

Weekly Update: Monday 11th January - Friday 15th January 2016

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NEXT WEEK

Mon 18 th January	Drama Club Showcase (7pm - 8.30pm)
Mon 18 th - 22 nd January	Year 9 GCSE Taster Fortnight (continued)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Fri 22 nd January	Team Mexico Fundraising Event: Open Mic Night (Drama Studio 8pm)
Thurs 28 th January	Year 11 English AQA Exam Prep Year 9 Parents' Evening (4pm - 7.30pm)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



GCSE OPTIONS PROGRAMME



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.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to all our visitors who attended last night's event, it was extremely busy with hundreds of families coming to see what our Sixth Form can offer. For those of you who could not attend, we will be organising tours.

Sixth Form Tours 2016

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



Sixth Form Prospectus and Course Guide 2016



GCSE OPTIONS PROGRAMME AND PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

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.



FUTURE CHEF COOKERY COMPETITION



Adam Somerville (Year 11) and Tom Marland (Year 9) competed in the second round of the Future Chef cooking competition held on Thursday at Aylesbury College. They had 1hr 30mins to prepare a main course and a dessert with a £7 budget.

Both boys made the most of the opportunity to participate in a well-known cooking competition, work in an industrial kitchen and, when finished, received valuable feedback from a professional chef. The food from all competitors was made to an exceptional standard and was beautifully presented with excellent flavours.

Tom made a pea and bacon risotto served with a Parma ham crisp for his main and a lemon posset served with shortbread for his dessert.

Adam made lemon and chili turkey meatballs with homemade pasta for his main and for his dessert he made a raspberry and elderflower jelly served with shortbread.

Well done to both the boys who came 4th and 3rd respectively.

Miss Singh (Head of Food Technology)



SPORTS NEWS



Fixtures and training week commencing 18th January 2016

Football next week - on grass.

Year 9/10 football training moved to Tuesday on grass

Year 7 boys football Thursday on grass

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.

Fixtures next week

Tuesday

Rowing Competition away

Wednesday

Sixth Form football away

U16 girls football at home

Year 7 netball home

Thursday

Year 10 boys football away

Year 11 boys football away

Year 8 boys football at home

South of England Indoor Championships – Lee Valley - 9th & 10th January 2016

Elliott Thorne (Year 11) – 2nd U17 Men – Long Jump with a jump of 6m 59cm (4th in the UK rankings so far this indoor season)

Orla Brennan (Year 9) - 4th U15 Girls 60m Hurdles, finishing in 9.35s (6th in the UK rankings so far this indoor season)

Louisa Snape (Year 11) reached the semi-finals of the 60m sprint with a personal best time of 8.14s

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Berkshire Cross Country Championship – Slough - Sat 9th January 2016

Age Group	Athlete	Position
U15 Girls	Beth Murray (Year 9)	15 th
U15 Boys	Sammy March (Year 9)	11 th
	Adam Gambrill (Year 9)	25 th
U17 Women	Polly Batstone (Year 11)	10 th
U13 Boys	Elliott Lowe (Year 8)	8 th
	Iwan Hughes Year 7)	27 th



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

KIDSOUT CHRISTMAS CHARITY



Thank you to Dehlia Neal (Cover Supervisor) and members of staff for their generous donation of Christmas gifts in aid of the Kidsout Christmas Charity.

NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER AT



Teacher of MFL German with French or Spanish

Teacher of English

Teacher of Science

Science Technician

Exam Invigilators

Language Assistant (German)

Clerk to the Governing Body

Assistant Site Controller



FIT FOR LIFE
WEEK

SATURDAY
23RD - SUNDAY
31ST JANUARY
2016



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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENTS

Please note the following changes:

- Year 11 Photos: Monday 8th February**
- Year 9 Options Evening on 4th February will start at 6pm**

FOOD CONTAINERS IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY



A number of food containers have been left in Food Technology. Any pupil who thinks they have mislaid a container can come to FT1 during breaks 1 and 2 and after school to check in the large green crate. Any containers not claimed by Friday 15th January will be disposed of.

Miss Singh, Head of Food Technology

AFTER-SCHOOL REVISION AND CATCHUP



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
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)

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](#)

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
berkshirereachingschoolalliance.co.uk

In partnership with the
Institute of Education



**Primary and secondary
School Direct training
in partnership with
University of Reading**

**Training vacancies for
September 2016:**

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

Find our vacancies on UCAS
under Maiden Erlegh School

ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training

Maiden Erlegh School
Opportunity, Diversity and Success

Interested in a career in teaching?



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

FRIDAY THE 22ND OF JANUARY



The Drama Studio

8 PM

£5 Entry

BAR AND LIVE MUSIC



A FUNDRAISING EVENT

OPEN MIC NIGHT

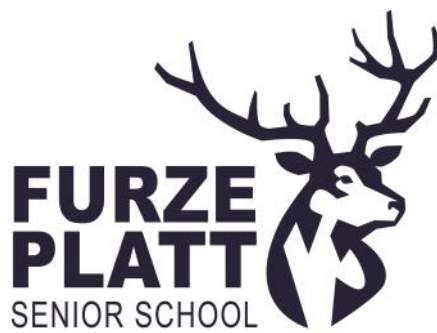


Seussical



Tickets on sale soon

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



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

