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NEXT WEEK (Week 2)

Wed 25th May

Year 10 GCSE Double/Single Science Exams

Fri 27th May

End of Term 5 (3.15pm finish)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



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).**

UCB SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th July 2016

5th – 7th July will see UCB host its annual 'Work In Science Week' which is open to students with an interest in science.

The number of places available are limited, so this year UCB have set some criteria:

- The young scientist must be aged between 14-17
- And should submit 100 words on why they want to take part in Work In Science Week.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 27th May.

The UK premises of UCB are located in Slough, Berkshire. The site at Slough houses the immunology research hub and the head office for the British and Irish Isles (BII) commercial organisation.

Antibody research and early antibody development functions are also located in Slough alongside some manufacturing and corporate functions.

UCB employs approximately 740 people in the UK and Ireland, of which 400 are engaged in Research & Development.

To apply please email jill.heales@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs Heales (Head of Science)

[UCB Website](#)



EARLY DEPARTURE AFTER DOUBLE & SINGLE SCIENCE (PHYSICS) EXAM

Wednesday 25th May 2016

As you will already know, your sons / daughters who are studying the Double and Single (but not Triple) Science courses are in the middle of sitting their Core Science GCSEs.

Next Wednesday (25th May) they have the final of the three exams (Physics) in the afternoon. The exam is due to finish at approximately 2:30pm. Please note that students will be permitted to leave the school site as soon as they are released from the exam and will not be expected to return to their lessons.

Triple Science students (who are not sitting an exam) will remain in lessons as normal and will be in school until 3:15pm.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)



RE-SCHEDULED SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS

Due to the popularity of the Year 11 Science revision classes over half term, we would like to re-schedule some of the sessions in order to be able to accommodate everybody.

Please could we ask that all students look at the revised timings attached and, where possible, go to the sessions that apply to them. If students only intend to go to maths then they should stick to the original times.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Heales (Head of Science)





REMINDERS FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS



Lanyards and ID Badges

These must be worn around school at all times. They are not only your entry to the school grounds, they are also your identification as a student at Furze Platt.

5mph Speed Limit

To ensure safety around school, the speed limit for cars is 5mph. Drivers who go above this limit may have their parking permission revoked.



PROM TICKETS DEADLINE Friday 27th May 2016



Please be reminded that the deadline for purchasing Year 11 Prom tickets is the end of next week, Friday 27th May.

The Prom will take place at Windsor Racecourse, Windsor on Thursday 30th June from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. Tickets are available from Mrs Back during break times 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.

Miss Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)



SCHOOL NEWS



CRICKET



Our Year 7/8 cricket team beat Slough and Eton School by 65 runs. FP batted first scoring 134, with 39 from Hamza Butt, 30 from Sayf Al - Wakil and a handy 14 from Tom Cullum (all Year 8). Furze Platt then set about bowling Slough and Eton School out for 68. Some fantastic new ball bowling from Haroon Rasib (Year 7) and Zain Ali (Year 8) and the spin twins Rajveer Notay (Year 8) and Flynn Sturdy (Year 7) decimated the Slough and Eton batting line-up. The boys were a credit to the school throughout. Men of the Match were Hamza Butt and Flynn Sturdy.

Mr Whitaker (Teacher of PE)



BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Elliott (Year 11) & Harrison Thorne (Year 9) pictured at the Berkshire County Championships.

Both boys achieved Gold medals, Harrison for Triple Jump and also a Silver medal in the High Jump, and Elliott won Gold in Long Jump & also gained a Championship Record with a fantastic jump of 7.02m.



COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW FURZE PLATT TENNIS ACADEMY



LADIES TOUCH RUGBY
FOR AGES 14+

9.30 AM, 11TH JUNE
BRAYWICK PARK

The RBWM
Arts & Sports
Bursaries
2016



TREASURER VACANCY

The PTFA require a new treasurer from September 2016.

You don't need to be an accountant, just to be organised, able to use Excel and have an hour or two a week to spare to help support the school. The Treasurer has overall responsibility for managing the PTFA funds and complying with the legislation governing charities.

The PTFA is Furze Platt's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association organises both social and fundraising events. In the last 2 years, we have funded the Drama studio seating, a Heat press for the Art Department, The Ukulele orchestra, plus all minibus costs and maintenance.

Please contact Sue Giles at fpss.pta@hotmail.com, for more information.

PARENTS' COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday 6th June, 6-7pm, Learning Resource Centre

We are delighted to announce that Bethan Osborne (parent) will be the guest speaker at our Parents' Community Meeting, to be held at Furze Platt Senior School on Monday 6th June at 6pm. Bethan is a member of Excellent Education for Everyone (EE4E). This presentation is at the request of the Parents' Community Group who wish to learn more about how the group is challenging the proposal for a local satellite grammar school.

Please email wendy.pritchard@furzeplatt.net if you would be interested in attending.



REMINDERS



WORK EXPERIENCE



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](#)

SKI TRIP - EASTER 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](#)

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](#)

ICELAND TRIP - EASTER 2017

The Geography Department at Furze Platt Senior School is well known for organising a range of excellent trips both in terms of preparing students for examinations, and also offering an experience of a lifetime. In 2015 we took our first trip to Iceland during the Easter Break. This was exciting for the school and department and it proved to be a huge success.

We are excited to be offering a second trip to Iceland during the Easter Break of 2017. Although this trip will offer excellent support to the work that students cover in A Level and GCSE, this will be run as a purely optional trip giving Furze Platt students the chance, every two years, to experience the raw power of Geography in an environment very different to that of the UK!

Please see below for a letter with full details.

Mr Fraser (Iceland Trip 2017 Co-ordinator)

[Iceland Trip 2017 Letter](#)



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 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



GRADUATION CEREMONY AND PROM



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.

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

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 Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)

Year 11 Graduation Ceremony 2016 Reply Slip

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.

If you have any queries or have not received the original letter, please e-mail: reports@furzeplatt.net.

Thank you.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

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:

Contact email address:

Contact tel no:

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

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.



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



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



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

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)

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



TABLE TOP
SALE

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

10TH JULY

