7.30pm until 10.30pm (not 11.00pm as stated in the previous letter sent home with students). Tickets are now on sale, available from Mrs Back during breaktimes at a cost of £30 per head. This includes a buffet, disco, photobooth and a professional photographer. Students will need a minimum of 500 stamps to be allowed to purchase a ticket. There is the opportunity via the Vivo Shop to purchase discount vouchers for the Prom. Students will need to bring money if they wish to purchase soft drinks.

In the meantime I would like to wish your child all the very best in their upcoming examinations.

Miss L Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)

Year 11 Graduation Ceremony 2016 Reply Slip



SKI TRIP 2017



Arrangements have now been made to run a ski trip to Italy during the Easter holidays of 2017, departing Saturday 1st April and returning Sunday 9th April. After the resounding success of this year's trip, we will again be travelling with Interski to La Thuile in the Aosta Valley.

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

Mr Richards (Ski Trip 2017 Co-ordinator)

Ski Trip 2017 Letter & Reply Slip



JOG FOR GEORGE

Saturday 30th April 2016

George Ferriman aged 3 (brother of Charlie, Year 7) is one of only 100 children in the UK to have contracted Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

Please click [here](#) to see the flyer for details of a fun run this Saturday.

Please do support this worthy cause and help #fightforGeorge and children like him. On the family's request, all proceeds from this event will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital where a research programme into childhood AML is being conducted and where George has received some of his treatment.

Thank you.



CHARITY RESULT



Congratulations to Mr Foster-Smith (Head of Physics), who won Marlow House's 'Guess the number of sweets' challenge with a guess of 66 (there were 67).



FLOWER BOXES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Dan Franklin and Frankie Harris (Year 10) made some fantastic flower boxes during their construction lesson which they have kindly donated to the school.

They went to Braywick Heath Nurseries with Mrs Alston and Mr Kenny to get advice and choose plants.

Miss Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support)



STAND OUT FOR AUTISM - CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH



Mr Foster-Smith, and Mr Hammond (LSA/Sports Coach), played in a charity football match on Sunday for Stand Out for Autism. They played against Arsenal which was made up of ex-Arsenal players and celebrities.

It was a fabulous day and our teachers played brilliantly – unfortunately they lost but they had a great day.

Thank you to all their supporters.



NEW FURZE PLATT TENNIS ACADEMY

Richard Mole, father of Ruben (Year 9) is opening a new Tennis Academy at Furze Platt Senior School. Richard was a founder of Bisham Abbey Tennis School.

Furze Platt Senior School students will be able to go to the website and sign up for any courses before information is released to the wider community.

The bookings website is www.thamestennis.co.uk.



ROUNDERS



Last week our Year 9 rounders team travelled to Charters school in Ascot to compete in the first round of the Berkshire Schools' Rounders tournament. A total of 10 teams played in the tournament and Furze Platt girls did exceptionally well. We were placed into a pool with Newlands, Windsor Girls' B team, Charters and Holyport College. We won all of our games with ease in the pool stage and went onto play Windsor Girls' A team in the semi-finals winning 10 rounders to 3. This took us to the finals where we again faced Newlands. Unfortunately we lost by ½ a rounder finishing in 2nd place overall. This puts us into a great position moving onto the second round of the competition.

Miss Hussey (Teacher of PE)

OUR TEAM:

Lucy Thornton, Liana Rockall,
Darcy Richardson, Daisy Rawlings,
Georgina Woodcock, Rafaela
Souza Sales, Brooke Harris, Rosie
Kyle, Maisie Pink Costello, Imogen
Shaw, Kitty Cogswell, Georgia
Mead and Charlotte Williams



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE BIG QUIZ 2



Thank you to everyone who came and supported the PTFA Big Quiz on Friday. With over 100 people attending and profits in excess of £1000, this was a hugely successful evening.

The winning team, 'OK Zulu Dawn' were all Furze Platt Senior School parents, including Miss Williams (who also works in our Learning Support department).

Well done to our Sixth Formers who helped with the bar (raising money for their Mexico trip in the process) and our wonderful caterers, Giant Pan Catering, with a very special thank you to Jeff Lloyd and the PTFA team who work so hard to help the school.

Please do come and support the next PTFA event, the Table Top sale, which will be held at Furze Platt Senior School on Sunday 8th May. Please see [here](#) for details.



Clerk to the Governing Body

Teacher of Science

Exam Invigilators



REMINDERS



GCSE BUSINESS STUDENTS – MASTERCLASS PROGRAMME - MARKETING



The Business Department are running after school revision masterclasses 3.30pm - 4.30pm on Mondays in preparation for the upcoming GCSE exams. Key topics we will cover are Finance, Marketing and Ownership Structures as these often feature in the exam. ALL Year 11 GCSE Business students are very welcome.

