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From the Headteacher



We have recently run two events for parents, one on E-Safety and one on Apprenticeships. I would like to thank all the parents who supported these sessions and I am very pleased that the feedback has been so positive. I would also like to thank the parents who recently attended the celebratory breakfast for Years 7 and 8.

I am currently seeing all year groups in assemblies, and it is one of the highlights of my work being able to acknowledge and celebrate students' achievements in this way. Of course, for Years 11 and 13, this will be their last assembly with me, which is bitter sweet. Given the achievements, hard work and great company of the students in those particular year groups, it is also a genuine pleasure to congratulate them on their work over the years and contribution to school life – but also to wish them well for their examinations.

As we move into the last half term, we move to our summer uniform for students (from Mon 4 June). I just wanted to clarify a few expectations:

1. The summer amendment to the uniform in Years 7 to 11 is the same for girls and boys: a relaxation of the tie and blazer rule. Please may I remind you that there is no longer a differently designed summer shirt for girls.

2. In the sixth form, the code of dress remains "office attire" but we also relax the jacket rule and boys do not need to wear ties. We request that shirts/tops and skirts remain formal (and modest).

3. We urge students to bring water bottles so they can stay hydrated during the day (these bottles can be refilled at lunch/break times).

On a different note, with the good weather, students quite rightly want to spend more time outside after school. Please can I ask for your help in reminding them about the importance of showing courtesy and respect to all users of the community spaces including footpaths and ensuring that the fantastic behaviour of the overwhelming majority is not tarnished by the poor behaviour of a handful.

Mary Davies



CALENDAR

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| 22 May | Year 9 M Progress Meeting |
| 24 May | Year 9 E Progress Meeting |
| 24 May | Wokingham District Sports |
| 28 May - 1 June | ** HALF TERM ** |
| 4 June | Students Return to School |
| 8 June | Year 9 Trip to Cologne - Business Studies |
| 9 - 14 June | GCSE Art Exhibition |
| 11-15 June | Year 12 Tirabad Trip - New Futures |
| 21 June | Year 12 Roche Court Trip - Art |
| 22 June | Non-Uniform Day |

Senior Girl and Boy

On Thursday 17 May we appointed our new Senior Girl and Senior Boy. With many appointable candidates it made this decision very difficult but we would like to congratulate Rebecca Simpson on becoming Senior Girl and Ben Cook our new Senior Boy.



Joint comment:

"After a challenging process we're ready to work hard and bring something new to the school community. In order to make the transition to Year 12 easier and continue to make Maiden Erleigh a positive place".

Rebecca and Ben will have the full support of their deputies, congratulations Halima Butt and Joseph Allchurch.



Year 11 Good Luck Day

On Friday 11 May Year 11 had their Good Luck Day, it was a great success, everyone really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see the students having some well deserved fun ahead of their exams.

All of Year 11 should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved so far and we would like to wish them....



Good Luck Year 11!



Year 9&10 Scientists!

Do you want to know more about the syllabus?

Do you want to know which revision guide to get?

Do you want to know which equations to learn?

If you don't know where to go for answers to these questions then try the GCSE Science page on the school website. It contains lots of interesting and useful information for you. We have included the link here.

<https://sites.google.com/maidenerleghschools.co.uk/maidenerleghtrust/gcse-support>

Year 10 Enterprise Day

Year 10 will be taking part in an Enterprise day on the Wednesday 18 July. We are looking for a guest speaker who has experience in Event Management or Event Planning. We would like you to speak to the year group about things to consider when planning an event and also be our chief judge helping to select the winning presentation from the day. If you are interested or able to help in any way please could you email Mr Crockford at:

office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk.

Trust Apprenticeship Parents Information Evening

As part of our continued campaign to raise the awareness of Apprenticeships as a viable destination route, we are very excited to report that over 80 parents attended our very first Apprenticeship Parents Information Evening on Wednesday 9 May. The evening involved a presentation by Kim Martin, the regional coordinator for Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge, and Kirsten Fox who is a current degree Apprentice at Microsoft.

Parents were provided with information regarding the ideas behind Apprenticeships, where they can take you and how much young people are likely to earn. Information regarding the advantages and disadvantages of this route, the Apprenticeships that are available in the local area and how to access further information to help make informed destination decisions was also covered. If you would like to access the presentation from this evening, it can be found using the following link:

<http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=515&type=pdf>.

