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From the Headteacher

Over the first few weeks I have been into assemblies to welcome the students back and also to talk to them about key themes.

It has been a pleasure to meet our new Year 7 students who have made an excellent first impression. Thank you to all the Year 7 students who participated in the Headteacher's Challenge and a



special congratulations in advance to students who won prizes. These winners will be announced next week. In assembly I spoke to them about values and asked them to reflect on their personal values and where they came from.

With Year 8 I spoke about regret and how important it is to seize every opportunity so they do not miss out on chances in life and have to say "if only ...".

In Years 9, 10 and 11 the theme was very much about ensuring they prepare steadily for the new examinations and treating their studies as a marathon not a sprint as they will need to accumulate knowledge and skills over time. This is important so they do well academically, but also in order to reduce the pressure as the examinations approach, because they will feel better prepared. I talked to them

about seeing their learning as interconnecting

topics and themes, some of which cross over subjects (like English, mathematics, science). They will need to be able to cope with questions which probe their knowledge and understanding in more indirect ways and where their answers may involve a range of skills.

CALENDAR

16 October	Year 13 - Oxbridge Prep Day
16 October	Year 10/11/12/13 - Splendid Theatre Visit
17 October	Y11M Progress Meetings
19 October	Y11E Progress Meetings
7 November	Year 12 Safe Drive Stay Alive Trip - Hexagon
8 November	GCSE Music Concert
10 November	'Last Orders' Theatre Performance to Year 9
10 November	Year 7 Tirabad Adventure
14-17 November	Year 10 Juniper Hall - Geography
15 November	Year Council Meeting

In the Sixth Form I spoke about how our best students work. With the new two year courses, they too need to work steadily and consistently over the two years. The students who do well keep on top of their work. They review their learning and consolidate their understanding

How do our students work?

1. Do what is asked of them – on time.

2. Review their notes/work each week.

3. Re-do work to bring it up to scratch.

4. Read/watch/listen around the subject.

5. Don't wait to be told to do something - they have "learning initiative". * * *

and skills base every week. Invariably they also take the "learning initiative" and go beyond lessons, homework and supervised study tasks without being asked. It is these students who are then able to cope with the in depth questions and tasks they will be asked to complete as part of the new A Level examinations.

I must congratulate students in all years for getting involved in the wider life of the school. It gives me great pleasure to see so many students, of all years, involved in sport, drama, music, Young Magistrates, School Council, helping at Open Mornings etc., as well as participating in the trips that are on offer.

In short, the students have made a tremendous start and I am extremely proud of their application and attitude.

Mary Davies

Student Ambassadors

AMBASSADOR

At the end of last year we launched our Student Ambassadors. Student Ambassadors come from Years 8 to 11 and are those students who show high attendance (98%+), exceptional effort and an unblemished behaviour record. They are led by Sixth Form Ambassadors who are members of the Senior Team. In total, so far, we have 175 Ambassadors and this number will grow as students meet the criteria and as we add in

the new Year 7s later on in the year.

It is a source of great pride to be an Ambassador as these are the students who represent the very best of what Maiden Erlegh stands for every day. Student Ambassadors are our "go-to" students to represent the school, take guests round, meet applicants for jobs and to work with new students. In addition, each Student Ambassador is linked to a School Improvement Group and works directly with their Sixth Form Leader and a member of the Senior Leadership Team on areas of the School Improvement Plan.

TEAM	LEAD STAFF	TOPICS
Learning	Miss S Young	Challenge
Learning	Miss E-L Roberts	Literacy and Numeracy across the curriculum review
	Mrs S Newton	Parents' evenings
School Culture	Mrs A Morgan	Strengths and promoting strengths of the Maiden Erlegh
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Wellbeing	Miss A Walker	Student happiness – strengths of school and ways to
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		Y10 and 11 review of KS5 curriculum
Curriculum	Mrs S Elliss	Y8 and 9 review of the options process and KS4
	IVII 5 G EIII55	curriculum offer
		Y7-11 reviewing SMSC across the curriculum
Work Related Mr R Hawthorn		Work related learning and employability skills across the
Learning	IVII IN HAWUHOITIE	curriculum.

On Wednesday 8 November our GCSE music students will be putting on a concert in the drama studio to showcase their talents. This gives them an opportunity to perform some of our coursework in preparation for its final submission. There will be a range of music on show and students will be performing solos and in ensembles.

