



Maiden Erleigh School NEWSBLAST

0118 926 2467 • office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk • www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk



OPPORTUNITY, DIVERSITY & SUCCESS FOR ALL

8 March 2018 - Issue 16

From the Headteacher



I would like to thank you all for supporting the various events on this term. The turnout for Yr 8 Options events has been excellent, as it has also been for the parents' evenings so far this term. We are trialling a slightly new system to help you and staff keep better to time as we know this is something that everyone would like to improve.

Thank you also to all of you who have already filled in our annual survey. It is extremely helpful to know what you appreciate about our work, and it guides our school improvement. The student response has been good so far also, but please encourage your child to complete their survey. We combine this information with that of the School Council and other forms of student voice, and this also feeds into our school improvement plans for the coming year. If you haven't yet been able to complete the survey please find links at the bottom of this page.

So far this term, we have celebrated the 100th anniversary of the first steps towards votes for women and it was wonderful to see so many staff and students wearing purple or green in that honour. Last week we celebrated World Book Day in the days prior to the snow and decorating our doors with symbols of our favourite books. Reading is so important and there is increasing evidence strong reading skills have a positive impact on results across all subjects, quite apart from enriching life generally. Please encourage your child to read as much and as widely as possible. Over the following weeks, we will be celebrating all things maths and numeracy: World Maths Day and Pi day.

We have launched our annual Revision Corridor for Year 11 on a Friday after school and it is bigger and better than ever. Thank you to Miss Grindey for organising it and to all the staff for running sessions, and thank you to all the students who are supporting this so well.

Parent Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MESPARENTS2018>

If you have any problems with the above link or would like a hard copy of the survey, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

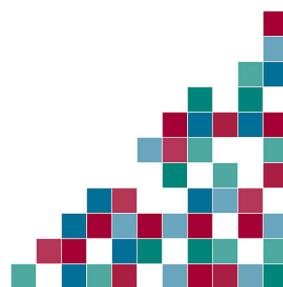
Student Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/STU2018B>

Please could I ask you to encourage your child/children to answer the survey as their views are equally important.

CALENDAR

8 March	Yr12/13 PPE Results Out
8 March	Yr8/9/10 Wicked 'The Musical' Trip - Drama
9-16 March	Yr7 - Tirabad Adventure
12 March	Year 11 GCSE PE Internal Moderation
14 March	Pi Day
15 March	Yr10 Young Shakespeare Macbeth Workshop
16 March	Yr9/10 German Exchange Students Return Leg
17 March	Year 11 GCSE PE External Moderation
19-23 March	GCSE Drama
19-23 March	Yr10 PPE 2



SSAT
EDUCATIONAL
OUTCOMES
AWARDS 2017

SPONSORED BY



We are extremely proud to tell you that Maiden Erleigh have won another award, our 5th SSAT Educational Outcomes Award! We achieved this award for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and progress in 2017 end of KS4 examinations. This also means we maintain the schools place in the top 20% of schools nationally. This is such a wonderful achievement for both staff and students alike.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone at the school for an excellent performance last year. We did it again!!

HELP US WIN

a coaching session with
an England Netball Player

CLICK HERE! VOTE NOW!

We have entered this competition, and we need your votes. It literally takes less than a minute. If you are able to share the link privately on your social media as well it'd be much appreciated!

<https://gogirl.co.uk/england-netball-training-session/maiden-erleigh-school/>



Woodley's Community Youth Partnership

Woodley's Community Youth Partnership (made up of town councillors and representatives from the voluntary sector working with young people) became concerned at the increasing levels of anxiety in children and young people being reported to youth workers and in schools. Out of this concern came the decision to hold a conference/workshop event to help parents and professionals to spot signs of anxiety in our youngsters and to have more information about local support and organisations that can help at an early stage.

