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From the Headteacher

I would like to say how proud I am of our community for their never-ending resilience and hard work during this period of school closure. I am sure they are all ready for a well-deserved break over the summer!

I am elated to announce that again Maiden Erlegh School is in Berkshire's top 10 secondary schools as stated in 'The Real Schools Guide 2020'. This is a fantastic achievement and thanks goes to the staff, students and parents for their dedication on making our school the very best it can be.

This half term has seen the trial of Zoom lessons with Years 7-10, as well as onsite provision for Year 10 and 12. Parental feedback on Zoom lessons has been overwhelmingly positive and I hope that students have found this useful. I have been very impressed with the high levels of attendance during these sessions. If you would like to provide feedback on how Zoom lessons have gone for your child please use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TLDY8S>

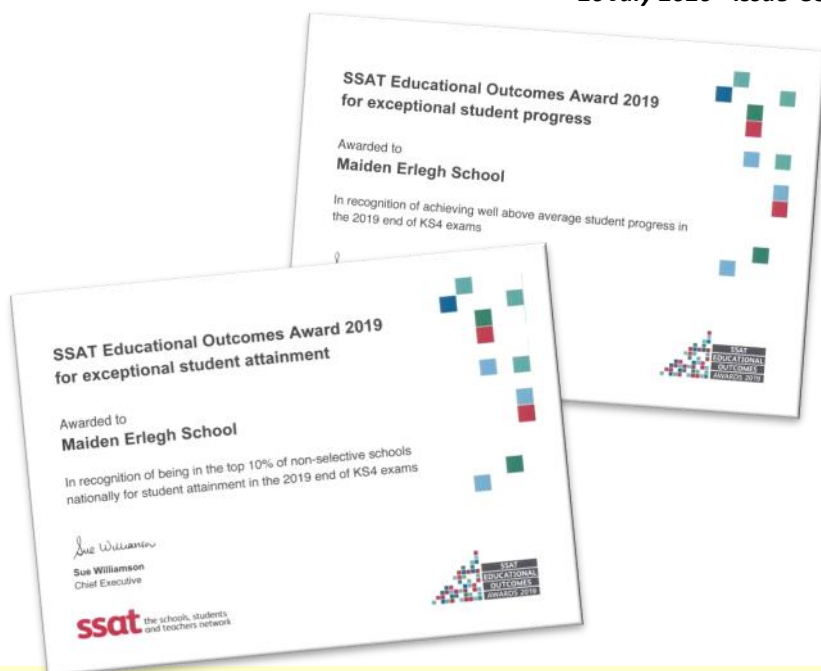
We are looking forward to welcoming back Year 11 and 13 for the GCSE and A Level Results Days. These days will be slightly different this year and will make use of multiple venues. We hope that students are able to celebrate and catch up with their peers, whilst maintaining the social distancing guidelines that we have in place. Be sure to check the website for the latest information on this. Details can be found here <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/news/?pid=0&nid=1&storyid=141>

I would like to make you aware of our Open Event on Wednesday 30 September in case this is relevant to you or anyone you know. The event is aimed at Year 6 pupils and their parents/guardians. We are not sure what this event will look like as of yet, but if you would like to register your interest please do so here: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/news/?pid=0&nid=1&storyid=142>. The event promises to be a showcase of all that we have to offer at the school and will be full of lots of things to see and do.

A reminder that the first day of school will be on Friday 4 September for Year 8-11 and 13 next year. This is to allow the new Year 7 and 12 students to have an induction day on Thursday 3 September. Please also note that there will be staggered timings for all year groups. Full information on this can be found in my recent letter, here: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1736&type=pdf>

Finally, I would once again like to reiterate how incredibly proud I am of our students and staff. We are in unprecedented times, and the maturity that our students have shown is incredible. Not only have they remained dedicated to their studies and produced some excellent work, but they have also participated wholeheartedly in multiple House competitions and PE challenges. I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming all students back in September as part of #TeamMaidenErlegh.

Paul Gibson



SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards 2019

We are pleased to share our excellent performance from last year. According to our statistics from KS4 in summer 2019 we are in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and progress. Well done everyone for your hard work!

Producing PPE for Frontline Workers

The Covid-19 has provided a number of challenges to our school community, however it has also provided us with the opportunity to come together and support each other in a number of community led incentives.

One such incentive was through a Leighton Park School initiative, to help the NHS by providing laser cut Face Shields for front line staff working in Hospitals and Nursing homes and for use by Care organisations.