> Tickets will be available after half term from the music department.

We look forward to seeing you there to support the students and their hard work.

Science - Imagine - Invent - Inspire

The Science Museum always has interesting acitivites and exhibitions to promote interest in the world around us and how it works, and if you are going during half term, you might be interested in their gaming hands on sessions:

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/ <u>power-up</u>. See if you can beat your parents at the games they grew up with!

Or their special exhibition about how India has contributed to Scientific understanding for 5000 years:

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/ illuminating-india-5000-years-science-andinnovation

Or even how Maths contributes to every aspect of our lives:

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/ mathematics-winton-gallery







This qualification will benefit anyone working in a situation where food is prepared, cooked and served; it is relevant to all catering operations.



- Minimising bacterial multiplication
 The importance of high temperatures in
 the supply of safe food
- Appropriate storage conditions for different foods
- The importance of cleaning in food premises

There is an examination at the end of the course and certificates will be issued to all who pass within 6 weeks of the course date.

*PLEASE NOTE: Photo I.D. is required to sit the

Information and booking:

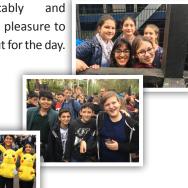
Year 11 Food Preparation and **Nutrition Students**

The Food Dept would like to congratulate all Year 11 Food students who have made such an excellent start to the task of investigating the functional and chemical properties of ingredients used to make meringues. Not an easy task and all are to be congratulated for their preparation and undertaking of the experimental work. We look forward to continued success with the analysis and write ups.

Year 7 Thorpe Park Trip

On Saturday 7 October, 125 Year 7 students and 16 eager staff members embarked on a trip to Thorpe Park, Chertsey. The students had a great day getting to know each other outside of the school setting and the staff were surprisingly keen to enjoy the rollercoasters. Mrs Beckett and Mrs Davis even went on Stealth! The students behaved

impeccably were a pleasure to take out for the day.



Former Sports Personality Takes on the Toughest of Challenges

Wednesday 7th February 2018

£50 Fee

9:30 am - 5 pm Registration - Course starts promptly at 9:30 am)

On Sunday 24 September, Katherine West, a former student and Sports Personality of the Year award recipient took on the ultimate in physical challenges and completed the Berlin Marathon.

It was her first marathon. She had only actually completed her first 10km, 10 mile and half marathons in the past 12 months, so it had been an incredible year of firsts already!

She completed the 26.2 miles for a very worthwhile cause. She ran for Great Ormond Street Hospital and has raised over £900 for this worthwhile charity.

Huge Congratulations to Katherine for completing this inspiring challenge and raising so much for a great cause.



DRIVING ON SCHOOL PREMISES

For the safety of our students please can we politely ask parents and guardians not to drive on school premises unless absolutely necessary. If it is necessary please adhere to the 5mph speed limit at all times.

Huge Thanks to Year 10 Fundraisers

Huge thanks to Estelle Beattie, Rebecca Chan, Amy Crabb and Nikolett Erdelyi in Year 10 (now year 11) for raising a fantastic £218 for the quiet room in Inclusion. Their work has been amazing and has funded

two comfortable chairs, a bubble tube light and a 'juice' bar.



Medical Welfare Officer



Mrs de Jong is the school's Medical Welfare Officer. Every day she sees students with any number of ailments and injuries which she treats according to current first

aid training and advice. In September she had 307 visits from students with complaints ranging from cut fingers and sprains to panic attacks and dehydration.

Students sometimes refer to Mrs de Jong as the school nurse, but it is important to note that she is not a nurse. Her role is to help and assist in an emergency and to make a decision as to whether to call for expert medical assistance. She relies on her first aid training as well as information from the student to make a decision on next steps.

How Science Got Women Wrong - Reading University Event

We hope that science is free from bias and prejudice, but its record of research on women proves that this isn't always true. In her new book, Inferior, Angela Saini interrogates what we think we know about women and why so much of it is wrong. She also explores new research that is attempting to paint a more accurate, and more empowering, portrait of women. Join us for this short lecture to hear Angela explore some of these issues.

