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From the Headteacher

What a great start to our summer term! We finally welcomed students back through our gates and back into the classroom, we elected a new Student Leadership Team, our Violet College students had an art show, we planned the return of our sporting fixtures, and students threw themselves into multiple house challenges. But most of all, seeing the students walk back through the gates after the latest lockdown was amazing! I entered the teaching profession (many) years ago to work with future generations and not having them on site was a horrible experience and something I hope none of us have to go through again.

I would like to say a huge well done to Year 11 and 13 for completing their assessments. It is unfortunate that their last day plans have had to be postponed, but we cannot wait to give you the send-off you deserve. You have been fantastic!

We were pleased to announce that Maiden Erlegh School has been awarded the provision of a Resource Base for secondary school students with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs by Wokingham Borough Council. Our Indigo Resource Base is set to open to five students in September, with an additional five students joining each year, with a maximum of twenty five. These students will benefit from a dedicated resource space, therapy room, sensory room and specialist SEND classroom. As well as benefiting from a specialist SEND teacher, they will also spend time, with support, in the mainstream classes.

We have also gained the Leading Parent Partnership Award which demonstrates our commitment to working with parents and carers and making sure the school has a real community feel. I believe in the analogy that successful schools are like three legged stools, the legs being students, parents and the school.

CALENDAR

28 May	Students Finish for Half Term
31 May - 4 June	Half Term
7 June	School Closed for Staff Training Day
8 June	Students Return to School
8 June	Year 9 M Virtual Progress Meetings
10 June	Year 9 E Virtual Progress Meetings
28 June	Students Reports Published on ParentApp - Years 7/8/9/10
5 July	Students Reports Published on ParentApp—Year 12

If we don't all work together we are unable to operate successfully and this award shows that, as a team, we work incredibly well collectively.

Progress never stops, my senior team and I have already started turning our attention to September and drafting the school improvement plan. We are excited to, hopefully, plan for a normal year and reset our expectations and learning routines. This academic year has been like no other – roll on September!

I am also thrilled to see that so many Year 7 and 8 students have signed up to the Maiden Erlegh Independent Project. I know our previous entrants found this a very rewarding experience. These students will develop key skills to help aid them in the future, wherever this may take them!

A reminder that Monday 7 June is now an INSET day and students will not be expected in school until Tuesday 8 June.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to the action packed last half term.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher



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YOUSAFZAI

RODDICK

House News

This half term has flown by, with so many House Competitions to engage with and thousands of house points awarded to students for their fantastic classwork, homework or special achievement. Well done #TEAMMAIDENERLEGH you are amazing!

Royal Mail Competition



This term students could take part in the national Royal Mail stamp competition. The challenge was to design a stamp that celebrate the heroes from the Covid 19 pandemic. There are some fantastic prizes to be won if your design is selected by Royal Mail, as well as house points for each entry and more for winners and runners up in each year group. Maiden Erlegh Winners to be announced soon! Watch this space. Thanks to Mrs Nottage for running this.

UK Maths Trust Junior Challenge House Competition

On Wednesday 28 April, 59 Year 7 and 8 Maiden Erlegh students volunteered their time to participate in a 1 hour maths trust junior challenge online. The students who participated all received 2 house points each and when the results come back from UKMT, students may even be awarded bronze, silver and gold awards! Congratulations to everyone involved and to Mrs Strong for organising this.

House Ambassadors

We want to thank Miss Chapman and Mr Pringle for all their wonderful work with the House system over the last two years. We wish them all the best in their new roles!

Welcome to Miss Avery and Mr Bell as your new House Ambassadors.



Mr Bell
Team Wilde



Miss Avery
Team Roddick

They very much look forward to seeing lots of you during a praise event we have planned for the end of the school year and during your assemblies!

Science Specimen Drawing Competition

For the Maiden Erlegh School Specimen Drawing Competition students have been asked to submit a high quality photo of their work by Monday 7 June. We will award 1st (20 house points), 2nd (10

house points) and 3rd (5 house points) place in each Key Stage, and all entries will receive 3 house points for taking part. Why not get involved! More details on your house google classrooms page.

