

Weekly Update: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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## THIS WEEK/NEXT WEEK

Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths GCSE Pre-public Exams
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 PGL Trip to Osmington Bay

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 11 Parents' Evening (4.15pm - 7.15pm)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	End of Term (3.15pm finish)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 6PM - 9PM

#### For parents of children seeking admission 2016

The Headteacher, staff and governors warmly invite you to our Open Evening.

We are rightly proud of the excellent education we offer at Furze Platt. Students thrive due to the strong teaching and high quality support for personal development we provide. Standards are very high at the school and students make outstanding progress. Our curriculum combines a strong academic core with strength and breadth in the arts, computing and technology.

Our confident and enthusiastic students will escort visitors on a guided tour of the school to see the exceptionally high standard of work achieved by our students and our outstanding resources. These include our new Leisure Centre and our state-of-the-art facilities for mathematics, drama, dance and music. Our highly qualified staff will be available to greet visitors and explain how we achieve our excellent results. We are very proud of our happy and caring learning community.

The Headteacher will give an address at 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the main hall.

We also welcome parents to visit our school during the working day in order to see great learning in action. Tours take place between 9.15am and 10.15am from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September onwards. Please telephone the school to arrange a visit.

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Our School Prospectus 2015-16



## STOP PRESS



Our Rags2Riches4Schools collection will be picked up from school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring all bags to school on Monday morning. There will be some of our Team Mexico pupils at the gate to help unload and transport bags to the pick-up point. Please see below for details of items that may be donated. If you do not have an official collection bag, just a bin liner will do. Please give generously. Last time we raised £337.

Thank you.

### ROWING

Fantastic rowing by Furze Platt students who visited St Petersburg, Russia this week for the Autumn Rowing Marathon. Gold medals for Abbie Bird and Eliza Bennett, silver for Sean O'Mahoney (all Yr 12) and Victor Kleshnev (Yr 11). Full details in next week's newsletter.

### MR DJAELANI'S BLOG

Please [click here](#) to see the latest blog entry to his World Title blog.



### FOOTBALL



Good luck to our U15 girls' team who play their first game of the season on Monday.



### RUGBY



Year 8 beat Maiden Erlegh 35 - 17. Special mention to Jack Gilbert.

Year 9 beat Great Marlow School 27 - 17. Special mention for Tom Marland, Sammy March and Taine Richards.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### CURRENT VACANCIES

Clerk to the Governing Body

Assistant Site Controller

Cover Supervisors



### MATHS PRE-PUBLIC EXAM - WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



Your son / daughter has been preparing for this exam in their Maths lessons. It provides a really good opportunity to show their progress and understanding in Maths, not only identifying their strengths but also areas for improvement. We strongly encourage everyone to revise thoroughly for the paper.

The exam will run from 1.30pm - 3.15pm. Students will therefore have their Break 2 an hour earlier than usual (from 12.45am - 1.15pm), and they need to be at their exam room for 1.15pm.

The exam will be run in the Maths Block and Main Hall (each student will know in advance about where they need to go).

It is possible that the exam may over-run (but not by much), and thus students may not be able to leave at 3.15pm, but should certainly be out by 3.30pm at the latest.

Please do get in touch ([james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net](mailto:james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net)) if you have any queries.

Mr Sheppard



## FURZE PLATT LEISURE CENTRE



Please note changes to the opening times of the leisure centre for Years 7 and 8:

Week One – Monday – Year 7

Week Two – Monday – Year 8

There will be a maximum of 30 spaces available which will be on a first come first served basis.



## PARENTS EVENING Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October



The online booking system to make appointments will be open from 8am Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### DIFFERENT BREAK TIMES ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

To accommodate an important Year 11 Maths exam we are moving Break 2 forward by an hour. For Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October only, Break 2 will run from 12.45am-1.15pm (rather than the usual 1.45pm-2.15pm). Period 5 will then run from 1.15pm-2.15pm (rather than 12:45am-1:45pm). The rest of the day will run as usual and the café will continue to offer its usual full range of hot and cold meals at both breaks.



## REMINDERS

### PARKING ON FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

There will be a school trip taking place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October and the car parks may become very congested.

### NAMING KIT

Can we remind parents that all items of uniform, including PE kit, must be labelled clearly with your child's name.

### A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY PROP BOX



Furze Platt will soon have a brilliant photography studio in the Art Department for our A level Photography students. We need items to make interesting photo shoots and ultimately develop a 'dressing up box' for our students. If you have any unwanted fancy dress items, silly hats, posh hats, wedding hats, wedding dresses, old coats, jackets, glasses, wig, umbrellas or unusual outfits etc, please email [hannah.stower@furzeplatt.net](mailto:hannah.stower@furzeplatt.net). Thank you.