Exploding the myths

– children and young people and their mental health

A conference/workshop event for parents, volunteers and professionals working with children and young people

14th March 2018
The Oakwood Centre
Woodley, RG5 4JZ
4 – 6pm and repeated 7 – 9pm



Geographer of the Half Term

The following students have been awarded Geographer of the Half Term for their respective year groups for last half term. This award recognises the quality of their effort and commitment to work both in lessons and at home.

Year 7

Freddie Hills
Theo Ferreira
Natalia Hobbs
Hannah Werro

Year 8

Yuvi Bains
Skandh Balaji
Rhea Davidson
Tilly Cook
Anna Boyd

Year 9

Sam Matthews
Ollie Attewell
Thomas Way
Beau Burton
Fleur Walker

Year 10

Max Irvin
Andre Chan
Beth Naish
Trudy Addai

Shravya Venugopal

Year 12

Callum Liddell
Darcy Hudson
Gretel Goddard

Year 11

Awais Masud
Khushi Arora
Izabella Zaremba

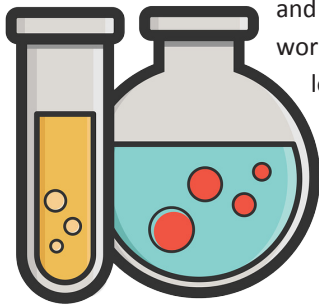
Year 13

James Doye
Ellen Tiffin



Science Fair 2018

On the Friday 9 March Maiden Erlegh School Science department will be holding its annual Science Fair. Students participating in the Science Fair will be off timetable period 3 and 4. The Fair will conclude at 3:30pm on the day. Students are working exceptionally hard on their individual projects and are looking forward to sharing their work with staff, friends and parents. We would like to take the opportunity to invite the parents to come and view their child's work from 2:30pm onwards, invitations with further details will be sent to the parents of participating students in due course. Prizes will be awarded for the best project in each Key Stage.



Honouring the Centenary of Women's Suffrage

On Tuesday 6 February we celebrated the centenary of women's suffrage and were overwhelmed by the support from staff and students. Staff and students were invited to wear the colours of the suffrage movement which were purple, green or white in addition to their uniform and we weren't disappointed.



GCSE Geography Gym Year 9-11 Geographers Every Wednesday 3-4pm in H8



Session	Date
Nailing a 9 marker with IN	Wednesday 21st Feb
Using figures with HN/KE	Wednesday 28th Feb
DROP IN GYM	Wednesday 7th Mar
Map skills with TT	Wednesday 14th March
DROP IN GYM	Wednesday 21st March
6 marker practice with SI	Wednesday 28th March
EASTER HOLIDAYS	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Numeracy questions with SN	Wednesday 18th April
DROP IN GYM	Wednesday 25th April
Final tips for Paper 1 and 2 with TT	Wednesday 2nd May
Issue evaluation advice with BN	Wednesday 9th May
DROP IN surgery	Wednesday 16th May

Historian of the Half Term Winners!



On Friday 23 February Miss Davies met with the latest winners of the Historian of the half term award. The students were selected for the award thanks to their excellent effort and achievement in their history lessons over the last half term. Each history teacher was given the opportunity to nominate 3 of their students from Years 7-13 and the winners were selected from this pool. This half term's winners are below:

Year 7

Elliot MacMillan
Gabriela Andrews-Simon

Year 9

Anna Starnes
Ben Smith

Year 11

Daisy Haran
Yingze Zhu

Year 13

Ben Hudson
Callie Mulligan

Year 8

Anna Boyd
Rhys Gee

Year 10

Abigail Ford
Danny Mulligan

Year 12

Max Reed
Rebecca Simpson

The winners have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their achievements, especially as they were chosen ahead of all other male or female historians from their year group.

ASDAN - Certificate of Personal Effectiveness

On Friday 2 February ASDAN Year 9 students and Year 11 students sang Disney songs at Maiden Erlegh Pre-school. They were working towards an Expressive Arts Module task, 'take part in a group activity to produce something for others to enjoy'. This task also linked to one of the 6 skills they have to demonstrate and this skill was 'Working with others'.