Tokyo Olympics 2021

Students have been invited to create a flag or a poster to promote the rearranged Olympic games that is happening this summer in Tokyo. Within the piece of work, students should incorporate the Olympic values and include a variety of different events within the design, as well as maybe the mascots for the event.

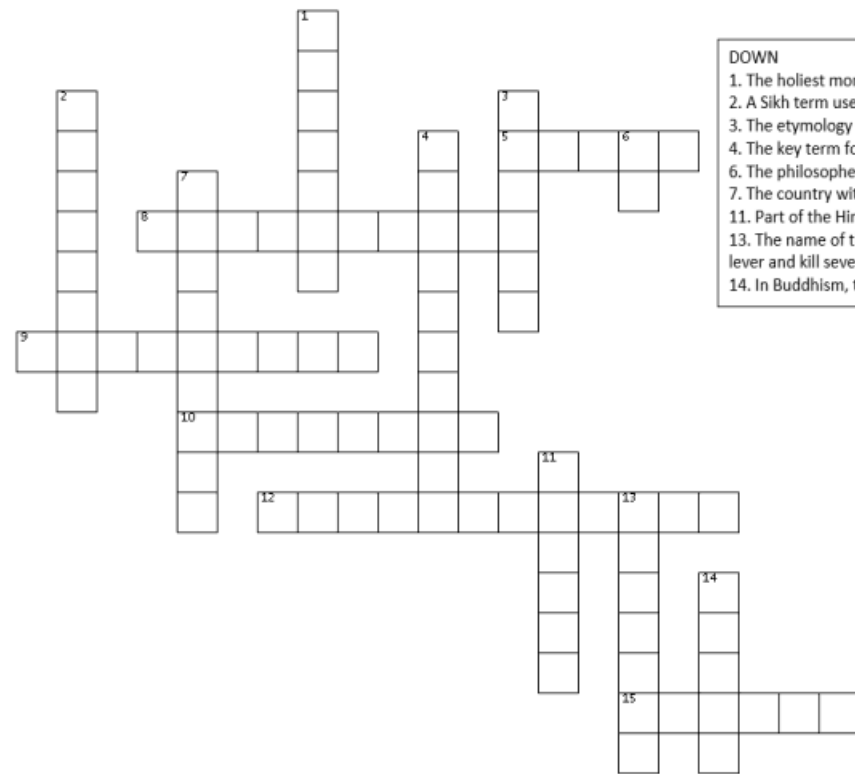
The deadline of Friday 4 June and find out more on your House google classrooms page. House points will be awarded to every entry, with even more house points awarded for the best efforts in each house.



Religion and Philosophy House Competition Crossword

An RP crossword was posted on the House Google Classrooms pages to test and develop knowledge of religious and philosophical beliefs and ideas! Students had to see how many words they could work out using prior knowledge and then use research skills to unearth the remaining answers. Deadline was Friday 28 May but why not have a go at home anyway? Thanks to Miss Borthwick for putting this together!

Well done to all the students that got involved from a wide range of year groups! House points coming your way.



DOWN

1. The holiest month in the Islamic calendar.
2. A Sikh term used to refer to God. It can be translated to mean 'Wonderful Lord' or 'Wonderful Teacher'.
3. The etymology of the word 'philosophy' is the 'love of...'
4. The key term for 'all-powerful'.
6. The philosopher Descartes famously said, 'I think therefore I...'
7. The country with the largest Muslim population in the world.
11. Part of the Hindu Trimurti, known as the 'preserver'.
13. The name of the philosophical problem that explores whether one should allow one person to die or pull the lever and kill several people.
14. In Buddhism, the Buddha became enlightened under which kind of tree?

