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From the Headteacher



A very belated Happy New Year to you all. We have had a tremendous start to the term with lots of things going on already. Year 10 Geographers braved the weather for their field trips last week and Year 7 went outward bound in Tirabad. I would like to also congratulate our Year 10s who

triumphed at the Southern Science and Technology Challenge Final at Queen Mary University. We also have a music trip planned for next week and our Year 12 physics trip to visit CERN leaves this weekend. All of this is on top of the regular PE clubs and fixtures and performing arts groups, and other clubs going on after school. I must thank my colleagues for their commitment to providing such a varied enrichment programme.

This term is a very important term for Year 8 who, apart from taking their assessments, are about to select their options. There is lots of support for them through the pastoral team, including the careers fair on 7 February, our Year 8 Options Evening and then the Year Parents' evening. If you still have specific questions thereafter, Mr Thomas and Mrs Bendall will offer "options surgeries" to talk them through. I would like to praise Year 11 and Year 13 who are working so hard in preparing for their examinations. The pastoral teams are there to support if necessary and I urge students to speak to their tutors if they are worried or concerned.

Our annual programme of careers seminars for Year 11 to 13 is underway and this includes presentations from a range of employers. These provide a very useful insight into different careers but also different pathways into those careers (e.g.: apprenticeships v degree).

Finally, I'd like to make a bit of an appeal. We are keen to try and introduce some more social activities and also, at the same time, boost our fundraising. As you may be aware, we had to cancel our quiz night due to a lack of interest. I know that the Parents' Association would be keen to hear from any parents who are able to help organise similar events or who have any ideas for raising money for the school whilst having a bit of fun. If you would like to get involved or make a donation please go to the Parents' Association page on the website: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/parent-information-3/maidenerlegh-school-parents-association>.

CALENDAR

22-24 Jan	Physics Trip - CERN
26 Jan	Kidzania Careers Trip
25&27 Jan 1&3 Feb 8&10 Feb	Dry slope skiing Bracknell after school
23 Jan – 6 Feb	Careers Seminars
25 Jan	Y12 Parents Evening
31 Jan	Y7 M Parents Evening
2 Feb	Y7 E Parents Evening
2 Feb	The Curious Incident of the dog production
6 Feb	Y8 Art Exhibition
7 Feb	Y8+ Careers Fair 7pm-9pm

Christmas Jumper Day Success

On Friday 16 December, the staff and students of Maiden Erlegh School donned our winter knits and festive jumpers to take part in the national Christmas Jumper Day organised by the charity 'Save the Children.' We raised a fantastic **£729.42!** This will make a massive difference to the lives of children all around the world who are living in poverty.



Your donation will really make a difference between life and death. Just £1 pays for nine sachets of oral rehydration treatment for children suffering from life threatening illness. £95 pays for a midwife's training to help ensure babies are delivered safely in the poorest parts of the world. 'Save the Children' helps children in over 120 countries and by getting involved in this event, our school is helping

improve the lives of children who are less fortunate than ourselves. A massive *thank you* to everyone who supported the event and donated.



Science Fair 2017



It is that time of the year to look forward to the Science

fair of 2017. We are delighted to have received lots of applications prior to the Christmas holidays. We will carefully scrutinise the applications and let our shortlisted candidates know by the end of January so that they could start their preparations.

All information regarding the Science fair is available in the Google classroom. It's an opportunity where students can present their project results in the form of reports, display boards, models, etc. Their work will be judged and awards will be given out on Tuesday 14 March on the basis of their scientific skills. For any further queries please contact Mrs Bhattacharjee and Dr Hinitt from the Science Department.

Careers Fair and Seminars

We are pleased to invite you to the School's Annual Careers Fair to be held in the L and G Blocks on Tuesday 7 February 2017 between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Please [Click here](#) to view further details.

We are also pleased to confirm that we will be running some careers seminars in January and February. These seminars are available for students in Year 9 through to Year 13 to sign up. Please see further details on our website: [Careers Seminars Information](#).

The Interact Club



The Interact club (youth Rotary) raised £350 in the run up to Christmas in collaboration with the local Wyevale Garden Centre and the Rotary Club. The money will be donated to the Alexander Devine Hospice. They are supporting this charity for this academic year and are currently planning a Swim the Channel Challenge to continue to raise money.

