

Weekly Update: Monday 23rd November - Friday 27th November 2015

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NEXT WEEK

Mon 30 th November	Year 11 visit to Reading College (9am-12.45pm)
Wed 2 nd December	Sixth Form Theatre Trip (5pm - 9.30pm)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tues 8 th December	Sixth Form Trip to Warwick University (return approx. 5.30pm)
Wed 9 th December	Christmas Concert (7.30pm - 10pm)
Thurs 10 th December	Year 12 Parents' Evening (4.30pm - 6.30pm)



SCHOOL NEWS

NEWS FLASH

Newly released Department for Education data shows that Furze Platt students make significantly better progress at GCSE than other students nationally. More information to follow next week.



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR 2015

'Hospitable staff and polite students' – just one of the many positive comments following last night's Careers and Higher Education Fair at Furze Platt Senior School.

The annual Fair, organised by Mrs Bubb and Mr Towill, gave local and national companies a chance to show what career and training choices were on offer to students, including representatives from Syngenta, the NHS, GlaxoSmithKline, the Institute of Civil Engineers, M&S, John Lewis, the Maidenhead Advertiser, the Armed Forces, the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and many more. Thank you to all our visitors and to staff and helpers who made the event run very smoothly.

We would like to ask parents who attended this event to complete a short feedback questionnaire, we value your feedback to help us make this event even better in future.

[Careers and Higher Education Fair 2015 Questionnaire](#)

SPORTING NEWS

An outstanding week for our PE teams – well done to everyone involved.



Fantastic team spirit and solid defending proved a winning combination for our Year 7 'B' team who played against Great Marlow School in the final of the League following some hard fought victories.

Despite horribly muddy conditions, the team (many of who have only been playing since September) battled their way to score two tries and made every tackle to ensure they kept on top. Furze Platt started very strongly and then spent most of the first half and all the second half defending, making it impossible for their opponents to score. MoM were Tom Davies and Leon Best-Martinez, who both scored tries.

OUR TEAM:

Tom Davies
Gleb Huggins
Leon Best-Martinez
Johnny Barret (Captain)
Nathan Sams
Kyle Ovens
Ewan Halliday-Hogg
Marcus Brienza
Jamie Ashworth
Louis Bailey
Oliver Fitzgerald
Tyler Dutson
Marco Borkovich
Ethan Lowe
Stuart Johnstone



Year 8 drew 31 all in the quarter finals of the County Cup against Reading School. Due to the rules of the scoring, Reading go through as they scored the first points of the game but Year 8 remain unbeaten this season.



6th form rugby team beat Forest School 21-5 in the quarter finals of County Cup, meaning they go through to the semi-finals against St Bartholomew's next Wednesday (2nd December).



Well done this week to our Year 8 netball team, and to Poppy Harris and Grace Morton-Woodruff (both Year 12), who have both been inspirational to our younger students. This term, Grace has consistently been out twice a week to help staff coach the netball teams and umpire, and Poppy has been helping out in KS3 hockey lessons.

RUGBY 'A' TEAM

Year 7 'A' rugby team were runners up in their county final against Forest School, with some outstanding performances.

OUR TEAM:

Hugh Rickard, Iwan Hughes (Captain), Freddy Smith, Will Cullum, Connor Charles, Oli Pearce, Will Morrison, Jacob Smith, Tyler Simmonds, Max Bird, Charlie Ferriman (Captain), Harvey Bates, Johnny Coulson, Jack Sewell, Jonty Bryant, Mat Dilley

GSK VISIT

Jonathan Sneller and Joshua Davies (Year 12) visited GlaxoSmithKline for work experience. Please [click here](#) to view Jonathan Sneller's article.



SCIENCE SEMINAR – 'WHERE CAN A SCIENCE DEGREE TAKE YOU?'



Thursday 3rd December

The next science seminar will be entitled 'Where can a science degree take you?', given by Phil Parsons, who is General Manager of the Scientific Services Department at Affinity Water. He will be talking about his job, and the many places it has taken him, as well as the benefits of a science degree in general. This seminar is open to Years 9-13 on Thursday 3rd December after school in S5. Please feel free to come.

Eliza Scott (Year 13)

In July 2016, Furze Platt Senior School will be sending eighteen of its most intrepid students to help in the frontline conservation of the Mexican rain forest. Please [click here](#) to see an article written by Evan Charles, Year 12 (Pictured).



