



# Year 7 Welcome

Messages from our current Year 7s to you  
about Maiden Erlegh



# Introduction

We thought that you might like to hear from people who were in your shoes this time last year!

So here are messages from our current year 7s about moving, what Maiden Erlegh is like, and some top tips from people who have moved, thrived and survived!



Hello new year 7s,

You will have a great time because you  
will make loads of friends and learn  
loads of cool  
stuff



# Dear new Year 7,

The good thing about Year 7 is that you make new friends.

In my tutor group I was the only girl from my primary school but I was never alone because people wanted to be my friends and sit with me at lunch.



# Welcome to TEAM MAIDEN ERLEGH!

You might think that because secondary school is bigger than primary school it's a lot scarier but bigger means better and more opportunities. More people to meet and more chances to learn your true passion fully – and everyone has an inner-star waiting to come out!

I found netball but you might find something else and everyone, from teachers to others, is there to help you on your way. And no doubt you'll see some familiar faces whilst you're here.

# What I have enjoyed most about year 7

Year seven has given me many opportunities like learning new subjects and making new friends. For example, before I joined Maiden Erlegh, I didn't know how to cook or bake much at all but now I can make delicious scones and crunchy chicken goujons. I think that the best thing about year seven is that the school lunches are so much better than my primary school meals!





# Maiden Erlegh postcard

You're going to a new school without knowing anything and the thought of going to a new school can be scary. It's hard to understand what you will go through but I can assure you that when you come to Maiden Erlegh you will have nothing to worry about.

Before I joined Maiden Erlegh I was always worrying about going but once I got used to the school and made loads of friends I enjoyed coming and never understood why I was so scared to go to a new school in the first place.

When you join there will be many people here to help you and show you around the school. The school has so many kind members of staff and will give you a very warm welcome.



## Welcome to Maiden Erlegh

The things I have enjoyed most about Year 7 are all the after school clubs you can do, fun activities (this photo is of a fun run I did), our trip to Chessington World of Adventures which the school organised, which was amazing and making lots of new friends and trying out new lessons like German.





# Dear Future year 7

I know that moving into a new school can be worrying at times but don't worry after the first few weeks you will get to know everyone and become friends.

Top tip, try and get your homework done the day that it's set as then you don't have to think about it and then leaves the whole weekend with no work to be done.

All the teachers are kind and will help you if you are stuck. Hope you will have fun as a part of #TeamMaidenErlegh.



# Welcome Letter to Year 7's

**Things I love about this school (which I am sure you will like too)**

There are lots of after school clubs in which you can better yourself, whether in sports, or studies, or in your personality development and the good thing is, all of these clubs are FREE!!!

There is always somebody to help you if at all you get lost in this HUGE school that has all the facilities which are up-to-date.

Teachers are always there to help calm your nerves at this School.

I am delighted to be a part of Maiden Erlegh School as they help me to build a better and a bright future ahead for me.

**SEE YOU THERE!!!!**



To New Year 7's:

Going up from year 6 to year 7 will be a big change for you and you will be spending the next 5 years of schooling at Maiden Erlegh.

Your tutor will make sure you are fine at the start of the day and they are really nice. The school is big from when you look at it but don't worry because there will be lots of people you can ask directions from.

Some people find making friends difficult and I remember during my first week, I only talked to the people I knew in primary school. At first it might not be so easy to make friends but trust me you will be able to make friends new friends quite quickly. Just be yourself and make good impressions on teachers and your peers and then you will be alright!



# Good Luck

Before I joined Year 7 I was really nervous that I wouldn't have any friends or wouldn't find my classroom. But when I got to Maiden Erlegh School I realised that everyone was the same- all starting at the same time, so if you are sitting on your own don't be afraid to start a conversation with someone you have never met (who knows, they could be your best friend).

School clubs are a really good way of making friends in a fun way. I am sure you will enjoy your time in Maiden Erlegh School.



# Dear Year 7

Hopefully you are not nervous about going to school at Maiden Erlegh. However, if you are it doesn't matter because most people are because, well, it is a new school with new teachers and classmates. I am writing this letter to reassure you that there is nothing to worry about and that you will settle in and enjoy your time at Maiden Erlegh school.

All the teachers are wonderful, nice and helpful and if you get lost all teachers will be happy to point you in the right direction. However, after a few weeks you know the school perfectly well.

Hope you have a great time here.

# To the future Year 7s,



MAIDEN ERLEGH  
SCHOOL

Some people may find the transition from primary school to secondary school worrying, well I am here to tell you that it is not as bad as you may think. All of the teachers at Maiden Erlegh support and help you, not just with your work, but also if you are lost on school site and they will guide you to your next room. Don't worry about getting lost, as you will soon get the hang of it and the teachers are very understanding at the start.

You are given a planner which has a small map of the school that tells you the room number and letter such as L5 which is a computer room. All of the buildings in Maiden Erlegh have a large metal sign saying what the block is used for; for example Science or Languages, etc.

Last but not least the most important thing is that you will be joining Team Maiden Erlegh, **HAVE FUN AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!!!!**





# Welcome Postcard to new Maiden Erlegh students

I was quite nervous at first about joining Maiden Erlegh. I thought I would get lost many times and that there would be way too much homework for me to keep on top of, but don't worry as the teachers helped us with organising things like that. I also managed to find my way around OK after about the first two days.

The sports clubs after school are really fun and I really enjoy going on fixtures; the house events are really fun too! After the first couple of weeks of being at Maiden Erlegh I felt like I'd been going here for ages: the teachers are nice and supportive and I made some great new friends.



# Welcome

Maiden Erlegh School is an amazing school. You will easily make friends, the teachers are funny, kind and helpful. The school's motto is Opportunity, Diversity and Success for all. Another thing teachers are good at is their bond with students, for example if you are a young carer the school fully supports you.

There's more to life than just working! Maiden Erlegh has a huge number of different activities after school throughout the week.

I hope your nerves are settled and I give you my best of luck for your time here at Maiden Erlegh.



# Dear future Year 7's,

I used to be a Year 7 student once. I know that it is difficult to get used to a new school and even a secondary school. However, I will tell you some things that I hope will get you more comfortable with the idea of change.

Maiden Erlegh has a netball club that I have really enjoyed. Netball is not a very popular sport but it gives you the chance to find out that you have a talent in this sport. Also, when you will be going on a match you will be with all your teammates hearing music that you will all enjoy and relax before the big game. Furthermore, you will have fun and also make new friends, meet lovely teachers and play a very interesting sport.

Year 7 is a lovely year and you must enjoy every single day.

Hope to see you on board soon!!!



# Welcome



# Hello upcoming year 7s,

In July 2019 I had moved to Reading which led to me joining Maiden Erlegh with no friends. I was **INCREDIBLY** nervous on my first day but all the teachers and students were so supportive I knew I had nothing to worry about.

After a few months I had made loads of new friends and I knew this was the right place for me. So if you are nervous you have nothing to worry about as everyone is extremely supportive and friendly



# What do I like most about Maiden Erlegh?

What I like about Maiden Erlegh that it makes you want to come to school and makes you feel as if you're at home. It has nice teachers who want to make a fun lesson and wants to help you learn.

It is also run by an amazing headteacher (Mr Gibson). I enjoy this school as there are amazing trips and amazing clubs. One of my favourite clubs is homework club because sixth formers like to help get your homework done.