

Weekly Update: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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## NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May

Year 10 Business Studies Assessment meeting, 6pm in the Main Hall

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May and Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May

Year 10 GCSE Science Exams



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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the schools, students and  
teachers network

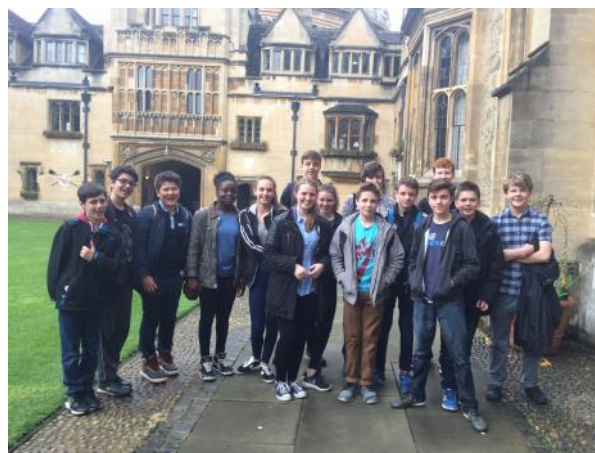
**FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL IS RATED IN THE  
TOP 20% NATIONALLY OF NON-SELECTIVE  
SCHOOLS FOR GCSE ATTAINMENT (SSAT 2016).**



Two groups of Year 9 students were given the opportunity to visit Brasenose College, University of Oxford this week.

The aim of the trip was to give Furze Platt students the opportunity to experience Oxford University at first hand and to make them aware of what they can and should be doing over the next few years to ensure they could attend a top educational establishment at degree level.

The day consisted of talks on why students should consider a university such as Oxford, a tour of Brasenose College, a walk round Oxford to discover other colleges of the university and to see the city centre and a very special lunch in the Hogwarts style dining room at Brasenose College, seated at the top table, plus an introduction to the different types of architecture of the university buildings.



They were also able to speak to current students at the university.

Students enjoyed the day and found it very inspirational (both groups from Furze Platt pictured).

Mrs Bubb (Head of PSHE)



### FURZE PLATT SPORTING SUCCESSES



### BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS' COMBINED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year 9 (Girls and Boys events)

- Orla Brennan—1<sup>st</sup>
- Harrison Thorne—2<sup>nd</sup>
- Lucy Thornton—9<sup>th</sup>
- Nathan Smith—9<sup>th</sup>



### U14 SOUTH WEST COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

The winning girls' football team consists of students from schools across the county and features Hollie O'Neill (Year 9, Furze Platt Senior School).

Well done to Hollie and all the girls in the squad.



### JUNIOR DISTRICT ATHLETICS TEAM



The following students have gained places in the Junior District Athletics team:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| James Badham -75m          | Marco Borkovic -150m  |
| Connor Charles - Long Jump | Jack Sewell - Javelin |
| Matt Dilley -Javelin       | Gregor Webster - 600m |



### ENGLISH SCHOOLS' TRACK AND FIELD CUP, ASCOT

Excellent sportsmanship shown at the Berkshire round of the Track and Field Cup by our Year 9 and 10 girls.

Thank you to Mrs Brennan for coordinating all the pictured students and for providing the photographs.



## ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMS



Well done to all our Year 11 Art, Year 12 Photography, Year 12 Art and Year 13 Art students involved in Art and Photography exams which have taken place over the last three weeks.

We have had a total of 42 hours of exams!

Students worked really hard in the lead up to the exams and have produced some really exciting outcomes.

If you would like to see the work produced in the exams, please come to the Art and Technology Summer Show on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Miss Davison (Head of Art, Design and Technology)

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### ACHIEVEMENTS IN LANGUAGE

Congratulations to Mateusz Apanel (Year 11) and all our other students who have decided to take additional GCSE or A Levels in their mother tongues. We are proud of students who wish to cherish their native languages and we aim to provide them with opportunities to do so. Students have recently taken exams in a variety of languages including Polish, Mandarin, Russian and Greek.

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### DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

Congratulations to Jake Humpage, Yumeng Dai, Shoaib Mahmood and Joe Bolger (all Year 10) for passing the practical section of their Bronze D of E expedition which consisted of a 2 day walk (around 20km) plus outdoor skills such as setting up tents, cooking on stoves, navigation skills and teamwork. They each need to deliver a 5 minute presentation about their aim for the expedition to complete the section.

Miss Carty (Alternative Curriculum Support Worker)



Good luck to Ben and Charlotte Annereau, Alex Norris, Lewis Penman and Laura Thomas who are also undertaking their DofE Bronze award at the Pinkneys Green Youth Centre. So far they have completed their expedition training and navigation day, and are due to go out for their practice expedition next week on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May.

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### PTFA TABLE TOP SALE

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Table Top Sale on Sunday. This popular event raised hundreds of pounds and also included a donation to our Sixth Form Expedition fund.

