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## From the Headteacher

What a busy and rewarding term it has been! We were finally able to welcome our students back through the gates and get them back into classrooms. I am so pleased to see how happy students are to be back. I have been amazed with their resilience and determination to be fully immersed in #TeamMaidenErlegh life. I want to reiterate my point about how proud of the students I am – they are not the ‘lost generation’ they are AMAZING!

This half term we have managed to carry out over 5,000 lateral flow tests, which is no easy feat. Thank you so much to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that this was possible. I would also like to thank our parents who have been overwhelmingly supportive of this.

It was also great to meet with Year 11 and Year 13 parents at our Information Evening on Wednesday. Lots of great questions were asked, and I hope that we helped to ease any concerns you have as your children face a critical time during their education. As always we are here for them no matter what. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

This month we received All Together School Gold Status which acknowledges our work to proactively tackle bullying. We continuously work towards ensuring school is a safe place for our students. We recognise that ‘Better Never Stops’ and will not be complacent, but will continue to tackle this important issue head on.

I sincerely hope that our students manage to relax over the Easter break. They have worked so hard, and I am proud of each and every one of them.

Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher

## CALENDAR

1 April	Students Finish for Easter Break
2 - 16 April	Easter Break
19 April	Students Return to School
18 May	Year 7 M Virtual Progress Meetings
20 May	Year 7 E Virtual Progress Meetings
28 May	Students Finish for Half Term
7 June	Students Return to School

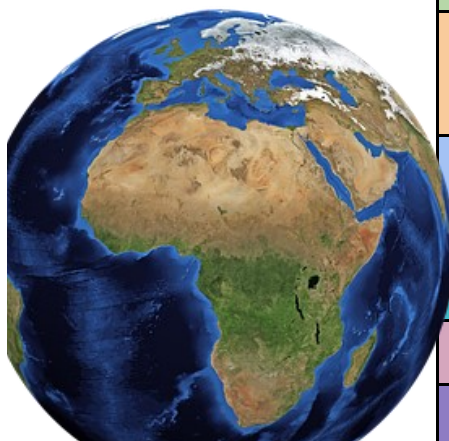


## All Together School Gold Status

In recognition of the work the school has been doing this year to proactively tackle bullying, reducing incidences of it and support vulnerable groups of students in school, we have been awarded **All Together School Gold Status**.

## Geographer of the Half Term

We have been really impressed with all the students and their efforts this half term and look forward to continued success after Easter. Congratulations to all the students awarded Geographer of the Half Term for Spring Term 2.



Spring Term 2	Nomination
Year 7	Dylan S Evan R Harry G Nolan C
Year 8	Aisha S Billy B-S Francesca J Harris T
Year 9	Artemis K Isabel G Safi Z Sheena B
Year 10	Jonah G Mariam B Natalia H Vinuja G
Year 11	Owen H Thomas G
Year 12	Mohammed R Zach T
Year 13	Emily G Sara C

WILDE

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# House News

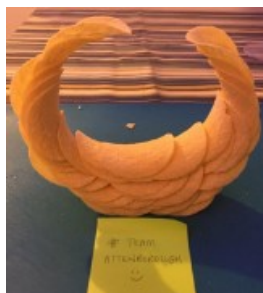
What a term it has been! We're continually proud of the efforts of #TeamMaidenErlegh and working hard for those valued all important points.

## House Pringles Challenge

We ran a STEM House competition over February Half term to build a ring out of Pringles (more difficult than you might think!).

We had some truly magnificent entries – some really great engineering! It's only a shame I can't share pics of all of them.

Well done to all the students who took part, and have gained up to 5 House Points for their teams. Yousafzai were the House with the most entries and a special mention has to go to Nikita in Roddick for his ingenious, multiple designs.



## Is Banksy #Team Wilde?



Street artist Banksy has confirmed he was behind the artwork that appeared on the wall of Reading Prison.

The picture shows a prisoner - possibly resembling famous inmate Oscar Wilde - escaping on a rope made of bedsheets tied to a typewriter.

It comes as campaigners lobby for the former jail to be turned into an arts hub rather than being sold for housing due to its historical significance.