Foundation Stage Pizza Party

The foundation stage had a great pizza party recently for all those that are making a brilliant effort in their lessons, next up is our film party. We would like to celebrate lots of success both inside and outside of school. Please email Mrs Bendall (Year 8) or Miss Nimmo (Year 7) if your child has done anything that is worth celebrating on our wonderwall.



Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip

'The Children' at the Royal Court Theatre, London, Thurs 12 January. The rain may have been pouring but the spirits of our Year 12 and 13 students were not dampened on Thursday 12 January when they visited the world renowned Royal Court Theatre, the home of new writing, to see Lucy Kirkwood's post-apocalyptic triumph 'The Children'. This trip however, was no jolly. Students are now embarking on the task of analysing and evaluating the way in which the performers played their roles and the way in which designers and directors achieved their artistic aims in order to write an essay response on a Live Theatre Production for their A Level examination.

National Art Competition Finalist

Ria Mistry 10M3 has been selected as a finalist in a specialist's arts and crafts national art competition. She created a lively and interesting mixed media piece entitled "Pinecones". Ria is now fortunate to take part in a day's artist's workshop with her art teacher and Jenny Muncaster (a leading specialist in working with mixed media art materials).



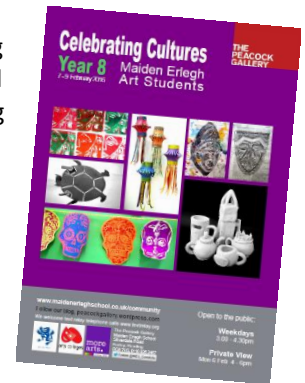
Ria also receives a collection of artist's materials to continue creating her own interesting work with. We keep our fingers crossed to see whether Ria wins the competition. The winner will be notified on the workshop day.

Celebrating Cultures

Year 8 Art and Design students have been working hard to create interesting and dynamic work for an exhibition in the Peacock Gallery (The gallery inside the Art department). Please come along and celebrate with us the wonderful achievements of Year 8 artists this year.

Private view; Monday 6 February 4-6pm and in the gallery until 2.20pm- 4pm on Friday 9 February.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Geography

Y11 OCR Geography Controlled Assessment Deadline - The final deadline for controlled assessment for Y11 OCR Geographers is your first geography lesson in the W/c 20 February.

Geographer of the Half Term (Autumn Term 2)

Congratulations to the following geographers who have been recognised as the Geographer's of the Half Term for their effort and commitment in lessons.

Yr7 = Sean Barker, Edward Marsden and Jocelyn Doughty

Yr8 = Daniel Feist and Hannah Schmeer

Yr9 = Hayden Evans and Amy Thomas

Yr10 = Owen Bell, Vicky Kucia and Maariya Chaudhary

Yr11 = Sam Martin, Isabella Brown and Imogen Ludlow

Y12 = Tom Jackman, Emily Chan and Callie Mulligan

Y13 = Jason Thrower and Naomi Lowes

BBC News School Report

Here at Maiden Erleigh School, we are delighted to be part of this year's [BBC News School Report](#). This award-winning project is now in its 11th year at the BBC and gives 11-16-year-old students the opportunity to become journalists, making real news reports for a real, worldwide audience.

We will shortly be posting onto our webpage some of the students' reports, please [click here](#) for further information.

Literacy Focus



A preposition is a word that shows position or direction or introduces a prepositional phrase. Example prepositions: across, in, under, around, beneath.

Example: I went around the edge of the lake.

Answer: around

Have a go!

1. We walked up the stairs.
2. My mum took a walk around the block.
3. I looked under my bed.
4. My friend jumped over the bushes.
5. The pen fell between our desks.
6. I walked to the store.
7. We walked aboard the ship.
8. She walked towards the teacher.

Articulation

A public speaking competition for Year 13 Artists

Two of our Year 13 Fine Art students Ellen Willis and Aisha Al-Obaidi have entered into "Articulation", a nationally acclaimed public speaking initiative designed to promote the appreciation and discussion of Art.

