



# Maiden Erleigh School NEWSBLAST



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## From the Headteacher



Thank you to all the students and parents who responded to our survey. We are looking very carefully at the results and will take them forward as part of our School Improvement Planning. We will also produce the annual "You Said, We Did" documents on the website. Yet again we have very positive ratings from both groups: 98% of parents who responded rated the school positively and 87% of students.

I am particularly pleased with the figures for the Sixth Form and for our Careers and Destinations work which were both focus areas last year, and both show strong improvements in this year's survey.

Similarly it was very encouraging to see the feedback from Year 8 parents regarding the Options Process. I am very pleased to know that you have found it useful and that your child feels confident in their choices.



As you know, the school is working towards the **Leading Parent Partnership Award** which looks at how well we work with parents to support their children. Key objectives of the award are:

- Commitment to and planning for achieving the award.
- How welcoming, communicative and friendly we are for parents.
- Awareness and participation of all groups of parents in supporting learning.
- Promotion of enrichment opportunities for parents with their children.
- Induction of parents.
- Provision of guidance and information to parents to help them support their child's learning.
- Policies establish effective home-school links to improve student attendance, punctuality, behaviour, progress and participation in school.
- Guidance and information for parents as their child leaves school.

On 24 February we had an interim review and it was agreed that there were only 8 of the 71 criteria which needed further work. It is extremely pleasing to know that our work with parents is recognised to be of such a high standard. We will be working to finalise the submission for the award next term and **I would be pleased to meet with a group of parents who can perhaps help move these last areas forward.** I know some parents were involved in the focus group with Mr Haddrell last year and if you would be prepared to attend a further session, probably in April, please could you email [office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk](mailto:office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk) by 28 March and let me know.

## CALENDAR

10 March	Y7 Tirabad
13 March	Y8 Deadline for submission of Options Forms
13 March	Y10 Maths Meets Medicine Trip – Guildford College
14 March	Y7-13 Science Fair
15 March	Y13 Geography Trip – Amersham FSC
16 March	Y9-11 Music Trip – Wicked The Musical London
18 March	Mock Trials Competition – Reading Crown Court
21 March	World Poetry Day
21 March	Young Shakespeare Company visit Y10 Drama
30 March	Easter Concert
31 March	Ski Trip to Claviere

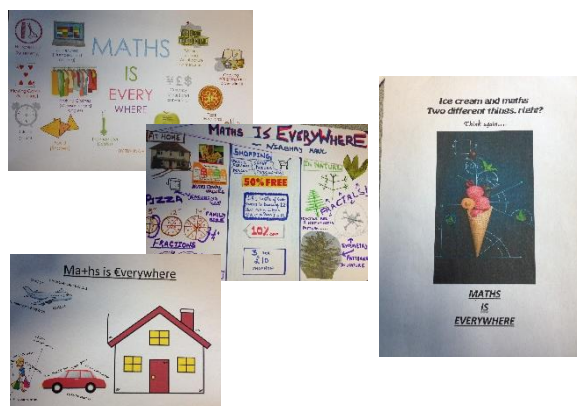
I would like to congratulate students in Year 11 and Year 13 on their engagement with examination preparation. I see them working exceptionally hard, attending revision sessions, doing peer revision in the Sixth Form Study Area and so much more. This is so typical of their sense of self-worth and maturity.

A big thank you also goes to Year 10 students whose contribution to school life is excellent e.g.: five girls in the year group raised over £200 to help provide a "chill-out" room for the Achievement Centre and members of the Gold programme have spoken to Year 8 on the subject of "What I wish I knew back then". In addition, they had a "Fake News" session with our Police Schools Liaison Officer, Les Eke, which is very relevant at the moment.

## Maths Corner

### Celebrating World Maths Day

Year 7s did an excellent job of creating posters with the theme of 'maths is everywhere' to help us highlight this special day. Here are some examples:



### Maths Inspiration

Thirty nine Year 11 and 12 students went to the Hexagon and were inspired by talks from three fantastic mathematicians.

## World Book Day celebrated in style!

This year we have celebrated by a 'decorate your door' activity. Teachers and pupils have been busy decorating their classroom doors as their favourite book covers in order to inspire and promote the love of reading to all.



