

Weekly Update: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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## NEXT WEEK

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> - Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 13 Art Pre-Public Exams (finish at 3.50pm both days)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term (12.30pm finish)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> December - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term 3 (Week 2)



## SCHOOL NEWS

# 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:

Progress of students from disadvantaged backgrounds in English and Maths is as good as those from advantaged backgrounds nationally.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2015



Well done to the 300 students and 40 members of the adult choir who took part in the Christmas Concert on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

This was a sell-out event and Mrs Gregory and Mr Dingley were thrilled with all your performances and the atmosphere in general. There was a range of music from choral classical music to jazz and rock music from all of our ensembles and soloists. To name a few, we had the fantastic debut performance of the ukulele group, a wonderful Christmas medley from the gorgeous blended tones of the acapella choir and a rousing finale of 'I'm A Believer' bringing together all the bands and choirs to outnumber the audience!

It was particularly wonderful to see so many 6<sup>th</sup> formers and other students leading the ensembles and inspiring the younger musicians. Again we must thank our Music prefects for playing a huge part in the success of the event, both on and off stage, and in leading our ensembles in rehearsals.

It has certainly put us in the festive spirit and we wish a Merry Christmas to all who took part, helped behind the scenes and

attended. We are looking forward to our next Music 'Spring concert' on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – keep a look out for when the tickets go on sale.

If you were inspired to join our community choir, then please do get in touch with Mrs Gregory on [charlotte.gregory@furzeplatt.net](mailto:charlotte.gregory@furzeplatt.net). We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Music studio during term time.



More photos from our Christmas Concert will feature in next week's newsletter.

## UPDATE: TEAM MEXICO

### KRISPY KREME SALE



To raise money for our Mexico expedition in July, we will be holding a Krispy Kreme sale for the whole school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Break 1. Sixth formers can purchase these from 6-4. Pupils in years 7-11 may purchase them from the patio outside the sixth form block. Doughnuts are priced at £1.45 each.

Thank you for your support.

Dr Scott, Mr Molin and the rest of the team

## SPORTS NEWS

Yr10

Girls' Netball

Yr10

Yr 10 Girls played Cox Green School earlier this week. With the opponents leading 6-3 at half time, our girls were extremely determined and played phenomenally for the entire second half, bringing the score line back with one minute to go to 8 – 7 to Furze Platt. With a goal unfortunately conceded in the last 30 seconds the final score was 8-8 which was an outstanding comeback.

Miss Tomlin

### OUR TEAM:

Megan Green, Charlotte Annereau, Katie Harley Waters, Jess Matthews, Laura Thomas, Charlotte Gould, Elisabeth Haines, Carla Harrison, Lily Harrison

KS4 boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Windsor and Maidenhead Badminton Tournament.

Our Year 7 rugby team beat Holyport College.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### CURRENT VACANCIES

Examination Invigilators

Clerk to the Governing Body

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yr12

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Yr12

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)



**6<sup>th</sup>**

### SIXTH FORM PRE-PUBLIC EXAMS JANUARY 2016

**6<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**Yr11**

#### PRE-PUBLIC EXAM RESULTS

**Yr11**

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

**Bracknell Forest  
Partnership**

**14 December  
2015**

**6:00 - 8:00pm**

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



**Further information:**  
[Bracknellforestschooldirect.co.uk](http://Bracknellforestschooldirect.co.uk)



[Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://Getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)



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## Get into Teaching Information Evening



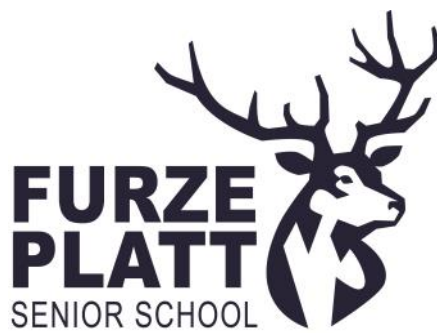
### Considering a career in teaching?

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](mailto:teacher.recruitment@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)



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