They have prepared a 10 minute presentation to deliver to an audience about a work of art, artefact or piece of architecture of their choice.

The internal heat of this competition is to be held in the Art Department here at Maiden Erlegh School on Monday 30 January at 3.00pm. One of the students will go through to the Regional Heat at The New Art Centre at Roche Court Sculpture Park and gallery near Salisbury, Wiltshire on Tuesday 7 March. The final of this prestigious competition will be held at Clare College Cambridge on Friday 10 March 2017.

We wish good luck to both Ellen and Aisha in their endeavours.

PE Department

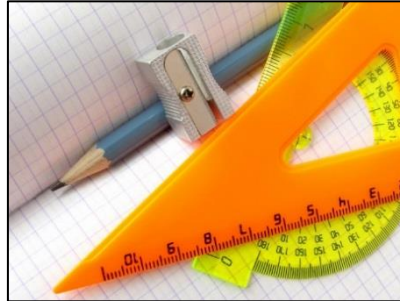
Link to our Sports Bulletin can be found [HERE](#)



Numeracy Focus

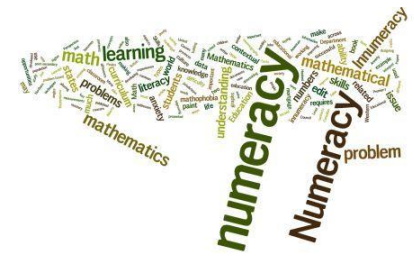
What is numeracy?

Numeracy is a fundamental life skill which includes essential abilities such as solving problems, understanding and explaining the solutions, making decisions based on logical thinking and reasoning, and interpreting data, charts and diagrams.



Why is numeracy important?

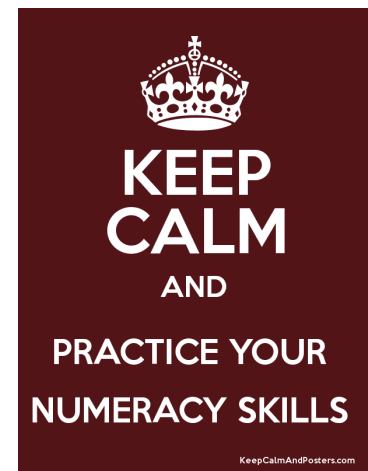
We all need maths, not just for school, but for everyday life, work, and opportunities – 'good numeracy is the best protection against unemployment, low wages and poor health' (Andreas Schleicher, OECD, 2013).



What can you do to help?

Talk to your child about numeracy and be positive about it.

Highlight elements of numeracy in everyday life e.g. whilst shopping, compare products to work out best values for money; how many litres of petrol/diesel can I buy for £20?



Year 11 Revision Corridor

After February half term we will be launching the Year 11 Revision Corridor. This will start on Friday 24 February from 2:20-3:20 and will run every Friday afternoon up until the start of the examination programme in May.

It is a one hour weekly revision drop in area for Year 11 students. It will take place on the H corridor where there will be rooms available to complete silent, independent revision, and rooms to complete group revision. There will also be a weekly 30 minute revision session delivered by a member of staff. Some of these will be open to all students and others will be tailored to individuals or groups and so will be on an invitation only basis.

There will be a number of resources available for students to use including textbooks and revision guides. Students will be allowed to use their mobile phones to access revision materials (revision websites, past papers, etc.), and to listen to music with headphones if they find this useful.

I would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to attend the Revision Corridor and begin their preparation for the summer examinations early.

More details to follow. Miss Pedder.

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National Citizen Service (NCS)

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once-in-a life time opportunity for students in year 11 and 12. It takes place after exams in the summer holidays and during Autumn half term. NCS is a great chance to meet new people, develop new skills and boost your CV or UCAS application. You'll take part in challenging outdoor activities, engage with your local community and create your own social action campaign.

Each NCS place is valued at over £1,000 but, you will only be asked for a maximum of £50 to take part. Last year, 68 students took part from Maiden Erlegh, and we would encourage everyone to consider taking part this year. Look out for NCS representatives at school in the coming weeks. Can't wait? Sign up online at ncsthechallenge.org



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