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## IMPORTANT DATES NEXT TERM

<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> December - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of Term 3 (Week 2)</b>
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 12 and 13 Pre-public Exams with study leave
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Year 9 GCSE Taster Fortnight
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 10 Child Development Trip (8.45am - 11.15am)
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Drama Club Showcase (7pm - 8.30pm)
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 11 English AQA Exam Prep Year 9 Parents' Evening (4pm - 7.30pm)
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Year 11 Maths GCSE Pre-public Exam
<b>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Year 11 Photos
<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 9 Options Evening (7pm - 8pm)
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Year 11 English AQA Pre-public Exam
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Upper School Musical (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>End of Term 3 (3.15pm finish)</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Start of Term 4 (Week 2)</b>

Welcome to the Christmas edition of Furze Platt Focus, our termly round up of everything that has been happening at school.

After the excellent examination results in the summer we have enjoyed a fantastically successful term and hardly a week has gone by without cause to celebrate the successes of students and staff at the school. The grand opening of the Leisure Centre was swiftly followed by our annual Celebration evening and an excellent Open Evening where we estimate we welcomed over 500 visitors. Our third Careers and Higher Education Fair took place in November. It was extremely well supported by universities and employers and this was really appreciated by students and their parents.

We have achieved a large number of sporting successes in both rugby and hockey and many of our elite sports men and women have excelled at regional and national level. Mr Djaelani, Head of Dorney House and PE teacher, succeeded again in his bid for gold at the World Championship in kickboxing, the third time he has achieved this. He manages this whilst also teaching full time. He is an inspiration to us all!

The new Year 7s are now fully part of the Furze Platt community. They have enjoyed the PGL trip, participated in their first interhouse competitions and a large number participated in the wonderful Christmas concert – our biggest ever.

I hope that you enjoy reading about everything else our staff and students have achieved this term. A Merry Christmas to you all.

*Ms White, Headteacher*



## NEWS FLASH

Furze Platt students make significantly better progress at GCSE than other students nationally.

Newly released Department for Education data shows that at Furze Platt:

Both boys and girls make better progress than other students of the same sex nationally



6<sup>th</sup>

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER FUNDRAISER

6<sup>th</sup>

Our 6<sup>th</sup> formers raised £300 for the charity FACS by holding a Christmas Jumper fund raising event. For more details about the Fight for FACS campaign please [click here](#).



# BPhO

British Physics Olympiad



Over 1600 students across the UK participated in the Physics Olympiad, which was designed to stretch and challenge the top young physicists in the country in a national competition.

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who all achieved strong results:

Name	Award
Tim Mulvany	Bronze II
Matthew Impey	Bronze II
Steven Fan	Commendation
Katherine Wilson	Commendation
Nicole Keen	Commendation
Robert Turff	Commendation
Elvis Lee	Commendation

## SWIMMING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Anna Howley (Year 7) and Liv Howley (Year 9) who have both won medals recently to add to their collection.

The girls recently competed in local swimming galas, earning Anna 2 bronze medals and Liv 4 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

Yr7

## FURZE PLATT STUDENT STARS IN

Yr7



Nicholas Wilson, Year 7, is currently starring as John Darling in the Wycombe Swan production of Peter Pan, following open auditions for the coveted part last month. Nicholas, who attends Drama Club at Furze Platt Senior School, will be appearing on stage every other night from 11<sup>th</sup> December through to 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Yr10

## NATIONAL ROWING CHAMPION

Yr10

Many congratulations to Izzie Bird who is the 2015 British Year 10 Rowing Champion - an outstanding achievement which saw her triumph against some very strong opponents.

## ENGINEERING CLUB UPDATE

This term, the Engineering Club members have made much faster progress and have completed a working model of a petrol engine. The final part – is shown here being placed by Mr Richards. Many thanks to Elvis Lee and Sam Holdsworth for supporting the team. Next term, we start on our next project – a combined solar panel and wind turbine generating station.





## SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE



There were some superb maths results following this year's Maths Challenge, from students in Years 12 and 13. As a result of their excellent scores, Steven Fan and Jonathan Stone (both Year 13) were further invited to participate in the Senior Kangaroo on 27<sup>th</sup> November. We are waiting for the results to come through for that competition. Jonathan has been invited to enter the higher paper for the past 7 years he has been at Furze Platt Senior School.



## CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP



This week we welcomed a special visitor, Josh Barrow, freelance Dance Artist, who ran a contemporary workshop with Year 13 A2 dancers, Rachel Beavis, Gabby Hall, Amelia Goldsmith & Hollie Palethorpe. He put them through their paces with Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham based warm ups, followed by a challenging routine. All our dancers put lots of effort and energy into the workshop and were great ambassadors for the consortium A Level Dance group.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2015

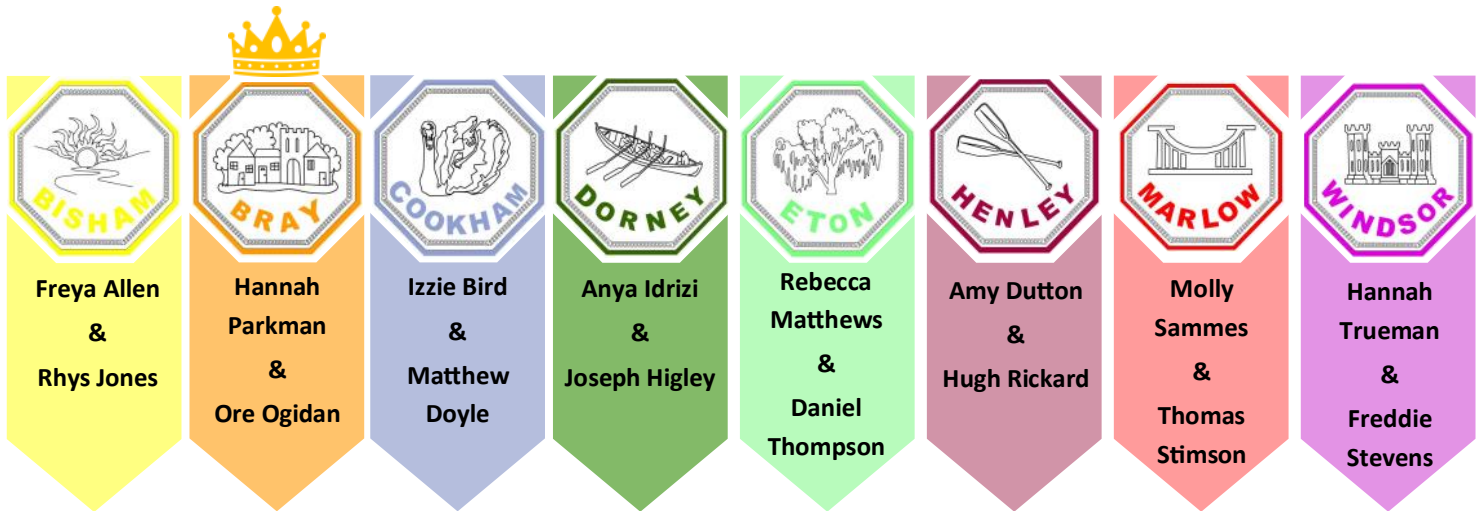


We would like to share with you some photographs from our Christmas Concert. Thank you to all who attended and participated to make the evening a great success.



## BRAY HOUSE ARE OUR END OF TERM WINNERS

A special mention to all of the students nominated below by their respective Heads of Houses. These students have been put forward for their positive attitudes and helpful behaviour, and contribute to a wide range of school activities.



## SUBJECT NOMINATIONS

The following students have been nominated for their work in specific subjects. Well done to them all.



