



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 12 Programme of Study – Spring Half Term 1**

We hope that you and your family are keeping well during lockdown and that your child is adapting to the changes that remote learning has brought.

While school life is certainly very different at the moment we have been working hard to offer students a Sixth Form experience that is as close to normal as possible.

### UCAS

Mr Gomm, our UCAS lead, delivered an assembly outlining the UCAS process, for those interested in going to university. This included guidance on aspects such as: researching universities and courses, things to consider, having realistic expectations regarding UCAS grades, top tips and planning open day visits (virtual or real). This assembly was recorded and has been shared with students via their Y12 Information Google Classroom. Students are welcome to email Mr Gomm with any questions they may have, or simply to seek some UCAS guidance ([m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org))

### Apprenticeships

As part of the Trust Virtual Apprenticeship Parents Information Evening, which took place last week, some really useful video links have been put together, and shared with students, likewise via the Y12 Information Google Classroom.

An Introduction to Apprenticeships for Students:

<https://youtu.be/eiHxGLAF--g>

A Guide to Searching for Apprenticeships for Students:

<https://youtu.be/mN-eUEkizzq>

A wide range of apprenticeship videos produced by the Young Apprenticeship Ambassador's Network (YAAN):

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/yaan/ambassadors/> A range of current apprentices sharing their experiences regarding life at Thales:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm3ZqG5\\_yXU\\_NCgokS5y8jg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm3ZqG5_yXU_NCgokS5y8jg)

### Student Voice

The student voice remains active and students continue to be encouraged to share their views and ideas with us. Miss Cheshire will be meeting virtually with the Tutor Ambassadors, this half term, to discuss the Sixth Form dress code and any other issues that they wish to raise at this time.

## Bursary

A reminder that students who receive a bursary are still able to make purchase requests to support their learning. They need just contact to [s.macro@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:s.macro@maidenerleghtrust.org) with their requests.

## Start U-Explore, Careers Programme

Each Monday we continue to set students Start assignments designed to support them in understanding their post 18 options, while providing them with the tools to make informed decisions about a future career path. It is important that students who have already decided on a career path do not lose sight of that goal, during the pandemic. It is just as important for those who are yet to decide, to still be given the chance to formulate a career goal.

## PSMSC Pastoral Programme

In Friday morning tutor sessions students have been continuing to focus on the topic of 'Rights and responsibilities in the work place'. From next week we move on to our 'British Values' unit, recapping what these are and covering topics such as, celebrating diversity, radicalisation and extremism.

An overview of the Start and PSMSC scheme of work for this half term can be found here:

[Start Programme Spring 2021](#)

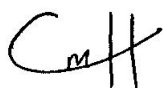
## Support for students

We have been active in reminding students that we are still here to support them. If students are struggling with online learning, their mental health or anything else that is worrying them, they must not suffer in silence. We have encouraged students to contact us via [MEYear12@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:MEYear12@maidenerleghtrust.org) and we will do what we can to support them through these challenging times. If you have any concerns about your child or any information that you feel would be useful for us to be made aware of, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The following websites may also be useful if you feel your child needs some additional support:

- Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk>
- Child Mind: <https://childmind.org>
- Kooth: <http://kooth.com> (free, confidential, anonymous and safe way to receive support online-no referral required. Young people can register for kooth independently).

Yours sincerely



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