Angela Saini presents science programmes on BBC Radio 4 and the World Service, and her writing has appeared all over the world, including in New Scientist, the Guardian, Science, and Wired. She is the winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's Kavli Science Journalism

(2015) and the Association of British Science Writers' award for best news story (2012). Her latest book is Inferior: How Science Got Women Wrong and the New Research That's Rewriting the Story. Follow her on Twitter @AngelaDSaini



If you are interested in attending this event, please click on the link below:

Angela Saini lecture on How Science Got Women Wrong

Year 11 Revision Corridor

Next week we will be running a revision corridor in preparation for the Pre Public Examinations. All Year 11 students are welcome to all sessions that relate to them.

This will be every day for the week and up to 30 minutes after school.

Please encourage your son/daughter to come along.

Click here for related letter and timetable.

Local Company Supporting Learning at Maiden Erlegh School

The design and technology department would like to thank Nathan Lambert of Congo Blue Design (part of the SFL group of companies) for the kind donation of softwood and other timber materials recently given. The softwood will be used in current Year 9 and Year 10 projects. We are also pleased to announce the extended partnership between Maiden Erlegh and CongoBlue with a site visit planned to view the set design workshops (including a full bed CNC router) and a visit from one of the set designers to school to assist in evaluating the students project work.

For further information on Congo Blue design vist:

www.congobluedesign.co.uk



Year 11 Special Recognition Award

It has been a successful start to the special recognition award with its 3rd week we have already had over 30 nominations and lots of students enjoying their teas and coffee's with the staff at break time!

Well done Year 11!



September Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Sam Worsley Yr7, Ria Mistry Yr11 and Sami Achouri Yr12 for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for September.



Ria Mistry



Sam Worsley



Sami Achouri

Reading Schools Art Competition at the Sharad Utsav

Two of our sixth form students achieved 1st place and 2nd Place In the Reading Schools Art Competition last Thursday at the Sharad Utsav.

This is a huge event of Indian cultural celebrations which lasts for 5 days at Rivermead Leisure centre and is organised by the Bengali Cultural Society.

Sharon Muiruri in Year 12 gained 1st prize for her photography piece entitled "Woven Aunty" and Luke Hickling in Year 13 gained 2nd prize for his Painting of Kew Gardens.





Luke Hickling

Sharon Muiriri

Both students received money as prizes and a HUGE silver cup for the school to keep for the year.

Amrit Manku, Mollie Rowland and Wiktoria Sternik, in Year 13, entered work that was highly commended.

Year 10 Artists' Workshops

On Friday 29 September our Year 10 Art and Design and Sculpture students worked alongside 6 different local artists for the day. The workshops ranged from printmaking, ceramics, mixed media and digital manipulation to wire sculpture.





It was an extremely productive day, students used their creative energy to make amazing outcomes!

Thank you to everyone who enabled the day to go ahead.



Google Classroom Geography Notice

Y9 Geography Google Classroom Code This code is for all Y9 geographers. They should sign up to the google classroom using the code: obknar

Y10 Geography Google Classroom Code This code is for all Y9 geographers. They should sign up to the google classroom using the code: 4tzqnn

Y11 Geographers

A letter recently went home with details of the Google Classroom (code: eocze1i) with which Y11 students can access a resource booklet and practice questions which have been set as a homework due the week before half term for all Y11 geography classes. This will help them prepare for their PPE1.

SARAHAH

This is the latest app giving us cause for concern. It allows users to anonymously

message one another and therefore has the potential to cause huge upset.

Whilst you can only share messages with people you have added using a code, a silly message sent as a joke can nonetheless undermine self-confidence and do irreparable damage to a young person.

Please would you talk to your sons and daughters about this and explain to them the hurt that can be caused by a throwaway remark as well as the inherent dangers of anonymous messaging of any kind.

European Day of Languages



On Tuesday 26 September we celebrated the European Day of Languages (EDL). Throughout the week former language students were invited to language lessons to speak about their experience of learning a foreign language and how it continues to help them in the world of work and their everyday life. Christopher, Rhiannon, Iva, Stuart and Emrys spoke about their love of languages to younger students who listened with interest and asked many questions. On the day, Year 10 and 11 language students were also asked to compete in a game of "find someone who" where they had to look at no less than 30 Maiden Erlegh Language alumni's profiles to find out about how they had used their language skills over the years. All were really impressed by what they read.