Our Greenpower teams are working as fast as they can on finishing their car's chassis out of aluminium and have pulled in some aircraft grade honeycomb from British Airways.

They are also currently designing and creating body work out of foam and are working on some designs for the paint work to go onto Chimera. They are on track for a busy couple of weeks up to Christmas and are currently on target for a finished car on the 21st April 2016.

Josh Reynolds (Year 12)



COMMUNITY NEWS

'ACADEMY DUNCES' DEFY THEIR TEAM NAME TO WIN THE BIG QUIZ!

A fabulous turnout of over 100+ parents, teachers and friends of FPSS turned out on Saturday night to take part in the inaugural Big Quiz in the Main Hall. Teams not only answered the usual tricky quiz questions and identified pictures but also had to make a paper aeroplane fit to fly across the hall and make a cradle to protect a fresh egg from breaking when dropped!

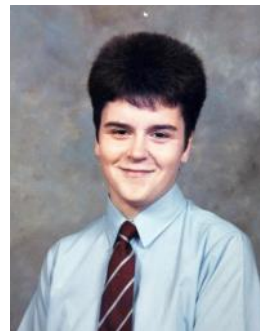
14 teams battled throughout the evening with one emerging victorious – the ill-named 'Academy Dunces' with Debbie Sellwood from the PTFA ably assisted by friends of the school Andy James and Tim Walker amongst others.

The catering was another star of the show: Valerie from Giant Pan Catering in Tring cooked up three amazing dishes from scratch in the hall during the evening and all present thought that the food was superb.

Many thanks to Oz and Beth Osborne for 2/3 of the quiz logistics and most of the raffle prizes, Sue Giles and Louise Williams for setting up and managing the event's admin and to all the teams that took part.

The next Big Quiz will be in the springtime. Date to be confirmed very soon.

Jeff Lloyd (PTFA Chair)



Nicola Sturgeon MSP



CURRENT VACANCIES



Part-time Science Technician

Receptionist

Assistant Examinations Officer

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.

THINKING OF RETURNING TO TEACHING? CLICK HERE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 to 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.



PARENTS AND STUDENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING



On Thursday 10th December, there will be a subject consultation evening for Year 12 parents. 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



REMINDERS

REQUEST FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS

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.

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.



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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ASSISTANT EXAMINATIONS OFFICER

Salary £13,300 - 30 hours per week
Term time only + 1 week

Required from January 2016.

We require an Assistant Examinations Officer to provide administrative support in all aspects of the examinations process.

You will need to:

- Undertake all administration associated with examinations
- Maintain complete confidentiality and security of examination information
- Liaise with SEN coordinator and Year Heads for pupils regarding access arrangements and special needs
- Manage and coordinate all internal and external invigilators
- Assist with the publication and distribution of results

We ask that you:

- Have high level administrative skills including typing
- Are able to operate software at an intermediate level including Word and Excel
- Have sound communication skills
- Must be methodical, precise and conscientious in meeting deadlines and providing information especially related to the examination process
- Are able to relate to pupils and parents in a calm and sympathetic manner
- Are able to liaise effectively with teaching and support staff
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Further details and application information are available on our website at www.furzeplatt.com. Please return to Mrs G Dandridge via email: gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net before the closing date.

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.

Closing date: 5pm Thursday 10th December

Bracknell Forest Partnership

14 December 2015

6:00 - 8:00pm

**Venue:
Garth Hill College
Bull Lane
Bracknell
RG42 2AD**



Further information:
Bracknellforestschooldirect.co.uk



Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk



TEACH MAIDENHEAD

will be attending this event!

Get into Teaching Information Evening



Considering a career in teaching?

Whether you are changing career paths, a recent graduate, in a different role in education, or trained overseas, discover the excellent opportunities to train to teach in our secondary and primary school-centred programmes.

Train with the best in our Partnership Schools in collaboration with Reading University. Understand why we are passionate about teaching and what you need to do to become a teacher; meet our school-based trainers and mentors, university tutors, current trainees, newly qualified and experienced teachers.

Live outside Bracknell? Primary and Secondary teacher training providers from across Berkshire will also attend to inspire, share information and answer your questions.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing: teacher.recruitment@bracknell-forest.gov.uk



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University of Reading

TEACHING
YOUR FUTURE | THEIR FUTURE





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

