

Weekly Update: Monday 18th January - Friday 22nd January 2016

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NEXT WEEK

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| Thurs 28 th January | Year 11 English AQA Exam Prep Year 9 Parents' Evening (4pm - 7.30pm) |
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon 1 st - Fri 12 th February | Year 8 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight |
| Mon 1 st February | Year 11 Maths GCSE Pre-public Exam |
| Wed 3 rd February | Year 11 Photos |
| Thurs 4 th February | Year 9 Options Evening (7pm - 8pm) |
| Fri 5 th February | Year 11 English AQA Pre-public Exam |



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SIXTH FORM TOURS 2016

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS UPDATE


Over one hundred of our Year 13 students (82% of the year group) have now sent off their applications to universities, and are eagerly awaiting responses. Nearly 50% of these applications have included at least one Russell Group University. Over half of our students have already received achievable conditional offers from top universities, both in the UK and abroad. Three of our students have received conditional offers from the Universities of both Oxford and Cambridge to study Medicine, Law and Natural Sciences. They should be extremely proud of their achievement thus far. We also like to congratulate our four hopeful medical students, who have all received at least one conditional offer from their university choices.

Mr Dollery (Head of Sixth Form)



Please note tours need to be booked through our Main Reception on 01628 625308. All tours are scheduled for 9.10am until 10.10am on the following dates:

- Tuesday 19th January 2016
- Tuesday 26th January 2016
- Tuesday 2nd February 2016
- Tuesday 9th February 2016
- Tuesday 23rd February 2016
- Tuesday 1st March 2016
- Tuesday 8th March 2016
- Tuesday 15th March 2016
- Tuesday 22nd March 2016



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PARENTS' AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



Thursday 28th January 2016

It will be very useful for students to accompany their parents to this event.

We are using our online booking system for our parents' evenings which as you know has proven to simplify the whole process and put parents firmly in control of their own appointments. Parents who book up first will have the most flexibility.

If you do not have easy access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Please follow the Parents' Evening link on the school website.

Mr Bown (Deputy Headteacher)

ONLINE ACCESS TO REPORTS AND ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Further to our postal communication in December regarding our new online reporting and attendance system, we would like to thank everyone who confirmed their email address to the school. Please [click here](#) to view our guide to accessing and logging onto the new service which is replacing the Furze Platt Portal. Your old Portal login details are no longer valid. As advised in the letter you will only be able to log into the new service using the email address you have provided us with. If you have more than one child at the school, you will only need one account.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on reports@furzeplatt.net.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



OPTIONS EVENING
Thursday 4th February 2016



6pm onwards

As you may be aware, your son/daughter has started to consider what options to choose for Year 10. He/she has discussed this in PSHE, has benefited from taster sessions in option subjects, and in some cases has been mentored by older students. I would now like to invite you, along with your son/daughter, to the school's Options Evening on Thursday 4th February.

The evening will be split into two parts:

a) Presentation by Mr Towill (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Molin (Head of House responsible for KS3-4 transition), focusing on recent changes to GCSEs and the options open to this year's Year 9 students.

b) Opportunity for all students and their parents/carers to find out more about different subjects by speaking directly to GCSE teachers and current GCSE students at our Options Fair.

In addition, you will be given a copy of our Options Booklet, which gives details of all the courses available next year.

This is an important and popular event, and in order to ensure that you and your son/daughter have plenty of time to find out about different options, there will be a staggered start to the evening. Please arrive at the time below, according to which house your son/daughter is in. The event will last approximately 1 hour.

Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney Houses will begin at 6.00pm

Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor will begin at 7.00pm

If you are unable to attend the appropriate time slot please contact Gillian Dandridge.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4th February 2016.

Mr Towill (Deputy Headteacher)



OFFICE 365 ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS



Office 365 Education is a collection of services that allows students collaboration with schoolwork, and is available for free to students who are currently attending Furze Platt Senior School. Services include Office Online (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and OneNote), 1TB of OneDrive storage, Yammer, and SharePoint sites.

