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Across the Trust

Ofsted visited Maiden Erlegh School just before lockdown and judged the school to be outstanding in all areas. The school was also part of Reading University's involvement the Ofsted Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Inspection Pilot and the feedback received was very positive.

Teaching School word and wider education sector leadership: we have now recruited over 40 Specialist Leaders in Education to our Teaching School. They, alongside our two National Leaders of Education, will work on school-to-school improvement and professional development. The Trust also has four Fellows

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GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

- ⇒ Year 1 children in school have been taking part in an inter-pod Keep Fit challenge, taking part in events including the plank, burpees and the wall sit!
- ⇒ Weekly Virtual School Sports Challenges since lockdown started with certificates for those with the best times and scores.
- ⇒ Students created an information video highlighting how things have changed when returning to school—[YouTube link](#)
- ⇒ Children in school have helped teachers with some gardening and tidying up around our wildlife area to help create a relaxing outdoor learning space. They reused some of the branches and sticks to create some insect houses.
- ⇒ Continued working alongside Clare and Dennis the dog at Canine Assisted Learning to provide additional support for some of our students. Dennis has been in touch with children via Skype on weekly calls.

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Maiden Erlegh Schools latest news...

Maiden Erlegh School

- ⇒ The school has earned some national awards, not least the SSAT awards for academic performance but also the Silver All Together Award for its anti-bullying programme and the Stonewall Award.
- ⇒ The school is also a Careers Hub and, in the middle of lockdown, launched its newsletter for students and parents: Spotlight.
- ⇒ Sports competitions against local schools.
- ⇒ Virtual Sports week and Virtual Sports Personality Awards (13-17 July)
- ⇒ Over £2k raised for Cancer Research
- ⇒ Lots of fitness challenges and a virtual fitness class with Mr Flynn.
- ⇒ 8 MES artists participated in the Southern Final of Articulation at the Ashmolean Museum Oxford, adjudicated by Andrea Rose OBE is the Director of Visual Arts.

This is a national public speaking competition where students discuss and debate a piece of Artwork. Jenna Hutchings (Y13) reached the Southern Final speaking about Paula Rego's work "The Betrothal" a complex painting triptych. Furthermore, the art team were also successful in the KS3 category of a new competition run by Reading University and Cancer Research, this year on the theme of "My Reading" (see below). Well done to all the entrants in both competitions.



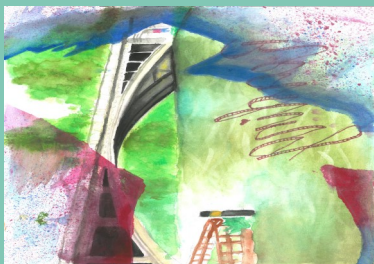
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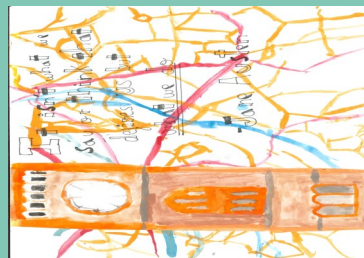
Neha K in Year 8 gained 1st Place



The judges thought;

That this was a very sophisticated piece. We enjoyed your use of paint. You managed to combine landscape painting and the exploration of a more graphic composition really well and showed us alternative sides to Reading. The work contrasts the manmade bridge with the natural environment and the peace to be found around the river.

Natalia H in Year 8 gained 2nd Place



The judges thought;

That Natalia's work was really different, it features a great Jane Austen quote (who also went to school in Reading). The work was well designed and "A thoughtful piece". They enjoyed the stylization of the orange road that bleeds into the tower and were intrigued by the clock with no hands.

The Performing Arts team has also been active before and during lockdown. Y7 students have made their own instruments and Y8 using household objects to create Samba music (watch the video on Twitter). Y8 drama students have also created a group video based on the poem 'The Great Realisation' by Tom Foolery.

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Latest news at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge and Hamilton School...