The plea for help came about when Leighton Park were unable to fulfil the overwhelming demand from medical and health sectors. A number of schools spanning all the way from Tilehurst, Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell rushed to support them in the community's hour of need.

With the help of a TA member of staff to point us in the right direction, a Design Technology Technician and teacher, a Design Technology teacher at Maiden Erlegh in Reading and our headteachers Mr Paul Gibson and Mr Andy Johnson, the production of the parts for the face shields started.

Over 4 weeks during the lockdown and peak of the COVID-19 infection, just over 1000 Face Shields were created on the Design Technology Departments' Laser Cutters. Although Maiden Erlegh started production fairly late on, it was still a huge privilege to successfully contribute to the 32,000 face shields that were produced by the wider school community and a few local businesses.





All the students have been working really hard for their houses, here are just a few of the competitions that students are getting involved in to win those all important house points. View the end of year total at the end of House News!!

Inclusion's Sunflower Growing Competition

Due to lockdown Mrs Vass in Inclusion has been running the Inclusion Department Sunflower Growing House Competition in her allotment.

Bolt came out of the blocks first in the early days but the other shots soon got going. Roddick is currently in the lead for

the highest plant whereas Attenborough has slowed on height but has been the first to produce a flower, is it competing for biggest flower head?

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Vass for taking such good care of the sunflowers.

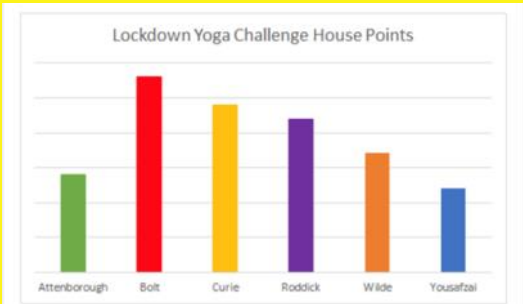
Which flower will grow the tallest?

The results will be revealed in September!



Yoga Competition

Well done to everyone who has been perfecting their 'downward dog' and 'dancer' poses each Wellbeing Wednesday. Well done Team Bolt for having the most entries.



House Competitions—Get Involved!!

Linguacuisine House Challenge Event!

What fantastic entries we've had so far from students and staff! So many hidden cooking talents and it was amazing to see a range of dishes with recipes written in different target languages using the Linguacuisine App! Participants had the challenge of cooking their chosen dish by following cooking instructions narrated to them in either French, German or Spanish. Well done to all who participated in this exciting event!

Some have even made the extra effort of producing cookery videos spoken in Spanish!

We have had to make difficult decisions to choose the winner for each language. CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners who will receive 25 points in total for their houses and a bespoke certificate each! Check out the winning dishes below!

Winner for FRENCH - Thea R- Yr7 Attenborough

Crêpe

Ingredients:
 100 grammes de farine
 300 millilitres de lait
 Deux oeufs
 Une cuillère d'extrait de vanille
 Une pincée de sel

Instructions:
 Tu...
 1) Tamise la farine dans un grand bol
 2) Verse le lait
 3) Cassez les oeufs dans le grand bol
 4) Fouetter pendant cinq minutes
 5) Mélanger la vanille et le sel
 6) Huiler une casserole
 7) Verser dans une casserole et chauffer
 8) Après l'éclatement des bulles dans le mélange, retournez la crêpe
 9) Après 30 secondes, retirer la crêpe du feu
 10) Décorer et profiter!

Certificate of Achievement
 LINGUACUISINE
 CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
 FRANÇAIS
 Thea R
 Attenborough
 WINNER OF THE MFL LINGUACUISINE CHALLENGE 2020

Thea Raheja_Attenborough_7M2

Winner for GERMAN – Zoe R-Yr8-Attenborough

Pfannkuchen

Zutaten:
 Für den Teig:
 • 200g Mehl
 • 200g Zucker
 • 1 TL Vanillin
 • 100g Butter
 Für die Füllung:
 • 50g Mehl
 • 200g Zucker
 • 100g Butter
 • 1 Ei
 • 1 TL Vanillin

Anleitung:
 1. Gehen Sie alle Zutaten für den Teig in eine Schüssel.
 2. Kneten Sie den Teig.
 3. Fetten Sie die Backform ein.
 4. Drücken Sie den Teig in die Backform.
 5. Ziehen Sie einen Rand.
 6. Entfernen Sie die Pfannkuchen und schneiden Sie sie in 4-6 Stücke.
 7. Legen Sie die Füllung auf den Kuchen.
 8. Für die Streusel geben Sie Mehl, Zucker, Butter und Zimt in eine Schüssel.
 9. Kneten Sie die Streusel.
 10. Verteilen Sie die Streusel auf den Kuchen.
 11. Heizen Sie Ihren Ofen auf 180°C vor.
 12. Stellen Sie den Kuchen in den Ofen und backen Sie ihn eine Stunde lang bei 180°C.
 13. Fertig! Guten Appetit!