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5. The fastest growing religion in the world.
8. In Judaism, during the festival of Passover, all breads must be prepared without a raising agent. This type of bread is called...
9. Pope Francis, the current Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, was born in which country?
10. A Greek philosopher who is claimed to have famously said, 'I know that I know nothing.'
12. The term for a religion that believes in more than one God.
15. The branch of philosophy that is concerned with morality and how we should behave.

Taskmaster Competition

The Taskmaster has been running a series of tasks that will be videoed and put on the MES House Instagram page each week. If you would like to take part, complete the form on your House google classrooms page and the Taskmaster will be in contact. It is open to all year groups! Well done to all who have already got involved.



SCORES ON THE DOORS

Final scores at the end of this term are..

1st Team Bolt– 9925

2nd Team Wilde– 9608

3rd Team Roddick– 9371

4th Team Curie – 9231

5th Team Yousafzai– 8809

6th Team Attenborough – 8315

We are going to be awarding praise certificates and hosting an end of year praise event for those who have taken part in the most amount of house events and received the most amount of house points this year so keep working hard to gain points! So far this year students have been awarded over 60,000 house points so well done to each and every one of you who have done something to deserve this praise! Keep up the great work.

Winners Corner

Congratulations to our recent House Competition winners:

Geography Board Game

1st - Tanusha S

2nd - Jayden D

3rd - Isabel N

Boggle Championships

Jumu S

Lucy R

Mindfulness Challenge

Leah S

Lois T

Natural Numeracy Competition

Justin C

Fatima C

Abinaya S

Well done to all of you!



Careers, Work Experience, Work Related Learning and STEAM Provision

As we move through the summer term, we would like to share with you some of the activities that have been going on as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School:

Trust Careers Newsletter – Spotlight

We are extremely proud of Spotlight, our careers newsletter which is shared across our different Trust schools and published on a half termly 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. Our previous editions can be found using the link below. Watch out for our next edition, to be published week commencing Monday 17 May!

Click here to
view the latest
edition of
SPOTLIGHT

#Careers Week 5 – Celebrating hidden and physical disability awareness in careers linked to different subject areas

During the week commencing 10-14 May, we celebrated #Careers Week 5. We continue to raise awareness of disability and equality in careers as part of our theme of diversity and inclusion this academic year. The focus of the week was to explore hidden and physical disability awareness in careers linked to the different subject that students study.



Trust Start u-explore Careers Software

This software package is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many different options available to young people including:

- Up-to-date information from a variety of trusted sources.
- Careers guidance for students in Years 7 to 13.
- Support and guidance through key moments of choice and transition from education to employment.
- Comprehensive information on careers and employability skills
- Local labour market information.
- Support with writing job applications, CVs, assessment centres and the recruitment process.

The website can be accessed via: <https://login.startprofile.com/Login.aspx>

Your child will have been set specific careers modules to complete from this careers software, relevant to their age and transition point.

Year 12 Destinations Workshops

Year 12 students were asked to sign up to an appropriate workshop that best describes their likely intended destination post-18. These sessions helped to support, guide and equip them with relevant information so that they can choose the right pathway when they leave Maiden Erlegh School. Each workshop also provided students with a brief outline of interview and employability skills and the importance of differentiating themselves and a Q&A session. The workshops included advice and support regarding university, apprenticeship, gap year, employment or to those who were currently unsure of their next steps. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive.

Year 12 Virtual Work Experience Placements

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. A large majority of 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, KPMG, Law firms, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, JP Morgan, British Airways, Construction firms, Teaching, Journalism and many others. We post all of these opportunities and more on the year group google classroom pages.