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MAIDEN ERLEGH CHILTERN EDGE

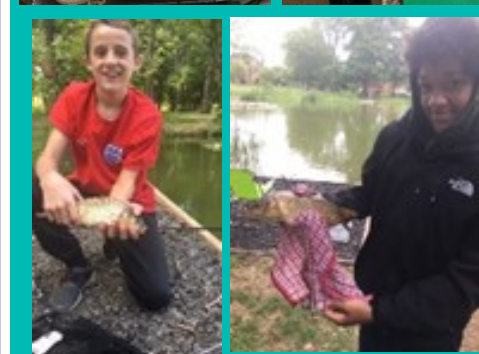
- ⇒ There was a great 4-1 victory in our first virtual fixture versus Highdown School. The 'small school big heart' ethos drove us to victory with a very high turnout for each of the 5 days, allowing us to overcome our size.
- ⇒ Virtual Sports Week 13-17 July.
- ⇒ Science celebrated Earth Day and offered an Astronomy online lecture. This was followed closely by a live anthropology lecture.
- ⇒ Digital Design Exhibition .
- ⇒ The school has been working with the local community in ensuring food has been delivered to some of our most vulnerable local residents. We have also worked with the local health centres sharing PPE equipment.
- ⇒ Our Y11 Rugby Team was nominated for Oxfordshire Youth Award in the team of the year category.
- ⇒ Over 15 performances have been recorded for our virtual Edgefest to take place in late July replacing our usual live event.

Please visit maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk for more information.

HAMILTON SCHOOL

- ⇒ Students at Hamilton School have been extremely active:
- ⇒ Engagement with work, online and in school, has been exceptional.
- ⇒ The poem I wrote about previously has been set to music in the form of a rap.
- ⇒ The students have been making amazing efforts not only participating fully in Food Technology lessons, but also being responsible for catering for the rest of those attending. Their enthusiasm and willingness to try new foods and recipes has truly been wonderful. Cooking for each other, serving each other and sharing meals together – you can't get more of a community feel than that.
- ⇒ From September, the students will be able to study for a BTEC level 1 in construction and a fully kitted out van will be coming on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to offer plumbing, tiling, brick laying and carpentry. Last week, they had a taster session, working with copper piping.
- ⇒ 11 students have been going fishing every week – great for social skills, patience and animal care.
- ⇒ On 16 July, students and staff will be going sailing – health and fitness on the water at Burghfield Sailing Club.

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Latest news at Maiden Erlegh in Reading...

MAIDEN ERLEGH READING

- ⇒ The school has been awarded the Gold "Centre of Innovation Award" as a result of their performance in the Teentech STEAM competition. The winning design, by Shaasatha R, is a charity mug for the Covid 19 urgent appeal.
- ⇒ Virtual Sports Week took place between 3 and 10 July.
- ⇒ Students have been spirited by Reading University and the Museum of English Rural Life to produce a virtual tour of the school.
- ⇒ Senior student leadership team was elected with Ayusha and Wasim taking their posts as Head Students.
- ⇒ The Eco Committee has worked alongside RISC Reading on a school garden project.

French students took part in the 'One letter, one smile' project during the lock down. The idea came from young people in French speaking countries to help lift the spirits of elderly residents in care homes. A group of Y9 students wrote a letter which was sent to care homes abroad.

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This award recognises the school as a centre of innovation and creativity and follows the team from the school reaching the Teentech finals.



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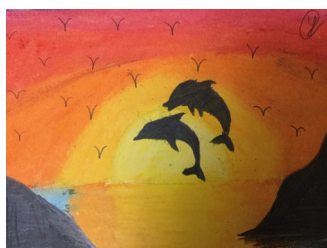
Virtual Tour
of Maiden
Erlegh
School in
Reading

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ART

This academic year has been a busy one in the Arts faculty (Art, Drama & Music) at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading this year. In October, we submitted an Artsmark "Statement of Impact" and were subsequently awarded "Working Towards Artsmark" status, a process that should take two years of development of the Arts. As a result of this, the faculty has been working with external agencies to develop the arts. One example of this has been a *Soundscape* project in collaboration with the University of Reading, where selected year 9 students spent a week creating a sound performance using sounds sampled from the local area and organised to tell a story. The school music concert in December was developed into an Arts Gallery, showcasing a combination of Art, Drama, Music; a concept we intend to develop post-COVID. During lockdown, the school has run fortnightly Arts competitions and have had a large range of submissions of art, drama, soundscapes, music and photography.



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