

Weekly Update: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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## NEXT WEEK

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 11 Maths GCSE Pre-public Exam
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Evening (6pm start for Bisham, Bray, Cookham and Dorney / 7pm start for Eton, Henley, Marlow and Windsor)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 8 GCSE Taster Lesson Fortnight
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> - Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper School Musical: Seussical (7.30pm - 9.30pm)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 11 Photos
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of Term 3 (3.15pm finish)</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Start of Term 4 (Week 2)</b>



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### SIXTH FORM TOURS 2016



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 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

[Sixth Form Prospectus and Course Guide 2016](#)

### SAFETY NOTICE

Please make your son / daughter aware of the importance of keeping safe to and from school. Our advice is to walk with friends and stick to well lit areas, especially at this time of year. Cyclists should be clearly visible to other road users.



### LEAVERS EVENTS 2016



As your son/daughter reaches the end of their GCSE courses and the end of compulsory education, a number of traditions to mark this time have evolved in recent years.

Please see [click here](#) to view the letter with full details.

Miss Lewis (Key Stage 4-5 Transition Coordinator)



**Furze Platt Senior  
School  
Term Dates  
2016 - 2017**

Please be advised that the Year 9 January Progress Reports for your children are now available via our new online reporting service. The new service is available either by going to our website [www.furzeplatt.com](http://www.furzeplatt.com) and clicking on the quick link 'Online Reporting', or by going directly to Go 4 Schools [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com). Instructions for logging on can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Passwords for the new service are generated by Go 4 Schools directly and sent to you by email. If you have not received your password, please check your junk/spam mail in the first instance.

Should you have any problems accessing your child's report please contact me at [reports@furzeplatt.net](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

For any questions regarding your son or daughter's progress please contact Mr Sheppard, Assistant Head.

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



## SCHOOL NEWS



## SPORTS NEWS



It has been another successful week for our sports students – well done to all involved.

### Football Results:



Year 7 beat Westgate School (Slough) 5-1 to go through in their cup and will play Desborough College next Tuesday at home.



Year 10 also won against Langley Academy 5-1 and are due to play the winner of Windsor Boys' School v Licenced Victuallers' School, Ascot.



Year 11 knocked out Prospect School (Reading) in a Cup replay 5-0, following a 2-2 draw last week. The team are now due to play St Crispin's (Wokingham) in the next round.

### 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.

### Cross Country Running:

The Berkshire Schools Competition was held at Newbury Showground last weekend. All our runners did brilliantly, with Elliot, Sammy and Polly selected for Berkshire Schools for the SE Schools Inter-Counties race at Bexhill in February.

### Our Cross Country Running Team:



Alex Bate  
Year 7



Connor Charles  
Year 7



Iwan Hughes  
Year 7



Abby Jones  
Year 7



Elliot Lowe  
Year 8



Orla Brennan  
Year 9



Adam Gambrell  
Year 9



Sammy March  
Year 9



Beth Murray  
Year 9



Toby Ralphs  
Year 9



Molly Sammes  
Year 9



Milly Stibbs  
Year 9



Lucy Thornton  
Year 9



Polly Batstone  
Year 11



## DRAMA SHOWCASE



On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January Furze Platt's Years 7 & 8 Drama Club performed in a showcase to friends and family. The performances were created completely by the students in small groups using a picture or theme to spark ideas for their performances. All the students were very professional and worked well with the lighting and sound technicians from Year 9. They and I were very proud of the end product that the students managed to put together in weeks. The students really enjoyed the experience and the audience had high praise at the end of the performance evening.

Performers: Ethan Bowsher , Joshua Russell, Imogen Turner, Bethan Terry, Alexis Rottier, Lauren Wood, Dan Wallace , Liz Bailey, Jack Badger-Sakal , Nic Wilson, Zoe Hopson, Amber Hemsley, Jamie Alexander, Anya Idrizi, Emily St. Lawrence , Daisy Harris, Melissa Barnby, Tallulah Werrett, Georgia Rawlings, Tilly Pink-Costello, Amelia Ballard, Eliza Stevenson, Abbi Hellings & Elica Mercer.

The technicians were Paul Barnes & Lewis Duncombe.

Sixth Form helpers – Ben Williams, Hannah Dobson, Cameron Turner & Ruby Lloyd.

Well done to all students involved!

Mrs Hawkins



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



## CONSTRUCTION



Our Year 10 construction group are currently making and decorating tiled tables which they have designed themselves. Pictured: Joseph Bolger (Year 10) with Kevin from Satro.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Congratulations to Miss Carty's Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh group on passing an Asdan Short Course for their expedition training. Yumeng Dai, Jake Humpage, Kirsty Jeynes, Shoaib Mahmood, Adam Trillow & Joseph Bolger were all successful, with Adam and Joseph attending the Youth Achievement Awards to collect their certificates from the Mayor.

## THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who came and supported Team Mexico with their Open Mic Night. Special thanks to Kate Roberts (Year 13) for organising & compering the event, which raised around £200.

Next Event: Race Night



Our Year 10 Child Development students recently went on an investigative trip to the Mothercare Centre, Slough. Their objective was to research different types of equipment and choose the most suitable for a 3 month old baby. Students had a chance to ask for professional advice from shop assistants, and some were brave enough to speak with the actual customers who happened to be there. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to gain first-hand experience as an alternative to simply reading book descriptions of the equipment. Their research will form a part of their coursework. Thank you to all at Mothercare.

Miss Paradowska



Thank you to [Icon Wall Stickers](#), who have donated a number of fantastic wall stickers.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### PTFA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

The Indoor Table Top sale will be held from 9am -12pm in the Main Hall, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Jeff.Lloyd@informedifa.co.uk).

### NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER AT



Language Assistant (German)



## REMINDERS

### 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 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

## 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](mailto:reports@furzeplatt.net).

Mrs Watford (M.I.S. Manager)



## 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 [click here](#).



## OPTIONS EVENING Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 call Mrs Dandridge on 01628 762261 or e-mail [gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net](mailto:gill.dandridge@furzeplatt.net).

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Mr Towill (Deputy Headteacher)

# FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL SIXTH FORM TOURS

Missed our Sixth Form Open Evening?  
Call us to book  
a tour!



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

► **Call 01628 625308 to book.**

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# CHARITY RACE NIGHT

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
7:00 PM School Hall Furze Platt Senior School

Proceeds in aid of Operation Wallacea



£12 a ticket

Includes food,  
provided by The Spicy Chef  
(vegetarian option available)



Bar available on  
the night

Please contact Elliot Gay at  
[gaye002@furzeplatt.com](mailto:gaye002@furzeplatt.com)  
Or Dr. Scott at  
[michele.scott@furzeplatt.net](mailto:michele.scott@furzeplatt.net)



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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](mailto: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](http://maidenerleghschool.co.uk/teaching-school)  
[berkshirerightschoolalliance.co.uk](http://berkshirerightschoolalliance.co.uk)

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**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

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## 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/



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#### 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

