



22 March 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 – Destinations Workshops – Monday 26 April to Friday 30 April 2021

I am writing to inform you that we will be offering each student in Year 12 the opportunity to participate in a group destinations workshop in preparation for life post-18.

Workshops will commence on Monday 26 April until Friday 30 April, with each session lasting one hour and with no more than 10 students in each group. These sessions will be delivered by a Level 6 qualified careers adviser from Adviza. Students will be asked to choose an appropriate pathway by completing an online response form no later than Friday 26 March. We will then ask them to sign up to attend the workshop during one of their free periods by completing a second online response form. This will need to be completed no later than Wednesday 31 March. Links to the online response forms will be shared with students in due course.

Students will be asked to sign up to the appropriate workshop that best describes their intended destination. Further details of each workshop are provided below. Each workshop has been designed to support, guide and equip students with relevant information so that they can choose the right pathway after they leave Maiden Erlegh School. In addition, each workshop will provide students with a brief outline of interview and employability skills, the importance of differentiating themselves and a Q&A session.

Workshop 1 - for students who currently think that university is the right destination for them. This will include choosing the 'right' university and the 'right' course, student finance and accommodation, and writing personal statements that stand out.

Workshop 2 - for students who currently think that the apprenticeship route is the right destination for them. This will include the different levels of apprenticeship, how to seek apprenticeship opportunities, the recruitment process and assessment centres, and writing applications that stand out.

Workshop 3 – for students who currently think that the gap year and/or employment route is the right destination for them. This will explore how to spend a meaningful gap year and potential ideas to help to develop a comprehensive CV. Students will also cover the recruitment process and assessment centres, and writing applications that stand out.

Workshop 4 – for students who are currently unsure of their next steps. This will include an overview of all of the different options available to young people after Year 13 and what they can do to help them to decide upon the right destination. The session will provide students with the merits and drawbacks of university, apprenticeships, gap years and employment.

To support these workshops, we would actively encourage students to refer to the Start u-explore careers software to help support them with making these decisions. Details can be found on the parent letter that was sent earlier this year and can be accessed [here](#).

We understand that these are early days and that decisions may change over the next 18 months or so but we would like students to start to consider the different options available to them, so that they can begin to formulate a plan.

In light of recent lockdowns, home learning and a significantly 'different' business world, we highly recommend that students take full advantage of the workshops. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to sign up the most appropriate pathway so that they are able to get the most out of the support and advice available and to ensure that they remain fully informed as they approach Year 13.

If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Buck', written in a cursive style.

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