Next week we are looking at all aspects of Marketing: price, product, promotion, place and the role of market research.

The class is open to all GCSE Business students and we look forward to seeing our students there.

Upcoming sessions:

Monday 9th May

Ownership Structures: legal structures for businesses including sole traders, partnerships, LTDs and PLCs

Thank you.

Mrs Wood (Head of Business Studies)



FOOD TECHNOLOGY NOTICE



There are a number of containers which have been left behind in Food Technology. Please could any student who thinks they may be missing a food tech container come to FT1 break times and after school to check the green crate for any lost items.

Miss Singh (Head of Food Technology)

PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING US IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

You will shortly be receiving a welcome pack detailing important information, including our annual Summer Fun fortnight of activities, sports and crafts. Please click the link below for details of Summer Fun.

[SUMMER FUN 2016](#)

SCHOOL CLUBS LIST - SUMMER TERM

Please see below for a full list of our current school clubs. 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.

[School Clubs List](#)

LAST FEW TABLES REMAINING!



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
8TH MAY**



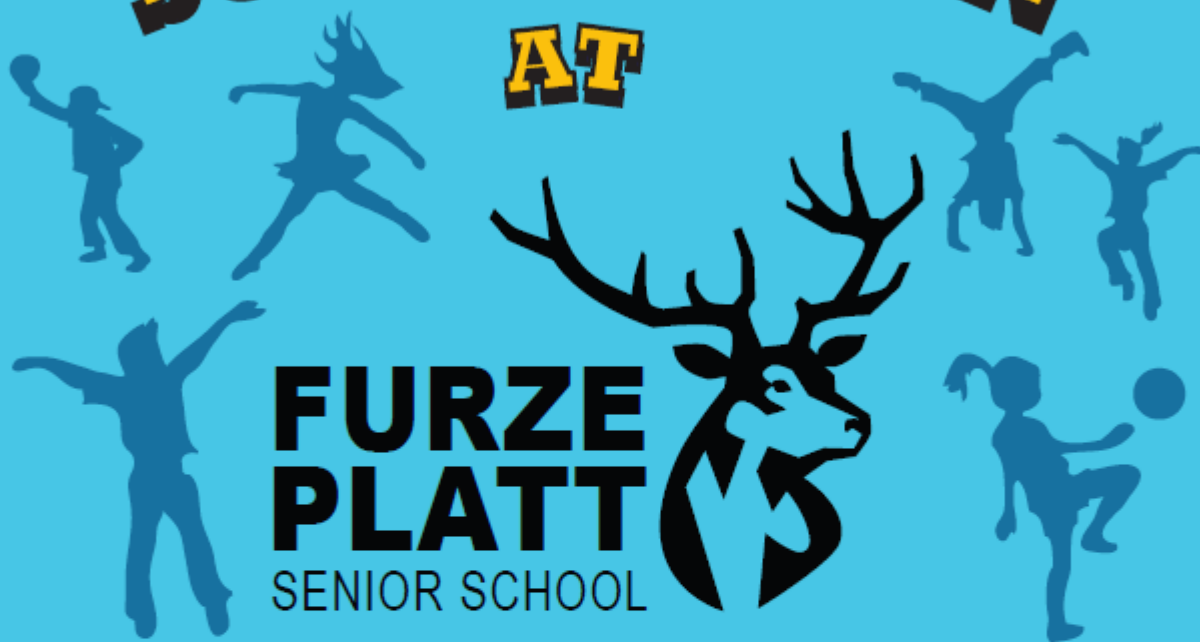
For ages
9-11 & 12-14

From
£90*

SUMMER FUN

AT

**FURZE
PLATT**
SENIOR SCHOOL



Monday 25th - Friday 29th July 2016
Monday 1st - Friday 5th August 2016
9 am to 3 pm

**A FANTASTIC SUMMER OF
ACTIVITIES, SPORT &
CRAFT**

COOKHAM RUNNING CLUB PRESENTS

JOG FOR GEORGE

SATURDAY APRIL 30, COOKHAM MOOR



9am – junior mile; 9.20am – 5km jog; 9.30am 5km walk



WWW.COOKHAMRUNNINGCLUB.COM
FACEBOOK: COOKHAM RUNNING

George Ferriman is a 3-year-old boy from Cookham. He has Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) which affects fewer than 100 children in the UK. Please join us in helping to #fightforgeorge and others like him by walking or jogging on a beautiful marked route from Cookham Moor (near The Crown pub). Entry £1 for junior mile, £5 for 5km. All proceeds will be gifted to George's charities.