Certificate of Achievement
 LINGUACUISINE
 CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
 DEUTSCH
 Zoe R
 Attenborough
 WINNER OF THE MFL LINGUACUISINE CHALLENGE 2020

Zoe Rennie_Attenborough_8m3

Winner for SPANISH – Elizabeth A-Yr7-Roddick

Nombre de la receta: (Churros)

Ingredientes:
 1 taza (8 oz / 225 g) de agua
 1 taza (4 oz / 113 g) de mantequilla
 1 cucharadita de extracto de vainilla
 2 cucharadas de azúcar moreno (blanca si no tienes marrón)
 1 cucharadita de sal
 1 taza (5 oz / 143 g) de harina normal / harina para todo uso
 3 huevos a temperatura ambiente
 1 taza (4 oz / 113g) de azúcar
 1 cucharadita de sal
 1 cucharadita de canela

Instrucciones:
 1. Precaliente el horno a 400 °F (200 °C). Coloque dos bandejas para hornear a 1 pulgada de la otra para hornear los churros. Unte las bandejas con papel pergamino. Deje de lado.
 2. En una cacerola mediana, agregue agua, azúcar moreno, sal y mantequilla. Caliente a fuego medio-alto. Cuando la mantequilla se derrita y la mezcla comience a hervir a fuego lento, tape pronto como esté hirviendo, tape la olla. Bata fuerte que no haga grumos de harina y se haya formado una bola de masa.
 3. Añada, con una cuchara de madera, desmenuje la masa alrededor de la olla y cocine durante aproximadamente un minuto a fuego BAJO. La mezcla se espesará y se separará de los lados de la sartén. Cocine hasta por un minuto 1, luego gírela del fuego y déjela a un lado.
 4. En una jarra, combine los huevos y la vainilla y mezcle.
 5. Usando su cuchara de madera, agregue un poco de su mezcla de huevo en su masa. Revuelva y retire, partiendo la masa hasta que se espese. Revuelva bien hasta que se incorporen los huevos y la mezcla tenga el aspecto de puré de papa.
 6. Continúe agregando sus huevecillos hasta que se combinen. Tránelos a su masa a una bola de huevo equipada con una bayeta de algodón.
 7. Coloca la masa en churros largos en las moldes cubiertas de pergamino. Aségurese de colocarlos bien y gruesos. Haga está presionando la bola y empujando lentamente. Déjele aproximadamente 2 pulgadas de espacio entre los churros.
 8. Hornos por alrededor de 15 minutos o hasta que estén dorados. Si desea que estén dorados, déjelos durante 10 minutos para dar un poco. Este paso los ayudará a mantener su forma y no se desmoronará cuando se enfrían.
 9. Combine el azúcar, la canela y una buena pizca de sal. Use el dorado de la parte superior de los churros y mézclelos. Déjelos en la sartén hasta que estén bien cubiertos. Bañe los churros cuando los churros estén y fríaslos del horno.

Certificate of Achievement
 LINGUACUISINE
 CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT
 ESPAÑOL
 Elizabeth A
 Roddick
 WINNER OF THE MFL LINGUACUISINE CHALLENGE 2020

Elizabethallen_roddick_Year 7

STAFF Winner for SPANISH – V Foss-Attenborough!

Congratulations to our second and third runners up:

Abdullah A-Y	Alanha M
Alexandra L	Duvie G
Georgie L	Fatima C

THE MFL TONGUE TWISTER COMPETITION

June saw an exciting new House Challenge in the languages front too:

THE MFL TONGUE TWISTER

COMPETITION. Students were challenged to audio record themselves reading one of the tongue twisters below in the language or languages they studied (we have included them, so now you must give it a go!).

SPANISH - Pablito clavó un clavito en la calva de un calvito. Un clavito clavó Pablito en la calva de un calvito. ¿Qué clavito clavó Pablito?

FRENCH - Un chasseur sachant chasser doit savoir chasser sans son chien de chasse.

GERMAN - Fischers Fritze fischt frische Fische. Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritze.

We had a high number of entries across all houses and competitors were judged on their speed and clarity. As anticipated, our students **rose** to the challenge and their work was fantastic.