The PTFA at Furze Platt Senior School do a very worthwhile job raising money for our school – thank you to everyone involved for another successful event.



## GCSE REVISION PROGRAMME



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 16<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

While the English IGCSE exams are on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the main body of exams starts in full on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net)).

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

[GCSE Revision Programme May/June 2016](#)



## GRADUATION CEREMONY AND PROM



### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April and returning Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



## WORK EXPERIENCE



**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

In the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## TRIP TO BELGIUM AND FRANCE

**\* SPACE NOW TAKEN \***

**16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Thank you to everyone who replied to fill the extra space for our trip to France and Belgium, this has now been filled

Please do contact me if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Ms B. Ridgway (Head of History and trip leader)

[Belgium/France Trip Information Letter](#)



## PARENTS OF YEAR 10 BUSINESS STUDIES STUDENTS



**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Time: 6pm, Venue: Main Hall**

Parents / carers of Year 10 Business students are invited to attend a meeting to hear about the requirements of the controlled assessment and how parents / carers can help their students. The controlled assessment represents 25% of the final grade.

Mrs. Wood (Head of Business & Economics)

## DATA COLLECTION

Letters have been sent out via form tutors to your son / daughter, as new details required from the DfE now include their country of birth and nationality. Please can you specify the specific country of birth (rather than 'UK') and return the completed form to Reception as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## 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](#)

For ages  
**9 - 18**  
Year Olds

# SUMMER FUN

From  
**ONLY**  
**£90**  
per week

## Furze Platt Senior School

**Monday 25th July - Friday 29th July**

**Monday 1st August - Friday 5th August**

Fencing

Raft Building

Team Games



This year there will be programmes for all 9-18 year olds, including Furze Platt's annual Summer Fun of sports, arts and team activities.

Older students can make a 'Play in a Week' or attend 'Film School' with the Pauline Quirke Academy.



Due to the popularity of last year's summer activities we are now offering a wide range of activities for all students from ages 9-18.

Furze Platt Senior School will once again be offering a fortnight of fun and activities for all students age 9-14, including raft building, fencing, arts and crafts, kayaking, cricket, swimming, badminton and much more.

Students between the ages of 12-18 can enjoy 'Film School' or 'Make a Play in a Week' run by industry professionals from the Pauline Quirke Academy.

PQA also offers popular classes based at Furze Platt Senior School each weekend.

**Week 1:**  
**Monday 25th July 2016**  
**to Friday 29th July 2016**  
**9am - 3pm.**

**Week 2:**  
**Monday 1st August 2016**  
**to Friday 5th August 2016**  
**9am - 3pm.**

Concessions may be available for pupils currently receiving free school meals. Please contact your child's school for details. Deposit required of £10 per child per week. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch. Places are on a first come first served basis so book soon!

Film School

Arts & crafts

Tennis



# SUMMER FUN AT FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Name of student: .....

Address: .....

Age: ..... Gender: .....

Name of parent/carer: .....

Please tick box if you are in receipt of Free School Meals

Contact email address: .....

Please tick which week is of interest and return this form with £10 deposit per child per week to secure your booking to Furze Platt Senior School.

Contact tel no: .....

Kayaking



(ages 9-14)  
www.furzeplatt.com  
tel: 01628 625308

Swimming

Football

Paddle Boarding

w/c 25th July

£90  or £120  to include Raft Building, Kayaking and Paddle Boarding

w/c 1st August

£90  or £120  to include Raft Building, Kayaking and Paddle Boarding

Limited spaces for water activities



(ages 12-18)  
www.pqacademy.com  
07443 460390

Drama

w/c 1st August

£130 (max 25 spaces) PQA 'Film School' (ages 12-18) (discounts available for existing PQA students)

£120 (max 30 spaces) 'A Play in a Week' (ages 12-18) (discounts available for existing PQA students)

Film School

Please complete this form and return marked 'Summer Fun' to: Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7NQ  
Deposit £10 per child per week, non-refundable. Please make cheques payable to Furze Platt Senior School.

For general queries please call 01628 625308

# **PG** Pinkneys Green Youth Centre

**What we can offer you ...**

**Internet access, X-BOX, table tennis, pool, pin ball machine, table football, sports hall, dodge ball, TV, sound system to play your own music, hot drinks & snacks, cooking and a place to have a laugh ...**

**A Duke of Edinburgh Award centre, achieve your bronze and silver awards...**

**Help organise sport matches and tournaments, youth club exchanges and volunteering opportunities available...**

**This is your youth club bring your friends or make new ones...**

**Blenheim Road, Maidenhead, SL6 5HE  
Contact: Rob Hathorn - 01628 796966**

**Mondays  
Inters  
7 - 9pm  
Year 7, 8, 9**



**Wednesdays**

**Pinkney's Project  
(DofE/ASDAN Accreditations)**

**5 - 6.30pm  
Year 9+**



**Thursdays  
8-13 YOUTH  
5-7PM**



**Seniors  
7.30 - 9.30pm  
Year 9+**