The Music Department kindly supported this project by providing keyboard and percussion instruments so that 6th form students Callum Liddell and Georgia Beasley could support the ASDAN students in learning songs.

The experience helped them gain confidence in performing and in creating and organising an event. The children at pre-school were able to join in with playing percussion instruments and dancing and had an enjoyable time.

Thank you to Mr A Titley, Music Director who supported the group together with assistant Music Directors, 6th formers Callum Liddell and Georgia Beasley.

The event was organised by ASDAN students in consultation with the Pre-school leader.



Year 12 CERN Trip

Excited Year 12 A – level physicists arrived at school on Sunday 21 January, eagerly awaiting their onward journey. The European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, based in Genève is an extraordinary destination and hosts the largest particle physics laboratory in the world.

[Click here](#) for a blow by blow account of this enriching trip.



We're
supporting
National
Apprenticeship
Week



Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week
5 to 9 March 2018

#NAW2018
Search NAW2018 on GOV.UK

Tom Holmes Debut

Congratulations to Tom Holmes who made his debut in the first team on Tuesday night's game at the Madejski stadium against Bolton Wanderers. Playing for the Royals in number 57 Tom did amazingly well supporting his teammates and defending against a number of Bolton's attempts to score with the final score being 1 - 1.

We would like to wish Tom all the very best for future matches.

<https://www.inyourarea.co.uk/news/holmes-in-for-reading-fc-debut-as-stam-makes-six-changes-for-bolton-clash/>

getreading
PART OF INYOURAREA

Maiden Erlegh Careers Fair 2018

Once again our annual careers fair was a huge success and the feedback we have had from students and parents has been fantastic. Some of the professional representatives expressed how well organised the event had been and that it was one of the best ones they had attended.



BERKSHIRE
TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Interested in a career in teaching?

Train to Teach Information Evening
19 March 2018
7.00 – 8.30pm, talk at 7.15pm

This information evening is for anyone who is considering training to teach, including current teaching assistants, career changers, teachers trained overseas, and those graduating in summer 2018.

If you are interested in finding out more about getting into primary or secondary teaching, come along to meet recent, locally trained, beginning and newly qualified teachers and talk to our specialist school mentors. The evening will be mainly informal with a short presentation and the opportunity for Q&A.

Training is provided in our schools working together with the University of Reading. All our programmes lead to Qualified Teacher Status with tuition fee programmes also earning PGCE (and 60 masters credits). You may be eligible for a salaried place or a bursary.

Please confirm your intention to attend by emailing teachingschool@maidenerleghschool.co.uk

The information evening will be hosted by Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Reading, RG6 7HS 0118 9262467

www.berkshireteachingschoolalliance.co.uk

[LinkedIn](#)



World Book Day 2018

Although the weather last week meant that we weren't in school for World Book Day students still managed to celebrate this year with a variety of events. We held a Scholastic Book Fair for the Lower School and classes and tutor groups have been busy decorating doors to celebrate a range of texts from 'Alice in Wonderland' to 'Plato's Cave' (from Republic).

Teachers and support staff have been sharing their current reads with students by bringing them into lessons and displaying front covers on their classroom and office doors. Some students also organised tutor book quizzes and other activities.

Please do support your child by encouraging them to read regularly across a range of genres at home. Reading the same book in parallel and then having a chat about the book afterwards over dinner/tea and cake can often be a good way of sharing in your child's reading. Many Young Adult novels really lend themselves to this – let your son or daughter lead the way!



Intermediate Maths Challenge

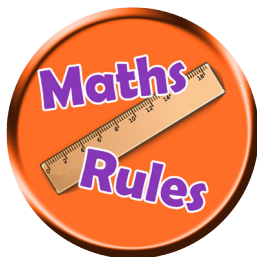


On Thursday 1 February 2018 some of our best mathematics students in Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a prestigious national competition that allows students to measure themselves against the best mathematicians in the country.