Year 7 student Ana M, winner of the Spanish category, said *"initially I wasn't sure about participating, but after I tried, I actually enjoyed it because it was a really fun challenge!"*

Ana also expressed her interest for future challenges focused on cultural knowledge from the countries of the languages she studies, and to an extent this inspired us to create the **MFL Cultural Map Challenge**, read all about this on the following page.



MFL Cultural Map Challenge

The Modern Languages team held a culture-based map competition. Students had to research the country of their choice from France, Germany or Spain and find out specialist foods, monuments or other noteworthy features. We had a variety of excellent entries, including computer-based, hand-drawn, food focused, monument focused and so on. Massive congratulations to:



French

- 1st Thea R – Attenborough
- 2nd Alexandra L – Roddick
- 3rd Natalia H – Wilde

German

- 1st Konstantina K - Bolt
- 2nd - Nikita N – Roddick



Spanish

- 1st Isabella - Wilde
- 2nd Isabel G – Yousafzai
- 3rd Claire O - Curie



MAIDEN ERLEGH
SCHOOL

WEAR IT YOUR OWN WAY



CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT
FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2020



For one time only, wear your uniform your own way. Get creative! Submit a photo to your house google classroom page to earn house points. We recommend donations of £2 but you can donate any amount, big or small, on Parent Pay to help these amazing charities. Let's see which House can raise the most! This event is supporting JAC and First Days.

'Wear it Your Own Way' Charity House Event:

Thank you to everyone who wore their uniform creatively on July 3 and more importantly, for donating to the two amazing causes, JAC and First Days. We've raised nearly £300 but it's not too late, please still donate on ParentPay to help these wonderful causes.

FINAL SCORES – JULY 2020

Congratulations Team **Roddick!**

- 1st place- Team Roddick with 14,152 points
- 2nd place- Team Bolt with 14,124 points
- 3rd place- Team Curie with 13,183 points
- 4th place- Team Yousafzai with 13,177 points
- 5th place- Team Wilde with 13,174
- 6th place- Team Attenborough with 13,042 points



More competitions coming your way in September, including a Bake-Off competition, a Spelling Bee, an Interfaith Week Challenge, a Science Selfie Challenge, a Foundation Maths problem of the week, House football and many more...

If you have any good ideas about what events you'd like to participate in next year, don't forget to let Miss Jones or your House Ambassador know!

Thank you for all your support with the House System. Please do follow us:



Performing Arts—That's a Wrap!

In Music....

Students have been very busy working from home.

Students in Year 7 started off by making their own instruments.

We were very impressed with the imagination and creativity.

They created a variety of instruments and used lots of resources to make them. It was great to see that some of these instruments were used to participate in the NHS Clap for Carers. We were also impressed with the family involvement on some of them. They then looked at programme music and they created music to represent a storm. Again, we were impressed with the creativity with cheese graters, whisks, milk and Lego being created to their music.



Year 8 started by looking at Samba music and they composed their own samba music using household objects like saucepans. Again, we were very impressed with the creativity and family involvement. They then looked at film music and listened to music from films to look at the effect the music has on the viewer. They also composed their own leitmotifs to represent a character in a film.

Year 9 have been looking at music from around the world. They have looked at Bhangra music, samba music, African music and folk music. They have composed and performed music in these styles. They have then gone onto look at the elements of music in relation to the GCSE set works and completed a composing task based on Star Wars. We have been very impressed with their commitment and involvement on zoom lessons. They have also been working on developing their solo performance skills.

Year 10 have been continuing with their study of the GCSE set works, including Beethoven's Pathétique Sonata and Defying Gravity from Wicked. We have been extremely impressed with their commitment to the zoom lessons and we regularly have 95-100% attendance on their lessons. They have also been working on developing their solo performance skills.

Pop Up School

Students in the pop-up school have been busy creating music. They have been making music using the boomwhackers and body percussion. They have also written their own raps using our current situation to inspire them and allow them to express their feelings.



Year 9 Student Success

Congratulations to Year 9 student Emma who has successfully auditioned for the Berkshire Youth Choir. This follows Emma's commitment with the Berkshire Choral Academy. Emma completed her audition via zoom with the Music Director and the Head Voice Coach. After performing an unaccompanied solo, she then had to complete some vocal and theory tests. Congratulations Emma.

Performing Arts—That's a Wrap! Cont.

In Drama.....