Forthcoming Events:

Year 12 Future Pathways Day – Friday 25 June

Year 7 STEAM Day – Friday 2 July

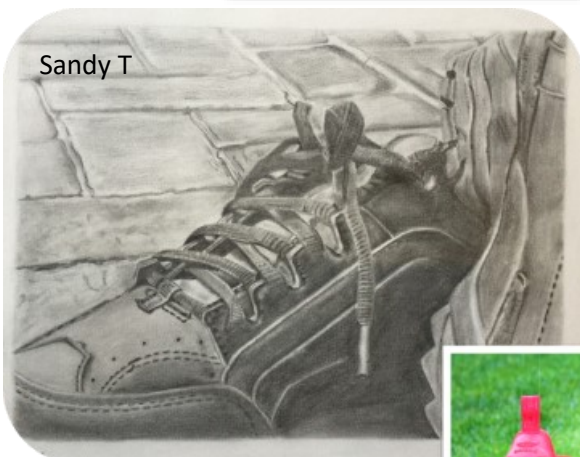
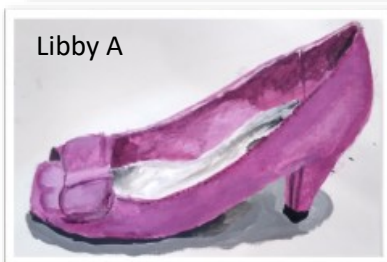
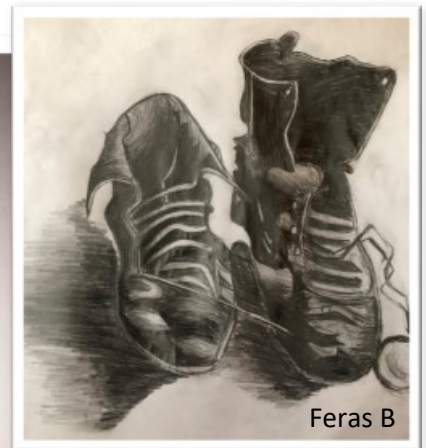
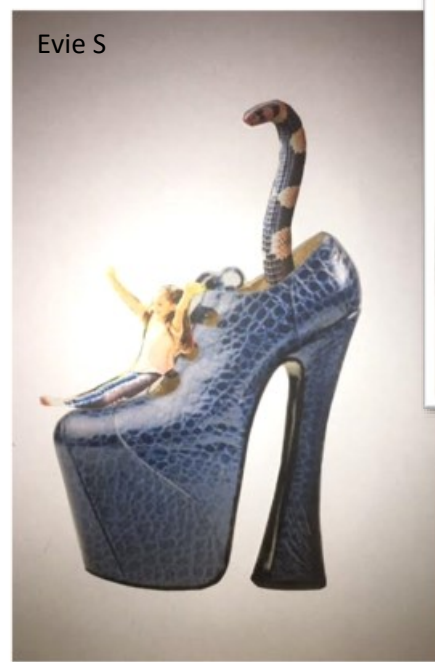
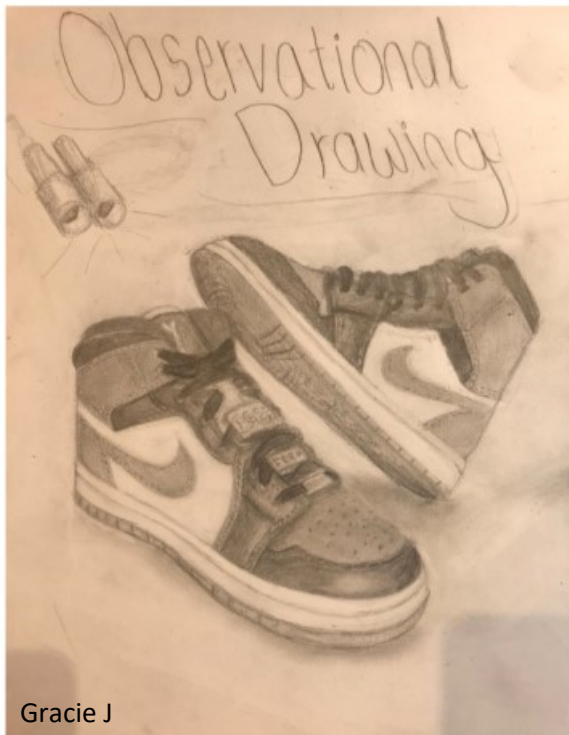
Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day – Wednesday 7 July

#Careers Week 6 – w/c Monday 12 July

Work of Art

Artist of the Month - March

Congratulations to our Year 9 students awarded Artist of the Month for March, Aqela T, Evie S, Feras B, Gracie J, Isabel F, Jake P, Katie G, Libby A, Penny G, Sandy T, Thady R and Zoe R. Really spectacular pieces!