We have an extensive careers, work experience and work-related learning website which can be found using the following link:

<http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Careers%2C+Work+Experience+and+Work+Related+Learning&pid=85>



Year 7 Tirabad Adventure

What a trip! The Year 7 April trip to Tirabad was a huge success. Mrs Bhadye and Mr Lawrence had never been before and were quickly thrown (quite literally!) into the mud and water of the Welsh countryside. We enjoyed gully scrambling, canoeing, orienteering, archery, building fires and of course the infamous 'Mud Factor' forest adventure walk to name a few of the activities on offer for us. The students demonstrated great resilience, behaviour and cooperation with each other, and were an absolute credit to us as a school.





Open Evening

Wednesday 4 July 2018
6pm to 8pm

**For parents and primary school pupils
(current Year 5) moving to secondary
school in September 2019**

The evening will be an opportunity to visit the school and meet and talk to staff and students. 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

Presentations in the Main School Hall at 6.00pm and 7.30pm

For regular updates please follow us on Twitter @MaidenErleghSch
or visit our website www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk

16-19 Study Programme – Work Experience Support App

As part of the 16-19 study programme, our expectation is that all Year 12 and 13 students complete 30 hours of work experience that is directly linked to students' chosen career aspirations. As part of this process, students source their own placement and complete it during the holidays. This helps students to become familiar with interacting with employers and developing crucial employability skills including the interview process, completing application forms and CVs and experiencing a professional work environment first hand. Employers are increasingly asking that young people have experienced a relevant placement to complement their academic studies.



As part of our support in helping students to find suitable placements, we would like to signpost an app called WorkFinder. This can be downloaded onto smart devices and allows students to search for work experience opportunities in the local area and beyond. Among a number of similar apps available, this is a fantastic resource to discover exciting career opportunities and explore the working world by providing hundreds of work experience opportunities with great companies ranging from Aviation to Human Resources to Physics. For more

information, please visit the following link:

<https://www.workfinder.com/>

WorkFinder is provided by Founders4Schools, an independent organisation which is not affiliated to the school.



Physical Education Summer Term Extra-Curricular Timetable 2018

| | Before School | Boys After School | Girls After School | Mixed After School |
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| Mon | Strength & Conditioning (Mr Pringle) – 8.00am | Yr8 Rugby (Mr Pringle) Yr9/10 Cricket (Mr Mackie & Mr Crockford) | Yr7/8 Tennis (Miss Allwright) | Multi-skills Club (Invite only) Nerf / Ultimate Frisbee (Mr Bryant) |
| Tue | | Yr7 Cricket (Mr Bryant & Mr Watson) | Yr9 Rounders (Miss Chapman) Yr10 Rounders (Miss Young) | Yr9/10 Tennis (Mr Flynn) |
| Wed | Fitness Club (Mr Pringle) – 8.00am | | | All years Athletics (All staff) |
| Thu | | Yr8 Cricket (Mr Pringle & Mr Bishop) | Yr7 Rounders (Miss Allwright) Yr8 Rounders (Mrs Whiteman) Yr11 & Senior Rounders (Miss Grindey) | All years Volleyball (Mr Mackie) |
| Fri | | Yr7/8 Tennis (Mr Watson) | All years Netball shooting clinic All years Cricket (Mr Bishop) | All years yBall (Mr Pringle) – Field All years American Football (Mr Hedges) – Astro |

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



CANCER RESEARCH UK

Congratulations to the amazing Silver Programme Tenner Challenge teams for raising £395!!
The students have decided to donate this amount to Cancer Research UK.
Great work, well done!



Volunteer for NYAS

- Do you want to make a difference to a young person's life?
- Do you have 1-4 hours per month to spare?

We urgently require more volunteers, so why not volunteer as a mentor/befriender for NYAS as an Independent Visitor for children and young people in care.

As a volunteer you will:

- Have fun, take young people on outings and maybe share a hobby, sport or interest
- Offer support and a listening ear and be a positive influence in a young person's life and help build self-esteem and confidence

You don't need any special qualifications

We are looking for reliable and dependable people from all walks of life

We will provide training and on-going support. We will pay expenses to a set limit.

If you would like to apply, please visit our website www.nyas.net or for more information, please email helen.caddock@nyas.net

You can also find out more in the following places:



<https://youtu.be/u6WfmdKkAY>



www.facebook.com/NYAS.YP



www.nyas.net

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

Summer Term

Mon 16 Apr-Fri 25 May

****Half Term****

Mon 4 June - Tue 24 July

Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -

Thur 3 May

Thur 5 July

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

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