

FURZE PLATT FOCUS

Weekly Update: Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2015

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Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th November	Year 11 pre-public exams
Tues 24 th November	Year 13 Trip - Look Out Discovery Centre (9.15am - 12.45pm)
Thurs 26 th November	Years 9-13 Careers and Higher Education Fair (6pm - 8pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wed 2 nd December	Sixth Form Theatre Trip (5pm - 9.30pm)
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SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL SITE

On Monday 23rd November we will be introducing three important changes to the school site:

New entrance gates

Like many schools we have installed these gates to further increase site safety and to manage traffic flow. These gates will close at 8.45am each morning and re-open at 3.00pm. Students must be on school site and in their tutor base by 8.45am. Parents wishing to gain entry to the school site during the school day (either by car or on foot) can press the button to notify Reception.



New steps to the rear of the Astroturf

These steps mean that students who come to school via the school field can continue to enter this way over the winter months without getting muddy on the top field. They will use the new steps and the new path around the edge of the Astroturf.

New zoning arrangements at break time for Years 8-10

We have increased the amount of outdoor seating in spaces across campus so that every year group can have its own area to socialise at break times.





PE NEWS



Year 9 girls' netball team beat Altwood School 6-4

Year 9/10 girls' football team beat Holyport College 8-0

Sixth Form 1st XV rugby team beat Great Marlow School 17-12

Year 7 boys' rugby 'A' team played against tough opposition and made it through to the semi final of their competition

There will be a climbing and personal survival session on Friday after school as Year 11 enrichment for GCSE.

UPDATE: TEAM MEXICO



Sixth Form "Raising Dough" Doughnut Sale in aid of Team Mexico

Friday 27th November

Breaks 1 and 2

Doughnuts are £1.45 each



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



CAREERS/HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 26th November 6-8pm

Our Careers and Higher Education Fair takes place from 6-8pm on Thursday 26th November. Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and their parents / carers have been invited to attend as there will be specific sections of interest for all year groups. Many Year 13 students have not yet made their final university or career choices, and will find this year's event extremely helpful:

For all years:

- Talk from Cardiff University on why to apply to university plus over 20 other universities represented (there will not be another opportunity this year to hear from such a range of universities)
- Talk from the Managing Director of Expedient Marketing on how and why to set up your own business
- Over 40 different careers and professions represented including many apprenticeship providers

Plus

- Talks from Mr Molin (Head of Henley) on GCSE choices, directly aimed at Year 9 and parents / carers
- Talks from Ms Lewis (Head of Marlow) on Sixth Form choices for Years 10 and 11
- CV workshop from John Lewis – bring your CV and they will help you improve it (appointments must be made via Mrs Wrenn, Sixth Form Manager)

We look forward to seeing our students in Years 9-13 and their parents / carers on 26th November.

Regards

Mrs Bubb (Head of PSHE, Citizenship and Careers)

[Please click here to view the Careers and Higher Education Fair information booklet.](#)



PTFA EASY FUNDRAISING

To all parents, students, teachers and friends

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from almost any of the biggest and most popular retailers - you could be raising a free donation for Furze Platt Senior School?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join - Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattseniorschoolmaidenhead> and sign up for free.
Or
Download the app and shop from there every time!
2. Shop - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift - there are no catches or hidden charges and Furze Platt Senior School will be really grateful for your donations.

PTFA funds are used for:

- All annual running costs for school minibuses, including insurance and servicing.
- Contribution to new mini bus
- Projects such as Sixth Form Patio area improvements, Drama studio raised seating, Art department equipment, Graduation gowns and Sports colours
- Current requests for funding include: New outdoor furniture, Ukeles and storage

Did you know that some schools manage to raise thousands of pounds a year through this method alone?

There are currently less than 10 regular users who have raised £159 over the last year. Imagine how much we could raise if all 1200 students and their parents simply used one app or website for their shopping.

Please sign up now. It costs you nothing at all.

Thank you for your support.

Sharon Price (PTFA)



PTFA QUIZ NIGHT

THIS SATURDAY!

The All-New Big Quiz Night is on Saturday November 21st. Featuring games-style rounds as well as the usual music, trivia and pictures. Plus food from Giant Pan Catering - Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet (and dessert too. Plus a bar and prize raffle.

Only £15 per person. Table max size: 8 but you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.

Booking details: Account Number: 64289788, Sort Code: 60-13-35, Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA, Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J Lloyd x 4)

Please also email your ticket request to the treasurers at fpss.pta@hotmail.com. We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued.

For payment by cheque, please email fpss.pta@hotmail.com to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPS Reception (PTFA drawer).

Jeff Lloyd (PTFA Chair)

PTFA VOLUNTEERS

The PTFA are looking for volunteers for the Christmas Music Concert on Wednesday 9th December – please contact Jeff Lloyd at jeff@iifa.co.uk if you can help. Thank you.



CURRENT VACANCIES

Part-time Science Technician

Assistant Site Controller

Receptionist



For 4-14 year olds

Furze Platt Leisure Centre is holding two dance taster sessions on Saturday 28th November.

The sessions are as follows:

Street Dance 11am - 12pm (Studio)

Cheerleading 12.15pm - 1.15pm (Sports Hall)

Please email matt.james@legacyleisure.org.uk for further details or to book.



REMINDERS

REQUEST FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

Any payments for trips/visits arranged by the school can be made online:

Furze Platt Senior School

Sort Code: 30-95-36

Account Number: 59194168

Please use the student's surname and trip code in the payment reference, thank you.

