



Weekly Update: Monday 9th November - Friday 13th November 2015

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NEXT WEEK

Mon 16 th November	Year 12 Media (12D) pre-public exams
Mon 16 th - Tues 17 th November	Year 12 Photography pre-public exams
Wed 18 th November	Year 9 Theatre Trip - War Horse (4.45pm - 11pm)
Fri 20 th November	Year 11 pre-public exams Year 9 Trip - £11 million Takeover Day
Sat 21 st November	PFTA Big Quiz Night

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th November	Year 11 pre-public exams (Continue)
Tues 24 th November	Year 13 Trip - Look Out Discovery Centre (9.15am - 12.45am)
Thurs 26 th November	Year 9-13 Careers and Higher Education Fair (3pm - 4pm)



SCHOOL NEWS



FURZE PLATT STUDENT CARRIES THE FLAG FOR ARMY CADETS



Warrick Heath (Year 13) was selected to be the standard bearer at this year's Festival of Remembrance in London. This year, Berkshire was selected to represent the Army Cadet Force and Warrick was chosen out of 150 applicants to represent the cadets. He has been in the cadets for over 5 years and was the first person in Maidenhead to gain his Master Cadet award, as well as being presented with the title of Mayoral Cadet for RBWM by the mayor. Warrick is in the process of completing the silver DofE and hopes to join the Royal Marines as an officer.





BERKSHIRE SCHOOLS U14 HOCKEY PLATE WINNERS



Our Year 9 girls had a very exciting set of matches within the tournament, played this week against both independent and state schools. Following a run of success, Furze Platt went in to the semi finals against LVS in second place, and comfortably beat them 2-0 to go through to the final against Downe House.

At the end of full time, the score was 0-0, which led to penalties. After penalties the schools were level on 2-2, leading to a sudden death knockout. The spectators were very nervous indeed, but Downe House missed their first attempt and Furze Platt scored, so we won! This was a fantastic end to the tournament; all credit to our superb players and thank you to everyone who came to support them.

Miss Hussey



OUR TEAM:

- Lucy Thornton (Captain)
- Charlotte Williams (Vice captain)
- Hollie O'Neill (Goal keeper)
- Orla Brennan
- Hannah Atkins
- Kitty Cogswell
- Emily Bristow
- Lydia Rickard
- Liana Rockall
- Molly Sammes
- Caitlin Brayne
- Jessica Phillips
- Millie Stibbs



HOCKEY



The Year 7 girls had their first hockey fixture against Charters school in Ascot last night. The girls played brilliantly and won 2-0, the goals scored by Daisy Stibbs and Liya Razaq. Liya was also awarded player of the match.

Miss Tomlin

OUR TEAM:

Alexis Rottier (GK), Liya Razaq, Daisy Stibbs, Ellen Gomersall, Freya Willcock, Chloe Pounce, Florence Checkley, Amelia Gilbert, Izzy Arnold, Abby Jones.



RUGBY



UPDATE: TEAM MEXICO

There were some very strong performances from our Year 7 rugby teams last night. Both our A and B teams played 3 matches, the teams each won 2 and lost 1. Results included beating St Crispins 4 tries to none and Gillotts 3 tries to none. MoM awards to Will Cullum, Iwan Hughes (x2), Ethan Lowe, Jack Sewell and Jonty Bryant.

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 Cameron Aird, Year 12 (Pictured).





PTFA EASY FUNDRAISING

To all parents, students, teachers and friends

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online from almost any of the biggest and most popular retailers - you could be raising a free donation for Furze Platt Senior School?

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join - Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/furzeplattseniorschoolmaidenhead> and sign up for free.
Or
Download the app and shop from there every time!
2. Shop - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Please help us this Christmas by giving more than a gift - there are no catches or hidden charges and Furze Platt Senior School will be really grateful for your donations.

PTFA funds are used for:

- All annual running costs for school minibuses, including insurance and servicing.
- Contribution to new mini bus
- Projects such as Sixth Form Patio area improvements, Drama studio raised seating, Art department equipment, Graduation gowns and Sports colours
- Current requests for funding include: New outdoor furniture, Ukeleles and storage

Did you know that some schools manage to raise thousands of pounds a year through this method alone?

There are currently less than 10 regular users who have raised £159 over the last year. Imagine how much we could raise if all 1200 students and their parents simply used one app or website for their shopping.

Please sign up now. It costs you nothing at all.

Thank you for your support.