Rachel Major, Erin Davidson and Jack Johnson have helped towards creating this fabulous Harry Potter themed door to capture the world of magic and wizards! Take a look at all the other fantastic productions above!

Across the school there have been many 'booky' tutor activities taking place from creative writing and book designing or do nothing else but read!

The Achievement Centre also celebrated by taking part in a 'book swap' to spread their own reading pleasure with each other.

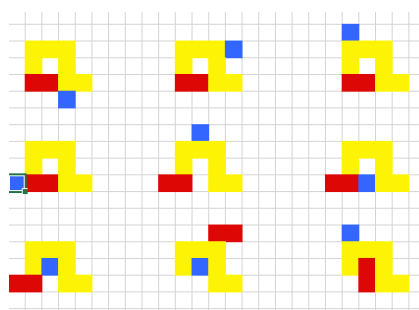
A fantastic achievement.



## Year 11 English Language and Literature GCSE

A [google classroom](#) has been set up to help Year 11 with revision in English. Using the code: **iq3gz3p** students can join the classroom and download any resources from the revision corridor sessions as well as any other revision resources. Please encourage your son/daughter to join.

## Numeracy Focus - Solution



## Ski Trip 2018

During the Easter holidays 60 students accompanied by 8 staff will be heading to Claviere in Italy on the school ski trip. It will be a long (24-ish hour) coach journey but their reward will be 6 days' skiing in conditions which are looking fabulous thanks to lots of late season snow all across the Alps. Staff and students have been having dry slope ski lessons and ski fitness sessions ahead of their departure so that they are fit and ready to go. We wish everyone on the trip a safe and enjoyable journey and will look forward to hearing all about it on their return.



For those who might be interested, plans are already well under way for next year's ski trip (open to students currently in Years 7 to 9). Next year we are travelling to Nassfeld in Austria, staying in the Erlenhof. The final cost of the trip is to be confirmed but is likely to be between £860 for those who can already ski and £900 for complete beginners (trip cost includes dry slope lessons). Letters with all the details will be sent in the first week back after the Easter break.



## Gold Programme

## MAIDEN ERLEGH SCHOOL GOLD PROGRAMME



### Upcoming Sessions

All sessions in H9/10 starting at 3.15

- 15 March (Y11) Criminology (Mr Garner)
- 16 March (Y10) Gender neutrality – the way forward or PC gone mad (Miss A Davies)
- 21 March (Y9) Critical essay writing (Mss Roberts)
- 19 April (Y10) Grade 9 Skills (biology, chemistry, physics)

NB: if anyone from different Gold Programme cohorts would like to attend sessions, they are most welcome. Similarly, if any student who is not in the Gold Programme would like to attend a particular session, feel free.

## Year 10

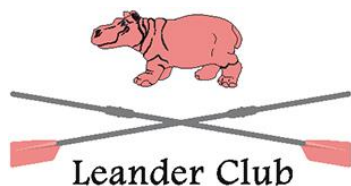
Last month Year 10 had a fantastic session on knife and gun crime education run by PC Les Eke as part of their PSMSC requirement. This was a fantastic session the students really engaged with.



### Congratulations

To all those students that gained all 1s and 2s on their report. This is a fantastic achievement and excellent to see such a high number in the year group doing this.

Megan Splain for competing over in America for artistic gymnastics and coming away with a bundle of medals and trophies.



The following students for being selected to row at the Leander rowing club after their week's trial during half term. Even the week's trial was a fantastic achievement:

Taylor Lockhart, Alex McDonald and Charlie Harrington

Well done to all those involved in raising money for the achievement centre chill out room they raised over £200.

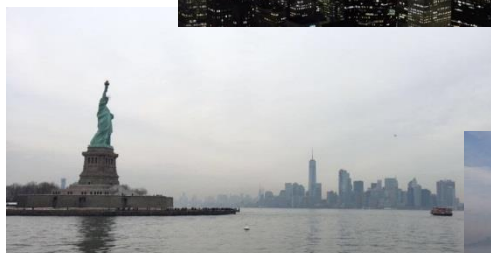
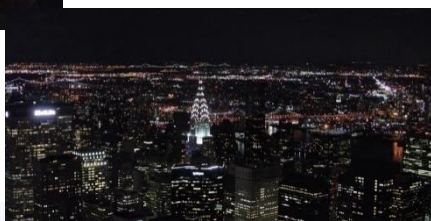
### Business Studies Trip to the Big Apple

In February half term twenty seven Year 12 and 13 students visited New York!