## World Book Day Competition Winner

Thank you for all of the wonderful entries to the World Book Day, redesign a front cover competition. There were some really fantastic entries and you will all receive 2 house points for entering. The winner, who will receive 10 house points, is Chatulya A (Yr9) for an amazing 'Dracula' front cover! Well done!



## SCORES ON THE DOORS

*Final scores at the end of this term are..*

**1<sup>st</sup> Team Bolt- 8055**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team Wilde- 7937**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Team Roddick- 7844**

**4<sup>th</sup> Team Curie – 7590**

**5<sup>th</sup> Team Yousafzai- 7384**

**6<sup>th</sup> Team Attenborough – 6979**

**Congratulations to everyone who has earned house points this half term!**





# Work of Art

## Artist of the Month - February

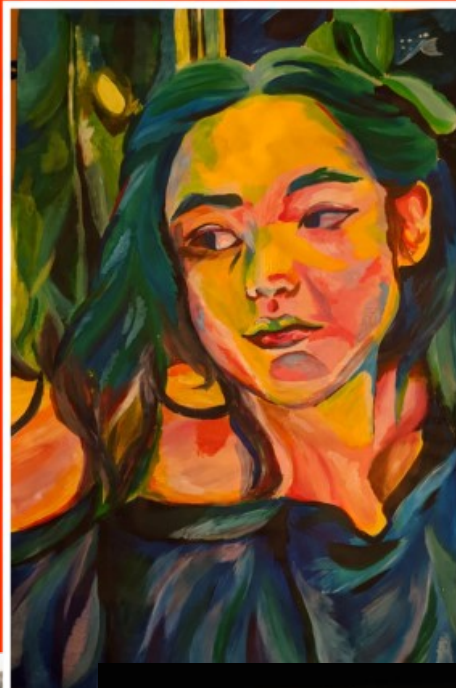
Congratulations to Corey A (Yr7), Sophia N (Yr7), Devon G (Yr8), Jevesh M (Yr8), Syeda N (Yr8), Zahra H (Yr8), Alex P (10E5), Khalil H (10E5), Prithvi P (10E5), Sharon L-M (10E5), Ryan M (10E5), Grace E (Yr13) and Ploi S (Yr13) for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for February.



Corey A



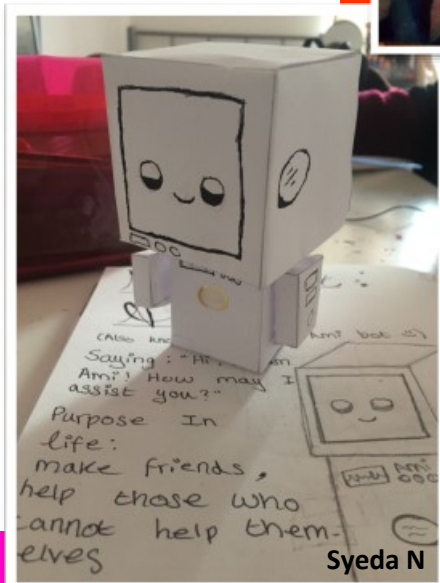
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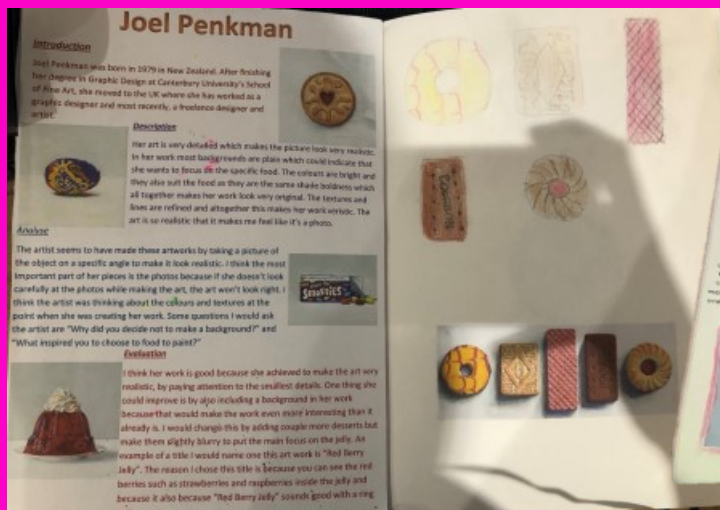
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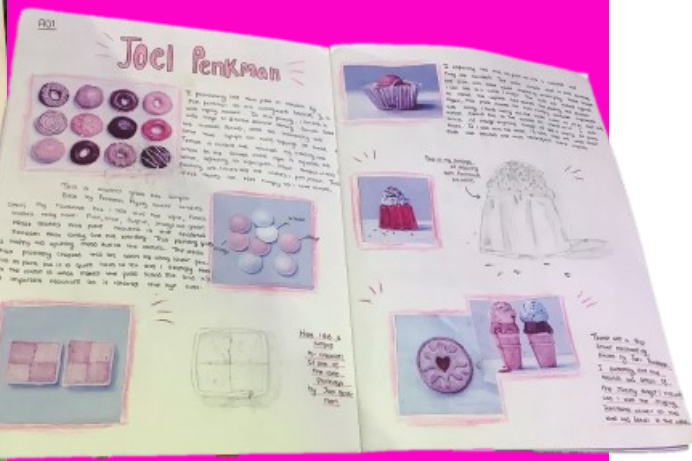
Syeda N