### SIXTH FORM BURSARY FUND

Please click the links below for information regarding the Bursary fund 2015-2016. Applications need to be completed and submitted in full by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

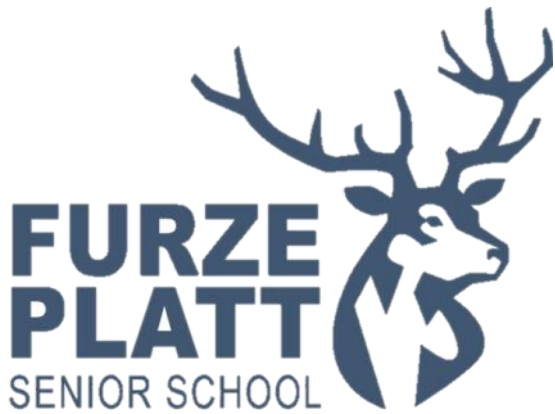
Packs are also available if your son/daughter wishes to collect one from the Sixth Form.

If you or your son/daughter requires any further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs S Wrenn -[stacia.wrenn@furzeplatt.net](mailto:stacia.wrenn@furzeplatt.net).

[Parent's information](#)

[School Policy](#)

[Application Form](#)



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## CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Salary dependent on experience - 100 hours per annum (of which approx. 40 hours evening work)

Required to start as soon as possible.

We are seeking an enthusiastic and reliable person to become our Clerk to the Governing Body. This is an excellent opportunity for someone with previous experience as a Clerk or who has good administrative skills and would like to learn more about how a Governing Body operates within a thriving and successful secondary school.

We ask that you have:

Excellent administrative and organisational skills including accuracy in relation to record keeping and recording of Minutes of meetings.

Excellent communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively with members of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

Good ICT skills, including working knowledge of Word, Excel and the desire to learn about and use in-house systems.

An understanding of the sensitivity and confidentiality of all matters surrounding Governing Body business and in particular in relation to discussions during Governing Body meetings.

The capacity to work from home for some of the stated hours (not during meetings). Photocopying facilities at the school may be used for clerking duties if required.

Previous experience of similar roles would be an advantage but not essential.

If you have not heard from us by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 please presume that in this instance your application has not been successful.

Further details and application information are available on our website. Please return to Mrs D Harding via email: [debbie.harding@furzeplatt.net](mailto:debbie.harding@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 via a DBS check.*

**Closing date: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Interviews will take place: W/c 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015**



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## COVER SUPERVISORS

### Term time only

Required for one year in the first instance starting as soon as possible, we are seeking enthusiastic and reliable people to join our team of Cover Supervisors.

Furze Platt Senior School is a highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 co-educational comprehensive school which is committed to continuous school improvement. Students do very well at Furze Platt but we want to support them to do even better.

The successful candidates will be joining a strong team of colleagues and will be required to supervise classes when regular teachers are unavailable. You will have good communication skills, a professional approach and enjoy the company of young people. These posts would suit individuals considering a career in teaching.

Closing date: 5pm Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Interviews will take place: w/c 2nd November 2015

## ASSISTANT SITE CONTROLLER

Part-time, 30 weeks per year

Salary: £12,258 to £13,328

(dependent on experience)

This highly successful and oversubscribed 11-18 comprehensive school is looking to appoint Assistant Site Controllers.

We require hard-working individuals to join our team of site staff, assisting the Facilities Manager in providing an efficient on-site service. Relevant experience is desirable. A full driving licence is required.

### Tasks and duties will include:

- Carrying out caretaking duties as directed by the Facilities Manager
- Dealing with lettings as agreed
- Carrying out minor maintenance and repairs such as painting
- Being a key holder for the school premises
- Working on an alternating shift system to provide site staff cover during the school day and during evening opening
- Assisting the Facilities Manager with Health and Safety matters
- Assisting the Facilities Manager with administrative tasks as necessary

### The successful candidate will be:

- Well organised and conscientious
- Able to work on their own initiative
- Able to prioritise workload
- Flexible with regard to the working hours and pattern

**Further details and application information are available on our website. Please return to Mrs G Dandridge via email: [gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net](mailto:gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net).**

Closing date: 9am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

Interviews will be held: w/c Monday 9th November 2015

If you have not heard from us by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 please assume that in this instance your application has not been successful.



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN, NEW OR USED**

**Clothes:**

- Baby's clothes
- Children's clothes
- Adult's clothes

**Other :**

- Cuddly toys
- Jewellery
- Bedding &
- Household linen
- Bath & hand towels

**Accessories !**

- Shoes (tied in pairs)
- Underwear (new)
- Belts
- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Bags
- Purses
- Wallets
- Tights
- Ties

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothes, pieces of cloth, pillows, duvets or clothes with school badges sewn on.



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