The MFL department is very grateful for the support from other departments across the trust. A cross curricular starter was created by the RE department, and EDL starters prepared by the MFL department were shared throughout

the day in many lessons. European flags were put on display in the dining room and the canteen offered exceptional French, German and Spanish menus. This created quite a

buzz at lunch time, with one student saying "it's not every day that you get to eat beef bourguignon in school!" Many teachers greeted their class in another European language and Mr Bell, Head of Year 12, went as far as writing his entire notices in Spanish on the day!

EDL has been a fantastic way to celebrate cultural diversity and the importance of languages in today's world. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



Extra-Curricular Timetables

Please click on the timetables below to view full size.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Club	Subject	Year	Room	Day	Time	Staff
Rapid Plus Reading	English	7/8 (invite)	C20	Monday	3:00-3:30	Mrs Goodwin
Philosophy Lab	Philosophy			Monday	3:00-4:00	ON
Chess Club		All	564	Tuesday	3:00-4:00	MI
Choir	Music	All	D4	Tuesday	3:00-4:00	Music Dept
Christian Explore Club	RE	All	G3	Tuesday	3:00-3:45	GN
Philosophy Club	Philosophy	7-8		Tuesday	3:00-3:45	Philosophy Dept.
Science Club	Science	9-11	P1	Tuesday	3:00-4:00	Science Dept
Drama Club	Drama	7-9		Wednesday	8:00-8:30	6th Form/Drama Dept
Geography Club	Geography	7.9	H5	Wednesday	3:00-3:30	SN
Musical Rehearsals	Music	All Cost	D4	Wednesday	3:00-4:00	Music Dept
String Group	Music	All	D4	Wednesday	8:00-8:30	Music Dept
Aloodwind Group	Music	All	D3	Wednesday	8:00-8:30	Music Dept
Maths Drop In	Mathematics	7-8	M3	Wednesday	3:00-4:00	Maths Dept
Maths Drop In	Mathematics		M2	Wednesday	3:00-4:00	Maths Dept
Biology Surgery	Biology	12-13	85	Wednesday	3:00-4:00	Biology Team
History Club	History	7-9	101	Wednesday	3.00-4.00	MI
Creative Writing Club	English	All	177	Thursday	3:00-3:45	MNCBR
Homework Club	All	All		Thursday	3:00-4:00	LAW
Jazz Band	Music	Grade 3+	D4	Thursday	3:00-4:00	Music Dept
KSS Surgery	Maths		M6	Thursday	3:00-4:00	MM
Breaking Good	Chemistry	12-13	81	Thursday	3:00-4:00	Science Dept
Maths Surgery	Mathematics		M5	Thursday	3:00-4:00	Maths Dept
Junior Band	Music	7-8	D4	Friday	8:00-8:30	Music Dept
Samba Band	Music	All	D4	Friday	2:20-3:20	Music Dept
Physics Surgery	Physics	12-13	P4	Friday	3:00-4:00	Science Dept

PE Extra-Curricular Timetable

	Before School	Boys After School	Girls After School	Mixed After School
Mon		Yr8 Rugby (Mr Pringle)	All years girls Rugby (Mr Flynn/Mr Crockford)	Street Dance Club (paid club with Libby) Badminton Club – Sports Hal
Tue	Yr7/8/9 Handball Club (Mr Pringle) – 7.45am	Yr9 Rugby (Mr Bryant)	Yr8 Netball (Miss Chapman) All years Basketball (Mr Bishop)	Yr10/11 Hockey (Miss Grindey)
Wed	Yr9/10/11 Trampolining Club (Mr Mackie) – 7.45am	Yr10/11/Sen Rugby (Mr Mackie/Mr Crockford) All years Basketball (Mr Bryant /Mr Mackie) <u>after half</u> term		Yr7/8/9 Hockey (Miss Chapman) Yr11 Trampolining Club (Invit Only - GCSE)
Thu		Yr7 Rugby (Mr Flynn) Yr7 Football (Mr Pringle) — Astro — starts 16 th November	Yr7 Netball (Mrs Whiteman) Yr9/10/11/Senior Netball (Miss Grindey/Miss Young)	Multi-skills Club (Invite only)
Fri	Basketball (Mr Bishop) – Invite only – 8.00am		All years football (Mr Pringle/ Miss Chapman/Miss Allright) - Field	All years American Football (Mr Hedges) - Astro

PE Department

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