Any non - trips/visits payments can be made online:

Furze Platt Senior School

Sort Code: 30-95-36

Account Number: 42740560

Please use the student's surname and payment code in the reference, thank you.



PROGRESS REPORTS



Your sons / daughters will have received their latest Progress Report.

Please note that Year 9 students have started studying for their GCSE Science course. At these early stages of the course we are only reporting on each student's attitude to learning in Science. Grades will be reported later in the year. PSHE is not an assessed course and therefore will only report an attitude to learning grade.

We are in the process of transitioning to a new reporting system that will give you easier online access to your child's progress and attendance information. In the interim we are providing printed reports as the Furze Platt Portal is no longer in use. Later this term we will be writing to you with login information for the new system.

Please do get in touch with me (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) or Sarah Watford, our Data Manager (sarah.watford@furzeplatt.net), if you have any questions or did not receive a copy of your son/daughter's report.

James Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)



AFTER SCHOOL CATCHUP / SUPPORT / REVISION



Term 2 – November / December 2015

The information below is designed to help students in Year 11 organise their after school study activities.

The table shows which subjects will take priority for catchup / support and revision for Year 11, and on which days. Some subjects may also offer after school sessions on a second day as well. If a student isn't needed in one of the priority subjects on a particular day, then they may, of course, attend sessions from another department. They should arrange this through discussion with their subject teachers.

Three subjects are not on this list: Business Studies, which, where possible, will have a small number of students each day after school for the first week only, and both Music and Food Technology, which will require students on assorted occasions, and will avoid days when students have priority subject sessions.

This information replaces any that has been issued previously.

Day	Priority Subjects
Monday	Graphic Products Resistant Materials Science tbc ICT Computing
Tuesday	English
Wednesday	Drama (Practical) History Modern Languages Religious Education
Thursday	Maths
Friday	Art PE Drama (Written)



PRE-PUBLIC EXAM INFORMATION



Please [click here](#) to view information about Pre-Public Examination arrangements for Year 11 students.

RUNNING CLUB

Running Club starts this term and will take place every Monday after school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All year groups welcome.

Please click on the link below for the full list of school clubs available for this term.

[School Clubs List](#)



PHILOSOPHY



GCSE Philosophy revision guide is now available for £1. This has been produced by the RE department and covers the content for the whole of Year 10. Please take the money to reception in a named envelope. Thank you.



MESSAGE FOR AS AND A LEVEL MATHS ONLY



Warwick University Maths in Action Day

Tuesday 8th December 2015

The Maths Department is planning a trip to Warwick University to attend their Maths in Action Day. The day will comprise of 5 distinguished and passionate speakers discussing how Maths impacts almost every realm of the modern world. Some examples of topics under discussion are Fermat's last theorem, how mathematical modelling saves lives and how not to be hoodwinked by statistics.

We expect this visit to be extremely popular and as places are limited they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

Please [click here](#) to view the letter with full details and reply slip.

Mrs Fawcett

Maths Teacher



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RECEPTIONIST

Part time, term time only, 2 days per week
Salary circa £5,500

We are seeking an enthusiastic and reliable person to join our Administration team as a part time Receptionist.

The successful candidate will be required to assist with all aspects of reception and administration work. You will have excellent communication skills, a professional approach and excellent organisational skills.

The current hours of work are Monday and Tuesday, 8am – 3.30pm but there is scope for the right candidate to increase these hours in the future.

We ask that you:

- Have a good knowledge of Reception duties and excellent communication skills
- Are able to operate software including Word, PowerPoint and Excel
- Must be methodical, precise and conscientious with good administrative skills
- Have a professional approach when dealing with staff, students and visitors
- Are able to remain calm under pressure and will manage your own time, prioritise work and use your own initiative

Further details and application information are available on our website, www.furzeplatt.com.

Please return to Mrs G Dandridge via email: gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net.

*Only applications submitted on the school application form will be considered.
Furze Platt Senior School is committed to the protection and safety of its students.*

This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure by the Disclosure Barring Service.

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All four schools are offering opportunities to find out about School Direct and carry out some lesson observations. These Open Days will be held on the following dates: Friday 6th November 2015, Friday 11th December 2015, Thursday 14th January 2016, Wednesday 10th February, Tuesday 8th March 2016, Friday 22nd April 2016, Monday 16th May 2016 and Wednesday 6th July 2016. For further information please contact Debbie Harding, Human Resources Manager on 01628 762231.

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Saturday November 21st 7.30pm – Main Hall

Our biggest fundraiser returns with a bang!

**The only quiz where skill and creativity are equal
to brain power...**

Tickets are only £15 per person and include a main course and dessert from Giant Pan Catering (below). The food on offer is **4** different dishes: Cassoulet/Champignons Forestiere (veggie option)/Chorizo Paella/Tartiflette (a sort of flat hotpot), plus an individual French pastry for dessert. To book tickets:

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Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA

Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J. Lloyd x 4) or cheque payable to the FPSS PTFA and left in the PTFA tray in school.

Don't worry if you don't have teams of 8 – we can put you in teams on the night. It will be a hoot – guaranteed!





Our successful school is a happy, safe and caring learning community where achievement is promoted, potential realised and young people flourish.

Learning together our students will:

- Be prepared for the future
- Achieve
- Aspire
- Be curious
- Be creative
- Enjoy and value their learning
- Understand and respect others
- Be kind and courteous
- Be confident
- Be resourceful, independent and resilient
- Have broad horizons
- Participate and contribute
- Be active citizens
- Take responsibility