Ploi S



Jevesh M



Zahra H

## Work of Art

Artist of the Month Cont.



Alex P, Khalil H, Prithvi P, Sharon L-M, Ryan M



# Careers, Work Experience, Work Related Learning and STEAM Provision

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to share with you some of the activities that have been going on as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School:

## Trust Careers Newsletter – Spotlight

We are extremely proud of Spotlight, our careers newsletter which is shared across our different Trust schools and published on a half termly basis. This is designed to provide students with careers-related information, resources, and opportunities, as well as offering tips to parents and carers about how they can best support their child in planning for their next steps. Our previous editions can be found using the link below. Watch out for our next edition!

Click here to  
view the latest  
edition of  
**SPOTLIGHT**

## Trust Start u-explore Careers Software

This software package is a fantastic opportunity to explore the many different options available to young people including:

- Up-to-date information from a variety of trusted sources.
- Careers guidance for students in Years 7 to 13.
- Support and guidance through key moments of choice and transition from education to employment.
- Comprehensive information on careers and employability skills
- Local labour market information.
- Support with writing job applications, CVs, assessment centres and the recruitment process.

The website can be accessed via: <https://login.startprofile.com/Login.aspx>

Your child will have been set specific careers modules to complete from this careers software, relevant to their age and transition point.

## Year 12 and 13 Virtual Work Experience Placements

Our expectation is that students complete 30 hours of work experience that is directly related to their chosen career path in either Year 12 or 13. A large majority of students have been taking advantage of the huge number of virtual work experience placements that are currently being offered in place of the normal face-to-face experience. We would recommend that students continue to apply for these virtual placements as we know that universities and apprenticeship providers are increasingly expecting students to have gained first-hand exposure of the workplace, either physically or remotely and this will provide students with concrete examples to make reference to in future personal statements and job applications. Placements are currently on offer from a wide variety of organisations including Spotify, Ofcom, KPMG, Law firms, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, JP Morgan, British Airways, Construction firms, Teaching, Journalism and many others. We post all of these opportunities and more on the year group google classroom pages.



## Thames Water Volunteers Inspire Earley Students

A group of Thames Water volunteers have helped students at Maiden Erlegh School to prepare for their future careers and the world of work.

[Click here](#) to view the press release.

## #Careers Week 4 – Celebrating female Covid-19 heroes linked to the different subjects that students study, to tie in with Women's History Month

During the week commencing 22-26 March, we celebrated #Careers Week 4. The focus of the week was to celebrate female Covid-19 heroes linked to the different subjects that students study, but also to tie in with Women's History Month. Students were shown engaging resources and video clips so that they are fully informed and empowered to make their own careers decisions, but also highlighting how the labour market has helped during the Corona virus pandemic.