We are pleased to report that the students achieved 6 gold certificates, 8 silver certificates and 11 bronze certificates between them.

We are also delighted to inform you that the following students have qualified for the next round:
Jiaxuan Wang, Joshua Benjamin-Philip, Euon Mallett, Lewis Dance, Aaryan Purohit and Bilal Rashid.

We wish them
the best of
luck!!



Check out the latest courses offered
by the CResCent Resource Centre:

Create an Effective CV - 1 May
Interview Preparation - 14 May
Interview Skills - 21 May
Emergency First Aid - 13 June
And many more!



Visit the courses section of their
website for further information.

<http://earleycrescent.org/wp/courses/>

Work of Art

Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Nina Pillar Yr8, Ye Dam Jo Yr 8, Marley Caston Yr8, Anna Peat Yr 10, Eloise McIntyre Yr11 and Luke Hickling Yr13 for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for January.



Nina Pillar



Ye Dam Jo



Marley Caston



Anna Peat



Eloise McIntyre



Luke Hickling
Year 13



MAIDEN ERLUGH
SCHOOL



sports

BARCLAYS

THALES

law

Heathrow
Making every journey better

turner
sawyer

finance

Royal Bank
of Scotland



RI
READING
MUSEUM

M&S
EST. 1884

brand786 MEDIA

childcare

Bellway

pdt solicitors

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

childcare

Bellway

pdt solicitors

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

MELANIE CURTIS
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

BERKSHIRE
PHYSIOTHERAPY

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

finance

Royal Bank

of Scotland

brand786

MEDIA

BMW
GROUP

Santander

dentistry

ORACLE

law

Heathrow

turner

sawyer

'Philosophical Questions' with RE Inspired

In Religion and Philosophy this term, Year 8 have been joined by RE Inspired, who have led sessions on deep Philosophical questions within Christianity.

With the use of puzzles and jenga blocks, as well as a quick fire question round for our Christian volunteers, students got to delve into philosophical discussions based on the questions Year 8 wanted to know the answer to. Our students didn't make it easy for the visitors, as some of the questions they discussed were: is there evidence of life after death, how can God be benevolent (all-loving) if he sacrificed his only son and is Christianity really a religion or is it a relationship?



I am very thankful, as always, to all of the RE Inspired volunteers who gave our Year 8 students such a great experience.

Thank you especially to Carrie King who organised and led the sessions. I hope students continue to reflect on these difficult philosophical questions.



Our Year 8 students were incredibly reflective; responding to these difficult, philosophical questions with careful consideration and eloquence.



GROWING TOGETHER

**Would you like to join us in helping the well-being of students?
I'm sure the answer is 'yes' & it's easier than you think!**

We have a rundown small garden within our Inclusion Centre and it's the perfect sanctuary for students as the good weather approaches.

We would be so grateful for any donations of new or nearly new garden tools, pots, gloves, knee pads, plants, storage or seating etc.

The list goes on.....

If you are able to help, please drop off any donations to Reception for the attention of Clare McIntyre.

A huge thank you in advance for any donations you can give.



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



We're Recruiting Now

Examinations Invigilator vacancies for May - June

Please see the vacancies page on our school website for job description and applications details.

For further information, please contact:

recruitment@maidenerleghschool.co.uk

FACILITIES HIRE



We are delighted to be able to offer our facilities for hire to our local community.

Click here for further information.

Term Dates 2017-2018

Spring Term

Wed 3 Jan - Fri 9 Feb

****Half Term****

Mon 19 Feb - Thur 29 Mar

**Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -
Wed 17 Jan**

Summer Term

Mon 16 Apr - Fri 25 May

****Half Term****

Mon 4 June - Tue 24 July

**Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -
Thur 5 July**

For our 2018-2019 term dates please [click here](#) and scroll down our website to view.

ParentPay

Click on the ParentPay logo to login and register your account.

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



ParentPay

OPPORTUNITY, DIVERSITY & SUCCESS FOR ALL