Students can install the full Office applications on up to 5 PCs or Macs for free. To take advantage of this additional benefit, you'll see the Install Office button on your Office 365 home page after you complete sign-up.

For further information and FAQs please go to: <https://products.office.com/en-gb/student/office-in-education>



TAPLOW CHOIR DAY



In preparation for a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, Berkshire Youth Choir went to Maida Vale Studios to take part in a workshop with the BBC Singers. The BBC Singers are a world-class choir who are made up of amazing professionals. Working with them was a wonderful, inspiring experience and their advice was hugely appreciated and very valuable.

- Elsie Brown (Year 12)



Seussical

Tickets available from sick bay at Break 1 and Break 2 from Monday 1st February

[Click here for a preview clip.](#)



SPORTS NEWS



Sterling performances from all involved meant our Year 9/10 boys and girls rowing teams both won the Windsor and Maidenhead indoor rowing competition to qualify for the County Finals later in the year.

Boys – position 1st

Sergio Collett – 1st in his race

Lewis Downie – 1st

Kieran Pettigrew – 1st

Taine Richards – 1st

Team came 1st in relay

Girls A – position 1st

Izzie Bird – 1st

Immie Harding – 2nd

Charlotte Williams – 4th

Liv Howley – 4th

Team came 1st in relay

Girls B – Position 7th

Lucy Thornton – 8th

Orla Brennan – 8th

Olivia Webster – 3rd

Georgia Howell – 4th

Team came 7th in Relay

Congratulations to Harrison Thorne Year 9 who won Gold at the County Indoor Championships.



PLEASE NOTE

Shin pads must be worn for football practice, games and fixtures.

Students must have clean boots for any sports held on the all weather pitch.

MEXICO RACE NIGHT - 7PM THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Team Mexico invite you to a Horse Racing Night on Thursday 11th February. Come and enjoy a night at the races and support Team Mexico whilst doing so. Food will be provided by the Spicy Chef with a choice of curries plus a bar. Open to all; please come along for a great night of entertainment in the school hall for £12 which includes your food and opening stakes. To reserve tickets please email michele.scott@furzeplatt.net or gaye002@furzeplatt.com

We hope to see you there!

Team Mexico



PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Big Pan Catering Co are booked once more so Big Quiz 2 will be on Friday 15th April (£15 a ticket).

The Indoor Table Top sale will be held from 9am -12pm in the Main Hall, Sunday 28th February. Tables bookable in advance at £10 per table space or £12 on the day. Sellers can arrive from 7.30am, buyers from 9am.

We really need Year 7 & 8 parents/guardians/event volunteers - if you can help or wish to purchase Big Quiz tickets and/or book a Table Top table, please email Jeff.Lloyd@informedifa.co.uk.



**FIT FOR LIFE
WEEK**
**SATURDAY 23RD
- SUNDAY 31ST
JANUARY 2016**

NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER AT



Teacher of MFL German with French or Spanish

Science Technician

Language Assistant (German)

Clerk to the Governing Body



REMINDERS

Yr9

GCSE OPTIONS PROGRAMME

Yr9

Year 9 students will be making their GCSE Option Choices before half term. The key dates are:

Thursday 28th January 4.15pm -7.15pm

Year 9 Parents' Evening. All Year 9 parents and their sons/daughters should attend.

Thursday 4th February 6pm -9pm

Year 9 Options Evening. All Year 9 parents and their sons / daughters should attend.

Friday 12th February

Year 9 students return their options forms to school.

Yr8

GCSE OPTIONS PROGRAMME AND PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

Yr8

Thursday 21st January, 7pm - 8pm

Year 8 parents received a Parentmail earlier this week, explaining that their sons/daughters will be choosing their GCSE options this year, and starting their GCSE courses in Year 9. A copy of that parentmail can be found [here](#). Please can all parents who wish to attend the Information Evening on Thursday let Gill Dandridge know gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net.