### ART & DESIGN



- Year 7** Tilly Pink-Costello/Jamie Ashworth
- Year 8** Mia Langley/Adam Dunstan
- Year 9** Lydia Rickard/Max Welland-Billam
- Year 10** Anabel Spear/Tendesai Nyerenyere
- Year 11** Holly Roberts/Toby Macmichael
- Year 12** Abby Hathaway
- Year 13** Maddy James



### DRAMA



- Year 7** Amelia Gilbert/Nicholas Wilson
- Year 8** Ella Boland/Edward Lattimer
- Year 9** Riona Lenehan/Jake Streatfield
- Year 10** Olivia Webster/Ben Seddon
- Year 11** Loraine Marufu/Bradley Fenton
- Year 12** Cameron Turner
- Year 13** Kate Roberts



### BUSINESS



- Year 10** Tia Elstow/Alex Bohdjalian
- Year 11** Molly Baston/Adam Somerville
- Year 12** Ella Shields
- Year 13** Carter Richards

### ECONOMICS

- Year 12** Tiffany Gardner
- Year 13** Charlie Sharpe



### ENGLISH



- Year 7** Elicia Mercer/Max Noyce
- Year 8** Isabel Young/Thomas Hand
- Year 9** Kitty Cogswell/Joe Dalby
- Year 10** Madeleine Hedges/Cody Leahy
- Year 11** Polly Batstone/Matthew Rapley
- Year 12** Chloe Smith
- Year 13** Scarlett Pugsley

### MEDIA

- Year 12** Umar Hussain
- Year 13** Christopher White



### CITIZENSHIP



- Year 8** Hannah Parkman/Daniel Wallace
- Year 9** Lucy Thornton/Lewis Warner-Jones
- Year 10** Jessica Jenks/Joshua Mallett
- Year 11** Azida Fernandes/Zach Penman



### PROGRESS IN ENGLISH



- Year 7** Amy Tull/Kieron Maddox
- Year 8** Charleighanne Durant/Owen Calascione
- Year 9** Millie Harvey/Elliott Mowe



## GEOGRAPHY



- Year 7** Ava Neeves/Gregor Webster
- Year 8** Bethan Terry/Mihalis Despiniadis
- Year 9** Jolene Gardner/Dominik Kurpiel
- Year 10** Rebecca Payne/Reece Cross
- Year 11** Ella O'Neill/Anthony Osborn
- Year 12** Samuel MacGregor
- Year 13** Ryan Irvin



## MATHEMATICS



- Year 7** Amelia Ballard/Matthew Simpson
- Year 8** Amber Hemsley/Rhys Jones
- Year 9** Maya Rhucroft/Thomas Marland
- Year 10** Tanya Newman/Paul Marchant
- Year 11** Katie Finnigan/Faraz Akhtar
- Year 12** Alexander Hill
- Year 13** Libby Parsons



## HISTORY



- Year 7** Lauryn Tagne/Sean Wilson
- Year 8** Nancy Huband/Hamza Ali
- Year 9** Gemma Higley/Lee Cox
- Year 10** Morgan Ockwell/Alexander Barrett
- Year 11** Olivia Babb/Lewis Evans
- Year 12** Charlie Walker
- Year 13** Tamara Lupton

## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

- Year 12** Lowri Lewis
- Year 13** Daniel Quin



## MUSIC



- Year 7** Eliza Stevenson/Stuart Johnstone
- Year 8** Saffron-Scarlett Minter/Antoni Kurpiel
- Year 9** Jemima Hutchinson-May/Daniel White
- Year 10** Charlotte Gould/Elliot Busby
- Year 11** Giulia Mubeen/John Conacher
- Year 12** Bethany Wright-Paramio
- Year 13** Jonathan Stone



## ICT



- Year 7** Nicola Oakley/Oori Weitz
- Year 8** Sacha Clements/Edward Roberts
- Year 9** Daisy-Leigh Rawlings/Pawel Kowalski
- Year 10** Ally Lyons/Navjyot Notay
- Year 11** Louisa Snape/Siu Hung Cheung
- Year 12** Grace Morton-Woodruff
- Year 13** Jemima Bowen