## Year 12 'Next Steps' Workshops

During the week commencing Monday 26 April, Year 12 students will be asked to sign up to an appropriate workshop that best describes their likely intended destination post-18. This will help to support, guide and equip them with relevant information so that they can choose the right pathway when they leave Maiden Erlegh School. In addition, each workshop will provide students with a brief outline of interview and employability skills and the importance of differentiating themselves and a Q&A session. The workshops will include university, apprenticeship, gap year, employment or advice for those who currently unsure of their next steps

## Year 13 Destinations Workshops

In February and March we have offered Year 13 students the opportunity to participate in a series of 3 interactive virtual sessions led by Pathway CTM. Whilst the sessions are open to all students in Year 13, they are specifically aimed at those who wish to embark on the apprenticeship, employment or gap year route when they leave us at the end of the academic year. On Friday 26 March, students participated in the final session: mastering the 1-1 interview – phone, online and face-to-face.

## A-Z of Careers for March

Earlier in the term we celebrated National Careers Week and Creative Careers Week 2021. Students have also encountered a new career each day during the month of March through our A-Z of Careers! This initiative aimed to raise awareness of the vast range of career opportunities and industries which students may not be aware of. The student bulletins featured a brief summary of each career and a link to further information about the career itself and pathways students can follow into related industries.

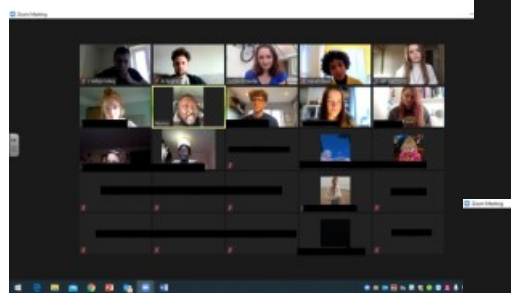
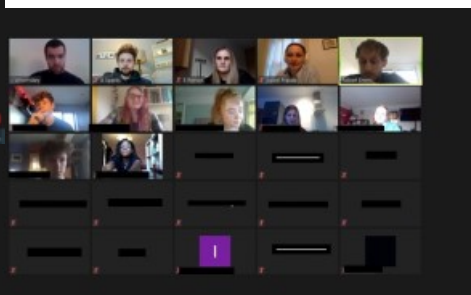
## Forthcoming Events

Year 12 'next steps' workshops – w/c Mon 26 April ● #Careers Week 5 – w/c Mon 10 May

#Careers Week 6 – w/c Monday 12 July

## Inside the Drama Studio

During the recent pandemic we have seen a higher demand for the arts than ever before. Film and Television has become a necessity for a lot of people coping with Lockdown resulting in some studios becoming busier than ever before. The drama department have been reaching out to actors and people within the industry to take part in Live Q&A sessions with our students with the hope of inspiring the next generation and we were amazed by the response. To start off we had actor, Robert Emms (Chernobyl, Jurassic World, War Horse) take part in a session with a group of students, providing valuable insight into the world of performing arts. This was followed more recently by actors Nonso Anozie (Game of Thrones, Zoo, Cinderella) and Sarah Paul (Eastenders, The Demon Headmaster, Doctors) who gave up their time to hold a Live Q&A with our drama students. The sessions were incredibly insightful into the performing arts world and no doubt inspired some to turn their love of the arts into possible career paths. Every guest speaker spoke highly of the students and commended their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm for performing arts. We hope this to be the start of many Q&A sessions in Drama as we continue to reach out to industry professionals and promote careers within performing arts.



Parenting Special Children's mission is to provide specialist parenting support to parents and carers of children and young people with Special Needs, so that they can create positive change in their lives.

Visit the website below for free zoom meetings and advice for parents:

[www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](http://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

To view upcoming events, please use the link below:

<https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/>

### EARLEY CRESCENT Resource Centre

#### Courses

Our Courses are back up and running after the Easter Holidays. Check out our offer and book now!

We have strict COVID safety measures in place to make your learning experience as safe as possible.

- Confidence Building - Thursday 29 April
- Personality Profiling for Job Search - Wednesday 5 May
- How to Create an Effective CV - Tuesday 11 May
- An Intro to LinkedIn - Tuesday 11 May
- Interview Skills - Monday 24 May
- More Coming Soon!

Click here to view further information

## Term Dates 2020-2021

### Summer Term 2020

19 April – 28 May 2021

**\*\*HALF TERM\*\***

7 June – 21 July 2021

Professional Development Days -  
(school closed to students)

1 July 2021

[Click here to view 2021-2022 Term dates](#)

## PE Department

Click here to view our latest Sports Bulletin



## Letters for Parents

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