Pop Up School

Drama pop up have been taking inspiration from the 'Nationwide' adverts and have written letters to themselves in 6 months' time. This is to help them document their life in lockdown and provide advice for their future selves. These were recorded after a tutorial on acting to camera. We have now begun to explore the link between songs and monologues, with students picking apart their favourite songs to uncover the stories behind the lyrics. Thanks to a great suggestion from Luka in Year 8, we created a group video in

which Year 8 drama students performed the poem 'The Great Realisation' by Tom Foolery. This was a lovely project for Year 8's to get involved in and we were all very impressed at the creativity of each recording that was submitted.

As a department we have been blown away by the commitment shown by our GCSE and A level students. The standard of work has been consistently high and we are very impressed by how they have tackled this challenge. As Shakespeare said 'All the world's a stage' and our students have certainly taken that on board with them recording and adapting their performances to suit their environment. Keep up the great work Drama students, we are very proud of you all.

Drama House Competition

Students were asked to write and perform to camera an original monologue inspired by one of three titles. We had some extremely creative, detailed and thoughtful entries. It was a very hard decision to make with such a great deal of talent out there! Thank you for all the entries, we really enjoyed watching your performances.

The winners are:

1st Prize- Natalia H (Yr. 9) 20 points for Team Roddick

2nd Prize-Isabel G (Yr. 8) 15 points for Team Yousafzai

3rd Prize-Alexandra L (Yr. 8) 10 points for Team Roddick

Every entry was awarded 2 house points. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing your thoughtful and original work. Well done!

Maiden Erlegh's Contribution to the Community Project at the Aisha Masjid & Islamic Centre

On Friday 19 June, Miss Jones had the pleasure of being involved in a community project at the Aisha Masjid & Islamic Centre.

The centre currently caters for approximately 850 brothers and sisters for Jummah Prayer. However, it is currently undertaking extensive refurbishment and expansion to cater for its ever growing ummah (community).

The Islamic Centre's vision is for it to be a 'community hub' and a place that is vibrating, inviting, inspiring and transformational.

Part of this vision is to have a community garden, where people from all over Reading

can come to learn about different plant species, ecosystems and environmental conservation.

Over the weekend of the 19-20 June, the Centre invited a range of individuals from the local area, including representatives from different faith backgrounds, nationalities and charity organisations (to name but a few), who came to the garden to plant a bush. The lovely sentiment behind this initiative was that even though each bush is individual, when the plants grow, they will become entwined, forming a hedge, to represent the way we want our community to work as one.



Thank you to everyone at the centre who made me feel very welcome. A special thanks to Shaheen for her kindness and absolutely inspiring ideas.

iDEA International Award

At the beginning of this year, the iDEA International Award was introduced to MES by the Computing Department as a consequence of the changes to Curriculum at Foundation. As the Foundation Curriculum moved to be more GCSE oriented, some Digital Literacy skills were not taught anymore in lesson time and the iDEA Award presented as the ideal solution for students to engage in developing those skills outside the classroom.

Since September, hundreds of MES students participated in the iDEA Award and have since gained Bronze or Silver, or in some cases both in less than a year. Gaining a prestigious award like this in such a short time is an incredible achievement and an absolute credit to all our wonderfully ambitious students and for their desire to aim higher and challenge themselves, which is a trait of MES students.

They have all made the MES Community very proud. Congratulations letters and certificates have been awarded as a token of recognition for their effort, grit and perseverance in pursuing this Award. By doing so, all Award winners not only gained amazing Digital Literacy Skills, but also a great achievement to showcase in their CV's once they leave MES.

The Computing Department teachers would like to mention some of our most brilliant Award winners of both the Bronze and Silver Award this year: in Year 7, Louise S; in Year 8, Josephine M, Daniel T, Neha K, Shivam K, Poppy C and Max A, and in Year 11 Aaryan P.

Well done all! You are amazing!

Work of Art

Artist of the Month June

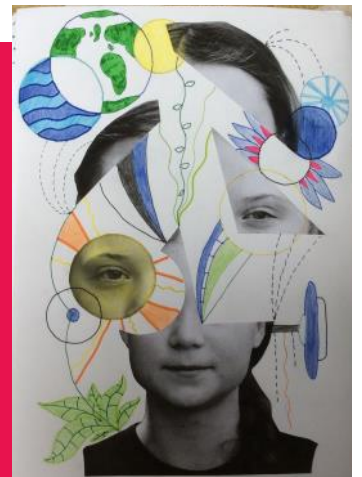
Congratulations to Ellie P (Y7), Josh T (Y7), Musa A (Y8), Natalia B (Y8), Katie G (Y8), Nathaniel P (Y8), Zoe R (Y8), Sandy T (Y8) and Amr O (Y9) for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for June.