SCHOOL CLUB LIST 2016

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](#)

MEDICAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

If medical or contact details for your son or daughter at Furze Platt have changed, please send the correct information to us marked 'Change of details'.

Thank you.

Yr11

AFTER-SCHOOL REVISION AND CATCHUP

Yr11

The following departments will be offering after-school revision and catch-up sessions on the days outlined below. These will be targeted at students with the greatest need. If a student is asked to attend more than one session on the same day, then the student should discuss this with their parents and the relevant teachers.

| Day | Priority Subjects |
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| Monday | Graphic Products Resistant Materials Science ICT Computing Business Studies |
| Tuesday | English (Spanish) |
| Wednesday | Drama (Practical) French and German Geography History Religious Education |
| Thursday | Maths |
| Friday | Art PE Drama (Written) |



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Missed our Sixth Form Open Evening?
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a tour!



Tours are scheduled for
9.10am–10.10am every
Tuesday from 19 January
to 22 March 2016.

► **Call 01628 625308 to book.**

Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead SL6 7NQ
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Interested in a career in teaching?

Berkshire Teaching School Alliance - Maiden Erlegh School



COME TO OUR TRAIN TO TEACH EVENING 2 February 2016, 7.30-9.00pm

This information evening is for anyone who is considering training to teach, including teaching assistants, career changers, teachers trained overseas, and those graduating in summer 2016.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting into primary or secondary teaching, come along to meet recent, locally trained, beginning and newly qualified teachers and talk to our specialist school mentors.

The evening will be mainly informal with some short presentations and the opportunity for Q&A.

Training is provided in our schools working together with the University of Reading. All our courses lead to Qualified Teacher Status with PGCE (and 60 masters credits). You may be eligible for a salaried place or a bursary.

Please confirm your intention to attend by emailing teachingschool@maidenerleghschool.co.uk

The information evening will be hosted by our lead school
Maiden Erlegh School
Silverdale Road, Reading, RG6 7HS
0118 9262467

maidenerleghschool.co.uk/teaching-school
berkshirerightschoolalliance.co.uk

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September 2016:**

- Maiden Erlegh School
- Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School
- Charters School
- Reading School
- UTC Reading
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- Loddon Primary

Find our vacancies on UCAS
under Maiden Erlegh School

ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training

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COME TO OUR TRAIN TO TEACH EVENING

9th March 2016, 4:30 –7:30pm

This information evening is for anyone who is thinking of returning to teaching, or who is considering training to teach, including teaching assistants, career changers, teachers trained overseas, and those graduating in summer 2016.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting into primary or secondary teaching, come along to meet representatives of the NCTL, Universities, School Direct lead Schools and SCITTs. You will also be able to talk to recent, locally trained, beginning and newly qualified teachers our specialist school mentors and a specialist adviser.

The event will be mainly informal with some short presentations and the opportunity for Q&A.

Please confirm your intention to attend by registering at

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

The information evening will be hosted by one of Reading's lead schools.

Geoffrey Field Junior School
Exbourne Road, Reading, RG2 8RH
admin@geoffreyfield-jun.reading.sch.uk
0118 9375475
www.geoffreyfieldjuniorschool.co.uk/



National College for
Teaching & Leadership

Exhibitors already registered for the event include :

- Basingstoke Alliance SCITT
- Bracknell Forest Secondary School Partnership (Garth Hill College)
- Weydon School / Teach@Weydon
- Bohunt School / TESLA TSA
- The Willink School
- Teach Maidenhead
- The Berkshire Teaching Alliance
- West Berkshire Training Partnership
- Fareham & Gosport Primary SCITT & Harrison Primary School
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Winchester
- The Cherwell OTSA SCITT
- ASTRA SCITT
- Wildern Partnership
- University of Oxford
- Surrey South Farnham SCITT
- University of Reading



Department for Education



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