Sharon Price (PTFA)



PTFA QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 21st November 2015

The All-New Big Quiz Night is on Saturday November 21st. Featuring games-style rounds as well as the usual music, trivia and pictures. Plus food from Giant Pan Catering - Paella, Tartiflette, Champignons Forestiere and Cassoulet (and dessert too. Plus a bar and prize raffle.

Only £15 per person. Table max size: 8 but you can book in any numbers from 1-7 and we'll find teams for you.

Booking details: Account Number: 64289788, Sort Code: 60-13-35, Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA, Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J Lloyd x 4)

Please also email your ticket request to the treasurers at fpss.pta@hotmail.com. We will confirm receipt. No tickets will be issued.

For payment by cheque, please email fpss.pta@hotmail.com to order tickets and hand cheque in to FPS Reception (PTFA drawer).

Jeff Lloyd (PTFA Chair)

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.



CURRENT VACANCIES

Cover Supervisor

Part-time Science Technician

Assistant Site Controller

Midday Supervisor

Clerk to the Governing Body



LUNCHTIMER
CONTROLLER



For 4-14 year olds

Furze Platt Leisure Centre is holding two dance taster sessions on Saturday 28th November.

The sessions are as follows:

Street 11am - 12pm (Studio)

Cheerleading 12.15pm - 1.15pm (Sports Hall)

Please email matt.james@legacyleisure.org.uk for further details or to book.



STUBBINGS
CHRISTMAS TREES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yr 9

PROGRESS REPORTS

Yr 9

Your sons / daughters will have received their latest Progress Report.

Please note that Year 9 students have started studying for their GCSE Science course. At these early stages of the course we are only reporting on each student's attitude to learning in Science. Grades will be reported later in the year. PSHE is not an assessed course and therefore will only report an attitude to learning grade.

We are in the process of transitioning to a new reporting system that will give you easier online access to your child's progress and attendance information. In the interim we are providing printed reports as the Furze Platt Portal is no longer in use. Later this term we will be writing to you with login information for the new system.

Please do get in touch with me (james.sheppard@furzeplatt.net) or Sarah Watford, our Data Manager (sarah.watford@furzeplatt.net), if you have any questions or did not receive a copy of your son/daughter's report.

James Sheppard

Assistant Headteacher

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.



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](#) 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



CAREERS AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR

Thursday 26th November

We will be holding our third Careers and Higher Education Fair on 26th November from 6pm to 8pm, for students in years 9 to 13 and their parents.

So far over 20 universities have agreed to be there, including several Russell Group universities and some who will be here for the first time this year, e.g. Cardiff, Goldsmiths, Leicester, the University for Creative Arts.

We will have individuals and organisations here representing a wide range of careers, e.g. science and technology, the police and armed forces, healthcare, veterinary work, childcare, teaching, scriptwriting, journalism, retail, accountancy – and more. There will also be several organisations here that provide apprenticeships in a variety of career areas.

Over the evening there will be a number of short talks on offer too, including two new ones this year – one about setting up your own business and one on why you should go to university.

It promises to be a fantastic opportunity for students to find out about some of the opportunities available to them in the future. For further information please contact judith.bubb@furzeplatt.net

THE BIG QUIZ



Saturday November 21st 7.30pm – Main Hall

Our biggest fundraiser returns with a bang!

The only quiz where skill and creativity are equal
to brain power...

Tickets are only £15 per person and include a main course and dessert from Giant Pan Catering (below). The food on offer is **4** different dishes: Cassoulet/Champignons Forestiere (veggie option)/Chorizo Paella/Tartiflette (a sort of flat hotpot), plus an individual French pastry for dessert. To book tickets:

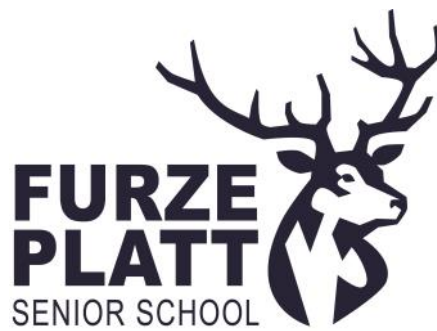
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Account Name: Furze Platt School PTFA

Reference: Parent's initial & surname and number of tickets (e.g J. Lloyd x 4) or cheque payable to the FPSS PTFA and left in the PTFA tray in school.

Don't worry if you don't have teams of 8 – we can put you in teams on the night. It will be a hoot – guaranteed!





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