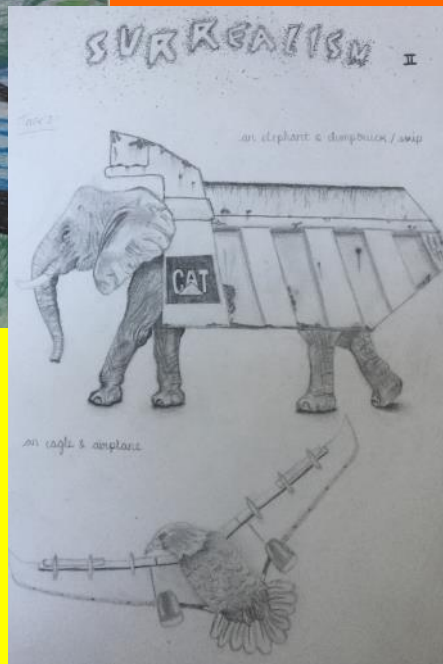
Ellie



Josh



Katie



Sandy



Musa



Zoe



Nathaniel



Natalia

A WALK IN NATURE: My interpretation of Richard long's artwork

After all, it was a walk in nature
The lack of life
The lack of plants or flowers
The closing of indoor lights
The sky dimming once again
Finally, hours have past
Due to the lack of sunlight
Flowers shutting

The returning of vehicles
The setting Sun
The opening of lights
The silencing of sounds
The emptying of streets
As night approached
The chroma of the sky decreasing
Due to movement of clouds
The flickering sunlight
The rusting light poles
The burgundy texture of bricks
And thin grass blades

A step out of my door
onto the ground asphalt
The sparkling sunshine
Twinkling beams of light
Soft breezes
To vile winds
Picturesque nature
Grandiose plants
Lush vegetation
Tall trees
Small saplings
The soft clouds
The azure sky
To brighter sunshine
To dimming clouds
Sky darkens
Rain droplets plummet
Moist and shining leaves
Into thick bushes

Amr



Virtual Gallery

To celebrate our fantastically talented students we are excited to launch our Virtual Gallery. This will showcase our Artists of the Month and currently includes April - July. Click here to take the tour.

www.artsteps.com

Work of Art Continued

Artist of the Month—July

Congratulations to Morgan E (Y7), Poppy C (Y8), Isabel H-B (Y8), Krishna D (Y9), Elizabet G (Y9), Cissy L (Y9), Chenai N (Y9), Aleksandr Z (Y9), Tilly C (Y10), Sam H (Y10), Amie W (Y10), Millie V (Y10), Lucy C (Y12) and Abigail F (Y12) for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for July.



Poppy



Morgan



Isabel



Elizabet



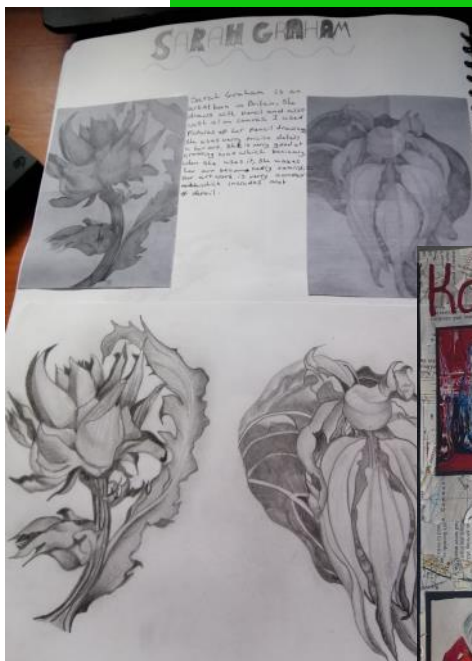
Cissy



Chenai



Sam



Aleksandr



Tilly



Amie

Work of Art Continued



Millie



Abigail



Lucy

All of this amazing artwork is now featured in the new Virtual Gallery:

<https://www.artsteps.com/view/5ef08dda3d13705f5908b844>

F1 in Schools

Following on from our success at F1 for schools on 26 February, and prior to lockdown, our two teams of STEAM students (Junior and Senior) convened to plan next year's competition with an even greater number of participants.