[Click here](#) to read a day by day account of this exciting trip and the amazing landmarks the students visited written by one of the students that attended.



Many thanks to all those involved in organising this trip and making it happen. It will certainly be one to remember for many years to come.



## Fancy Dress Sport Relief Mile

On Monday 20 March 2017, straight after school will be the Maiden Erlegh 'fancy dress' sport relief mile.



Students from all years are invited to join us run/walk/jog a mile around the school to raise awareness of what Sport Relief does and to raise funds for the cause.

All we ask is that a small donation is brought on the day to be collected

and that you bring your weirdest and brightest fancy dress.

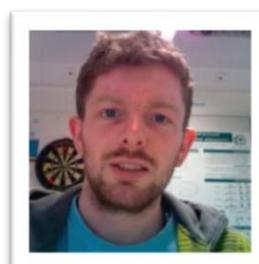
If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the PE department.

## A talk on Psychology – Vision and Haptics



### Dr Peter Scarfe

invites all Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students to attend  
a talk on Psychology – Vision and Haptics  
Wednesday 22 March 2017  
3.20pm start  
Main Hall



Head of Vision and Haptics Laboratory.

School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences

University of Reading

The Vision and Haptics Lab investigates human multi-sensory perception using techniques that straddle the boundary between Psychology and Engineering.

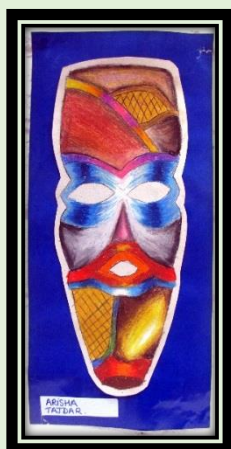




### Artists of the Month - February

Congratulations to the following students for being awarded Artist of the Month in each key stage for February. Do come and see their work in the art Department.

Yr8 Arisha Tajdar, Tilly Harrington & Freya Thompson  
Yr10 Eloise McIntyre, Kate Mortimer & William Terry  
Yr13 John Sampson



Arisha Tajdar



Tilly Harrington



Freya Thompson



John Sampson



William Terry



Eloise McIntyre



Kate Mortimer

### Articulation a National Art Public Speaking Competition

We congratulate Aisha Al – Obaidi in Year 13 for Winning our Art department school heat in this competition with her presentation of the Lebanese Sculptor Marwan Rechmaoui's work "Monument for the Living", 2001-2008.

Aisha connects this abstract concrete sculpture displayed in the Tate Modern with her own A-level practice. She likens it with her large scale sculptures cast in plaster connecting her families' experience with the Iraq war.

Aisha goes through to a regional heat held at The New Art Centre, Roche Court Educational Trust and Sculpture Garden near Salisbury.

**The Adjudicator will be: Hadrian Ellory-van Dekker, Director, Swindon Museum and Art Gallery Trust.**

Well done also to Ellen Willis in Year 13 for coming a very close second in our School Round with an excellent presentation on Louise Bourgeois. Ellen will accompany Aisha along with Miss Smith and Mrs Norris to the competition. We wish Aisha the very best in this tough round of the competition and thank Miss Smith for organising the event.

### Saatchi Gallery Schools Art Competition 2017

We have some extraordinarily talented Art students who have created striking and dynamic pieces of work for their art examination courses this year. The following students Ellen Willis and Sam Benford in Yr 13, Lucy Green and Olivia Mackay in Yr 12 and Karen Pacho Dominguez in Yr 11 have had work selected to be entered into the prestigious Saatchi Gallery Schools Art Competition this year.

We wish them all good luck to proceed forward to the next stages of this national competition.



### PE Department

Link to our Sports Bulletin can be found [HERE](#)



### Letters for Parents

[www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/letters-for-parents/](http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/letters-for-parents/)



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