## COMPUTING

- Year 12** Samuel Sheppard
- Year 13** Sam Holdsworth



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION



- Year 7** Freya Wilcock/Iwan Hughes
- Year 8** Freya Allen/Tom Stevenson
- Year 9** Charlotte Williams/Nathan Smith
- Year 10** Charlotte Annereau/Freddie Yuill
- Year 11** Emily Bonhomme/Freddy Wallis
- Year 12** Callum Thompson
- Year 13** Charlie Pridmore

## DANCE

- Year 13** Gabby Hall



## LANGUAGES



- Year 7** Rebecca Matthews/Jack Green
- Year 8** Caitlin Murray/Barney Buckland
- Year 9** Maisie Pink-Costello/Daniel Impey
- Year 10** Branko Borkovic/Gabrielle Ford
- Year 11** Charley-Jo Salway/Oliver Baldwin
- Year 12** Claire Phillips
- Year 13** Rhian Osborne



## PSYCHOLOGY



- Year 12** Patrick Ashe
- Year 13** Harry Frith

## PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

- Year 12** Kudzai Moyosvi
- Year 13** James Martin



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



- Year 7** Carmen Hernansanz Santos/Freddie Stevens
- Year 8** Louisa Holborn/Rajveer Notay
- Year 9** Ife Ogidan/Sam Richards
- Year 10** Sophia Atkinson/Abid Mahdi
- Year 11** Sarah-Jane Hampton/Max Selby



## SCIENCE



- Year 7** Abigail Dorrat/Thomas Stimson
- Year 8** Aqsa Fatima/George Clarke-Tome
- Year 9** Orla Brennan/Owais Raja
- Year 10** Katie Harley Waters/Luc O'Kelly
- Year 11** Shannon Carpenter/Jacob Barnett

### BIOLOGY

### CHEMISTRY

- Year 12** Joshua Davies      **Year 12** Callum Lennie
- Year 13** Olivia Edwards      **Year 13** Eliza Scott

### HUMAN BIOLOGY

### PHYSIC

- Year 13** Uzayr Sher      **Year 12** Thomas De Courcy
- Year 13** Steven Fan



## TECHNOLOGY



- Year 7** Daisy Harris/Nathan Sams
- Year 8** Bethan Nicholas/Peter Somerville
- Year 9** Lauryn Pickett/Harvey Neeves
- Year 10** Sophia Smith/Terry Marques
- Year 11** Kaitlyn Henry/Barnaby Flew

## PRODUCT DESIGN

- Year 12** Adam Mitchell
- Year 13** Hassan Akhtar



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT



- Year 10** Megan Green
- Year 11** Jessica McClintock



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### PROGRESS REPORTS



Your sons / daughters will have received their latest Progress Report. These are in printed form on this occasion. From next term we will be launching our new online reporting system. In January you will be sent your login details to access this.

Thank you to all parents who have returned their reply slip (from the letter we sent out last week) confirming the email addresses you want to use to access the new reporting system.

If you have any queries about the report, or you have not received a copy of either the report or the letter please email the school at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

James Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

## RUNNING CLUB - CHANGE OF DAY

Please note Running Club will be moving from Monday to Friday after school from the beginning of January.



### SIXTH FORM PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS JANUARY 2016



Please [click here](#) to view the document with arrangements for the Pre-Public Examinations for Year 12 & 13 students.

The Pre-Public Exams (PPEs) will take place from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016. All students will be examined in all of their subjects (with the exception of vocational courses). Year 13 students who plan to retake any AS modules in the summer may also be required to sit an AS PPE for those subjects.

Mr Sheppard (Assistant Headteacher)

#### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

The grass verge area at the front of the school is becoming very muddy and the grass is now in a poor state due parents using it to park before and after school. This area is not school property and we have been informed by a local councillor that RBWM plan to send enforcement officers to ensure that this area remains clear of vehicles so as to protect the verges. Please can we ask for your cooperation in keeping the area car free so as to maintain safety for your children at busy times and to avoid any further damage to the grass.

#### 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.



#### PRE-PUBLIC EXAM RESULTS



PPE results will be given to students on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.



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