In case you missed it our teams named MESY Seniors (Vismaad, Jude and Levi) and MESY Juniors (Nikita, Will and Elliot) competed against 15 other schools from the South West region in three classes. MESY Juniors won their entry class overall claiming best engineered and fastest car. They also came 7th overall for fastest car on the day. MESY Seniors claimed seventh overall in their class out of ten teams.



All the boys did a great job, putting in a lot of effort and representing the school well, having to face engineering and enterprise judging panels from industry representatives.

We look forward to competing next year with an even better showing!




in Schools
UNITED KINGDOM

Careers, Work Experience, Work Related Learning and STEAM Provision:

As we approach the end of the academic year, we want to share with you the wide variety of opportunities students have had available to them as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School. Despite school closure since March, we have still offered the following provision:

Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day

On Friday 19 June students in Year 9 participated in our first virtual careers day. This event was designed to provide students with a valuable insight into a range of careers within different sectors and industries and to support students in considering and planning for their next steps, in particular the Year 10 Work Shadow Day and the Year 11 Mock Interview Day. Through information and interactive taster sessions, the event provided students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in six different career sectors; Public Sector, Creative Arts and Design, Science and Technology, Leisure, Sport, and Tourism, Accountancy, Banking, and Finance and Construction and Trades. Students produced some really creative work and Mr Gibson, Headteacher, will be announcing the winners in due course.

Year 12 Virtual Work Experience

Our expectation is that students complete 30 hours of work experience that is directly related to their chosen career path in either Year 12 or 13. Year 12 students have been taking advantage of the huge number of virtual work experience placements that are currently being offered in place of the normal face-to-face experience. We would recommend that students continue to apply for these virtual placements as we know that universities and apprenticeship providers are increasingly expecting students to have gained first-hand exposure of the workplace, either physically or remotely and this will provide students with concrete examples to make reference to in future personal statements and job applications. Placements are currently on offer from a wide variety of organisations including Spotify, Ofcom, Barclays Bank, KPMG, Law firms, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, Cisco, BP and Marie Curie.

Year 7 Virtual STEAM Day

On Monday 13 July students in Year 7 participated in a virtual STEAM day. The day had been designed to provide students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in the five STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths) through interactive and informative activities. The day began with an introductory film from the STEAM subject Careers Ambassadors explaining the variety of ways in which students can pursue their subjects at GCSE, A-Level, apprenticeship, and degree level. Our Ambassadors also provided students with an invaluable insight into the importance of the STEAM subjects in developing essential skills for the 21st century and the range of career opportunities available within STEAM industries. We were fortunate enough to secure the involvement of an industry expert from each STEAM industry to provide a window into their careers and working life, whilst offering advice and guidance to our students about how to be successful in STEAM subjects both at school and in their future careers. Students then chose one of the STEAM subjects to focus on and complete a creative project in. The activity options provided students with an engaging challenge relevant to the STEAM subject they had chosen and were designed to be flexible, open-ended, and involve as minimal materials as possible, whilst at the same time reflecting real projects a STEAM professional may be asked to complete during their career.

Trust Careers Newsletter – Spotlight

We are extremely proud of Spotlight, our new careers newsletter which is shared across our different secondary schools and published on a fortnightly basis. This is designed to provide students with careers-related information, resources, and opportunities, as well as offering tips to parents and carers about how they can best support their child in planning for their next steps. The first five editions can be found using the link below:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Careers+Spotlight&pid=316>

Young Carers

During the week of Monday 8 June - Sunday 14 June we celebrated Carers Week, a campaign in the UK that aims to raise awareness of caring, highlight challenges faced by carers, as well as, recognise the amazing work that carers do! At Maiden Erlegh we want to recognise the fantastic work that all of our Young Carers are doing, especially in light of the challenges caused by the coronavirus. This year Carers Week 2020 aimed to make caring more visible and raise the profile of carers in the community. To help do this The Telegraph, along with the Queen have produced the following video to highlight the wonderful work carers are doing https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yxxl3Wv40Wc&feature=emb_logo

Our Young Carers at Maiden Erlegh do such a fantastic job of looking after relatives as well as, keeping up with their school work and extracurricular activities. Beyond this, they are committed to supporting others and have raised £350 for local charities that support their families. We cannot express enough just how proud of you we are as a school!

