

Weekly Update: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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## NEXT WEEK

<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 12 Preparing to Succeed Parents' Information Evening (6.30pm - 7.30pm) Year 13 Preparing to Succeed Parents' Information Evening (7.30pm - 8.30pm) PTFA Meeting (7.30pm)
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 7 Supporting Learning Parents' Information Evening (7pm - 8pm)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>Mon 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 7 and 10 photos (8.30am-12pm)
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Celebration Evening (7pm—10pm)



## SCHOOL NEWS

### GOLD MEDAL SUCCESS

Stuart Robbins, who has just left as a Year 11 student, underwent a major bowel transplant just before he started at FPSS. This has not stopped him achieving considerable success and a number of medals at the Transplant Games. The attached picture is of him with his Gold medal for Table Tennis at the World Transplant Olympics which is this year being held in Argentina. This is an amazing achievement, especially so as Stuart has been ill from a young age. Stuart now hopes to study further qualifications in Sport.



### GCSE OPTIONS

Thank you to all students and their parents/carers who invested their time in the GCSE Option process last year. There are sometimes situations where students return to school and feel they may have made a mistake with their selection. If so it may be possible to accommodate a change, however this is not always the case. Please could students see Mrs Debbie Harding in the Administrative Office as soon as possible. The deadline for considering changes is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Mr Towill, Deputy Head.

### PTFA

Furze Platt's PTFA work hard to raise money for this school and their generous contributions make a very real difference to our students. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm there is a PTFA meeting in the Learning Resource Centre. Anyone is welcome to attend, joining incoming Chair Jeff Lloyd, and the PTFA are happy to hear any ideas for fundraising this year.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KITS

Please note that blazers and PE kits are being sold by Hawkinsport in Bourne End. They have recently moved and their address is now: Unit 10 Wessex Industrial Estate, Wessex Road, Bourne End SL8 5DT or you can visit their website: [www.hawkinsport.co.uk](http://www.hawkinsport.co.uk).

Ties are available from School Reception, are in house colours and cost £5.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yr12 Yr13

## INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR PARENTS

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
Parents of Year 12: 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Parents of Year 13: 7.30 – 8.30pm

I am writing to invite you to the information evening for parents of Year 12 and 13 students. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with information regarding the Sixth Form and some tips on how you can help your son/daughter be successful in Year 12 and Year 13. There will be a presentation from myself and some students. We will have copies of student timetables available for you, a copy of the dress code, a list of key events throughout the year and a copy of the 'Parents' Guide to Sixth Form' booklet.

I very much hope you are able to attend this information evening, as your support will be vital throughout the year.

Mr J Dollery  
Head of Sixth Form

Yr7

## INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR PARENTS

Yr7

Please [click here](#) for the letter with details about two events in the first term which are aimed specifically at parents of Year 7 students.

Please be aware that information and notices for parents are generally sent to parents via email, however, in this very first instance a copy of the letter will also be sent home via your child today.

If you change your email address at any time, please inform Mrs Pritchard on 01628 625308 so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thank you.

Yr7

## PGL TRIP 2015 NEW LEAD CONTACT

Yr7

If you have any queries regarding the Year 7 PGL trip, please contact the new lead member of staff, Miss Hussey, at [charlotte.hussey@furzeplatt.net](mailto:charlotte.hussey@furzeplatt.net) or call the school on 01628 625308.

Thank you.

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Welcome to  
**Furze Platt Leisure Centre**  
**OPENING**  
1ST SEPTEMBER 2015

Facilities at the NEW Furze Platt Centre offer local residents, students, staff and parents a 75 station Expressions gym complete with spinning bikes, Café Vita 'to go', all-weather floodlit sports pitch, indoor sports hall, outdoor tennis courts, cricket wicket and refurbished changing rooms and an 80 space FREE car park.