Work of Art Continued



Year 7 students have been working on an art project based on *Humanæ* by Angélica Dass. *Humanæ* is a photographic work in progress by artist Angélica Dass, an unusually direct reflection on the colour of the skin, attempting to document humanity's true colors rather than the untrue labels "white", "red", "black" and "yellow" associated with race. This makes a fantastic addition to the artwork in the lower school hall.

Does your child suffer from Panic Attacks?

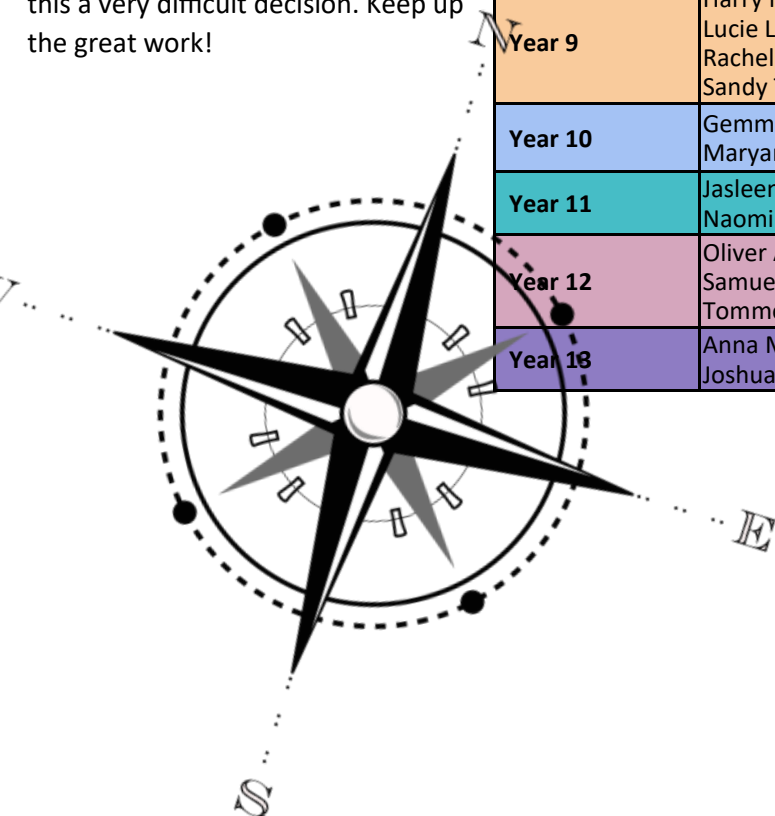


The PANDA (Treatment of Panic Disorder in Adolescents) Study is taking place at the AnDY Research Clinic at the University of Reading. If your child is aged 11-18 years, experiences repeated panic attacks that get in the way of their life (e.g., at school, home or with friends) and their GP is based in Berkshire, they may be eligible to take part. You can find out more about the study by watching this short (1½ minute) video: <https://vimeo.com/449607886>. If you would like more information about the study, please get in touch with the research team (either yourself or via your parent/carer or school staff) via panda@reading.ac.uk.

Geographer of the Half Term

Congratulations to our Geographers of the Half Term for Summer Term 1. We've seen such amazing work from all the students, which made this a very difficult decision. Keep up the great work!

Year 7	Fenton B Sama B
Year 8	Konstantina K Syeda R
Year 9	Harry M Lucie L Rachel H Sandy T
Year 10	Gemma W Maryam M
Year 11	Jasleen F Naomi S
Year 12	Oliver A Samuel P Tommoii T
Year 13	Anna M Joshua S



All Yours

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