



7 January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Trust Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening – Wednesday 12 February 2020

I am writing to invite you to a Trust Apprenticeship Parent Information Evening specifically designed for parents of students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. The evening will provide information to help you become equipped with the knowledge to confidently discuss the different destination options available to young people, either post-16 or post-18. We are inviting parents to attend across our three Trust secondary schools - Maiden Erlegh School, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading and Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

As you will be aware, the apprenticeship route is becoming increasingly popular and we are fortunate to have a representative from the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Company (ASK) to provide relevant information about apprenticeships so that young people are able to make informed decisions about their future.

Research from Careermap suggests that by looking at potential apprenticeship vacancies, young people can get the best of both worlds. Working in a hands-on environment as an apprentice will help them to become more employable as they will leave with the skills demanded in a competitive job market. The biggest draw for many is the fact that students earn while they learn, but also experience what full-time employment is like and receive a qualification at the same time.

During the parent information evening, you will be provided with information regarding the ideas behind apprenticeships, where they can take young people and how much they are likely to earn. The representative from ASK will also provide 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.

The evening will take place on **Wednesday 12 February 2020** from **7pm to 8pm** at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Earley, RG6 7HS, in the main hall. If you would like to attend, could we please ask for the reply slip below to be completed and returned by **Wednesday 29 January 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact me via the school office office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Buck
Assistant Headteacher
Trust Lead for Careers and Destinations

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Please return to Reception by Wednesday 29 January 2020

School: _____

Student name: _____

Tutor group: _____

I/We acknowledge receipt of Mr Buck's letter and I/we confirm that we will be attending the Apprenticeship Information Evening.

We require seats.

Signed: _____

Date: _____