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UNTIL 31ST OCTOBER 2015  
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**CENTRE OPENING TIMES**  
Monday to Thursday: 4:30pm-10:00pm  
Friday 4:30pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm

**ALL WEATHER PITCH OPENING TIMES**  
Monday to Friday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

**BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- ✓ Unlimited use of expressions (during opening hours)
- ✓ FREE Group Fitness sessions
- ✓ NO JOINING FEE
- ✓ NO LONG TERM CONTRACT

**GROUP FITNESS PROGRAMME ALL FREE TO EXPRESSIONS MEMBERS**

**Monday**  
Spin 6:45pm - 7:30pm (Gym)  
Zumba 8.15am - 9.15am (Studio)

**Tuesday**  
Spin 6:45pm - 7:30pm (Gym)  
Belly Dancing 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Studio)

**Wednesday**  
Spin 6:45pm - 7:30pm (Gym)  
Bootcamp 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Sports Hall)

**Thursday**  
Spin 6:45pm - 7:30pm (Gym)  
Half & Half 4:30pm - 5:30pm (Studio)

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# WHAT'S ON

## September 2015

### Berkshire Youth Training Courses for September

- 16<sup>th</sup> September - Emergency First Aid at Work OCF Level 2 qualification
- 24<sup>th</sup> September - Working with Young Volunteers

We can also deliver training courses to your organisation at your venue. Bespoke programmes for young people in First Aid and Motorwise.  
 If you are interested in attending a course or require further information then please contact Berkshire Youth on 0118 9090927



### A Demonstration of Boxing Skills and Sparring Thames Valley Boxing Club

Where - Newbury Market Place (dependant on weather)  
 When - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
 Time - 12 - 2 pm.

### Making Connections Project



A project to engage community groups in arts activities and to encourage them into their local libraries to showcase the wide range of facilities and activities they have to offer. The project consists of 2 x 2 hour art workshops, one at your usual meeting place and one in a nearby library. This project is FREE to your group. For more information contact Charlotte on 01635 582666 or email [charlotte@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@cornexchangenew.co.uk)

### Newbury Youth Fest 2016

Berkshire Youth are looking for young people aged 14+ to help organise the 2016 Newbury Youth Fest. There are 4 different areas to get involved in: Fundraising & Marketing; Music & Entertainment; Displays & Activities; Security & Management.

If you are interested in getting involved then contact Dan Bunting on 07881941345

### Planned Activities in September - check our website for further details



FIFA Competition (Bracknell)



Graffiti Workshop (Reading)

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**Berkshire Youth Level 1 Leadership Residential**  
Berkshire Youth will be giving 20 young people aged 14 + the chance to take part in a 3 day leadership residential, venue to be confirmed. The residential will take place during October half term. During this period, participants will take part in a range of outdoor activities as well as completing a nationally

recognised qualification in level 1 leadership. This is a great Opportunity for you to meet new people, gain new skills and challenge yourself! Spaces will go fast so if you are keen to get involved, sign up quick! To take part in this event, contact Richard Jennings on 07881941343 or email [Richard.Jennings@berkshireyouth.co.uk](mailto:Richard.Jennings@berkshireyouth.co.uk).



### WOULD YOU LIKE A FIT 4 YOUTH PROGRAMME?

A project working to inspire young people aged 12-18 years to lead healthier lives, through an interactive 8 week programme. The programme takes the teenagers through sessions designed to provide key health messages around nutrition, physical activity and hygiene. Physical activity is also a key part of the sessions to help the young people become more active in fun games and aspects of sports.

The total cost for the programme is £3,000. This provides all resources for the sessions.

### UK Youth and Starbucks Coffee Company are delighted to announce the launch of its 2015 Starbucks Youth Action programme.

Are you working with young people aged 16 - 24 who are not in education or employment? Would you like to support them to apply for a grant of up to £1000 to run a social action programme in their community. Then we would like to invite you to encourage them to apply to Starbucks Youth Action.

To apply, two young people need to lead the project, will be aged between 16 and 24 and need to have a youth worker / training organisation able to support them throughout the project.

We are looking for projects that provide a positive benefit to the local community.

If you would like more information please contact Becky at [starbucksyouthaction@ukyouth.org](mailto:starbucksyouthaction@ukyouth.org) or visit the [UK Youth](http://ukyouth.org) website.

For more information visit us at [www.berkshireyouth.co.uk](http://www.berkshireyouth.co.uk)

Tel. 0118 909 0927

Berkshire Youth is a Registered Charity No: 1106341.  
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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