Remember, you're a young carer if you're under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem. If you think you are a Young Carer or believe that someone you know at school is please contact Miss Kelly by emailing e.kelly@maidenerleghtrust.org



Bereavement

CONTACTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

USEFUL WEBSITES

Cruse Bereavement Care

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/>

Hope Again

<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/hope-again-parent>

Winston's Wish

www.winstonswish.org
Tel: 08088 020 021

For students

Lots of helpful resources
<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk/>

LOCAL HELP

West Berkshire Support

<http://www.crusewestberks.org/>
<mailto:westberkshirebranch@cruse.org.uk>
Tel: 01635 523573

Daisy's Dream

<https://www.daisysdream.org.uk/>
Tel: 01189342604

Thames Valley
Berkshire Support
Local helpline on
01344 411919



Free, safe and anonymous
online support for students

Kooth Online Support for Students

Here at Maiden Erlegh we are committed to supporting the wellbeing of all our students. We are therefore delighted to inform you about a service to support the wellbeing and resilience of our students that is now available.

Kooth provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet. By accessing Kooth, students can benefit from:

- ⇒ **A free, confidential, anonymous and safe** way to receive support online.
- ⇒ **Out of hours' availability.** Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop in basis.
- ⇒ **Online Counselling** from a professional team of BACP qualified counsellors is available via 1-1 chat sessions or messaging on a drop in basis or via booked sessions.
- ⇒ **Discussion Boards, which are all pre-moderated,** allow young people to access peer-to-peer support.
- ⇒ **Online Magazine** full of moderated articles many of which are submitted by young people offering advice and guidance on a huge range of topics.
- ⇒ **No referral** is required. Young people can register for Kooth independently at www.kooth.com

To use the service or find out more visit www.kooth.com.

You can also view a short video about the service by following this link: [Kooth Video](#).



Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Berkshire Healthcare is launching a new School Nursing advice and support line for children, young people and their families, to offer health advice and referral into the service for on-going support if needed. The line will be available from 9am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

You can access this service by dialing **0118 9312111** and selecting **'Option 4'** to speak to a School Nurse from our team.

You do not have to struggle in silence. The school nursing team are here to listen.

It's ok to not be ok.

PE Department – Back of the Net!



Race for Life 2020

On Sunday 5 July, students and staff along with their families were invited to join the Maiden Erlegh School Race for Life from home team. The team would embark on their own challenge of either running or walking 5 or 10km to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK, in a time when charities up and down the country are struggling to fundraise.

#TeamMaidenErlegh blew our minds with their commitment to the cause. Students from Years 7 to 13 took part, as did many staff. At the last check, they had raised a mammoth £2,406.50! An amazing achievement in these strange times.

Virtual Sports Day

With no Sports Day this year, due to school closures, the Physical Education Department decided to run a virtual sports day over 2 weeks period, beginning 8 June. There were 15 physical challenges that students, their family members, staff and new Year 7 students could get involved with to earn points for their house. The events varied from running, cycling, press ups, keepy ups and jumping events.

By the end of the 2 weeks we had nearly 1000 entries to the 15 physical challenges.

Thank you and well done to all who took part. The final results can be seen below:

Congratulations to Yousafzai who were this year's Sports Day Champions.

VIRTUAL SPORTS day 2020 RESULTS		
1	YOUSAFZAI	308
2	WILDE	295
3	ATTENBOROUGH	239
4	BOLT	220
5	RODDICK	219
6	CURIE	202

Virtual Fixtures

The PE Department have been running virtual fixtures during lockdown against other local schools. We have had three week-long series against Wallingford, Highdown and Piggott Schools which involved five daily challenges. The engagements from students, their families and staff has been inspiring. Over 500 members of the Maiden Erlegh community have got involved and their efforts have resulted in three victories.

Well done #TeamMaidenErlegh



PE Department

Click here to view our latest Sports Bulletin



Letters for Parents

www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/letters-for-parents/
Click here to view recent communications



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Any queries please email us at ParentPay@maidenerleghschool.co.uk



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OPEN EVENT

**Wednesday 30 September 2020
6pm until 8pm**

This event will be an opportunity to visit the school and meet and talk to staff and students who will be on hand to answer any of your questions.

There will be lots to do and see including:

- Subject displays
- Hands on activities
- Drama and music performances
- Enrichment information
- Presentation by the headteacher and students
- Tours of the school led by students



Headteacher presentations will take place at 6pm and 7:30pm.



Due to COVID-19 booking is required for this event. If you are interested in attending, please visit our website at www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk or click '**HERE**' to reserve a place.

For regular updates, follow us on  **@MaidenErleghSch**



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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

We need you now more than ever

- MESPA has just donated more than £6,000 to the school
- The money will buy equipment to teach children while keeping them safe
- Help your child's school - join the lottery. Tickets cost £1

Support Us Now

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.