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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 Programme of Study – Summer Term 2021

This half term we turn our attention towards helping students to prepare for their Prelim Examinations 24-25 May. Students will sit their examination in classrooms. If they have an exam concession they will receive this as they usually would. If you or your child have any concerns or queries about the application of exam concessions, please encourage them to come and talk to us or you may wish to email us (mesyear12@maidenerleghtrust.org.)

We will be sharing weekly revision top tips with students via Google Classroom, and tutors will be supporting their tutees in focusing on study skills and revision techniques during our Friday PSMSC tutor sessions.

It is important that students plan their revision time. We encourage the setting of SMART (Specific Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-limited) targets to ensure that students are working efficiently, not harder. Revision needs to be active, with the regular self testing, to embed knowledge into long-term memory. Passive revision, such as reading over class notes, must be avoided, as the retention of knowledge is proven to be extremely low for most students. Completing practice exam questions and/or planning answers to practice questions are some of the best methods of revision as they require students to focus both on source content as well as application of the required skill. Exam practice questions can be found via all the exam board websites. If your child is struggling to locate these, they should speak to their teachers, who will point them in the right direction. The PiXL Independence Workbooks referred to in our last newsletter are also very useful for revision. Log in details for PiXL can be found in our [last newsletter](#).

Medical Appointments & Illness

We are very impressed by the attendance and punctuality of the vast majority of our students. One area which requires a little improvement, however, is with regards to appointments and illness occurring during the school day. We have been reminding students that if they have an appointment during the school day, that causes them to miss a lesson or supervised study, they must **sign out at the Attendance Office**. Sixth Form students can show the Attendance Officer email confirmation of their appointment if they have it, alternatively please can you notify attendance in advance, in order to authorise their absence for a specific reason. If a student needs to go home because they are feeling ill, they must first go to Reception to seek a first aider, who will then assess their needs and authorise their absence if they deem your child unfit to remain in school. For safeguarding reasons, it is incredibly important that students do not just sign themselves out and go home if they are feeling unwell. We have a duty of care to ensure that they are safe to return home unaccompanied.

UCAS update – April/May2021

All Year 12 students were introduced to the University application (UCAS) process in January, and the students have been encouraged to register with the [UCAS Hub](#) so that they can complete appropriate research on universities and courses. These accounts will then be transferred across to the main application process when it is launched in June.

Many universities are running virtual open days and webinars, we are encouraging students to participate.

Below is a timeline for the UCAS application process:

Date	UCAS process for 2022 entry
NOW	Set up a UCAS account using UCAS hub
18 th May	UCAS application process opens (not available to MES students until June)
21 st May	MES UCAS The process explained
11 th June	MES UCAS Application launch assembly
16 th June	MES UCAS Parents Information Evening - 7.00pm link to be sent out nearer the time.
18 th June	MES personal statements assembly
25 th September	MES Early Entry deadline
15 th October	UCAS Early Entry deadline
4 th December	MES UCAS deadline
15 th January 2020	UCAS deadline (provisional)

More detail will be provided to parents during the Information Evening but if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Mr Gomm m.gomm@maidenerleghtrust.org

Careers and post Maiden Erlegh Destinations

The Destinations Workshops have been taking place this week and have been well received by students. The resources from all the workshops will be available on Google Classroom. Students should take advantage of the 'Your Future Information Pack' that will be issued to them shortly.

These workshops have helped to inform students about their chosen destination, and provided those who are currently uncertain with resources and ideas to help them focus on a goal for the future. If your child is still uncertain about what to do after leaving Maiden Erlegh they should make use of the [Start U-Explore Programme](#) which provides an abundance of ideas about courses, qualifications and various fields of industry. A reminder about Start and how to create a parent account, so that you may support your child with their choices, can be found [here](#).

A number of students have now organised or taken part in a virtual work experience. We strongly advise that students take up the virtual opportunities that companies are offering this year. On 25 June all Year 12 students will be taking part in the Future Pathways Day to help them work towards their post Maiden Erlegh goals. More details to follow in a separate letter.

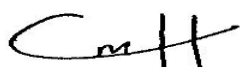
Wellbeing

Following on from the wellbeing survey that students completed after their physical return to school, we have been busy meeting with and supporting students in a variety of ways. Please do continue to share any concerns that you may have about your child's mental health and wellbeing with us. If you have not already had the opportunity to watch the '[Mental Health and Wellbeing video](#)', you may find this of some use too.

Start U-Explore and PSMSC Scheme of Work

An overview can be found at the bottom of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Hill



Mrs L Garner

Co-Heads of Year 12

Year 12 - Start U-Explore SOW 2020 - 2021				Key:	University	Apprenticeship/ Jobs
					Work Experience	Reflection & target setting
Week Commencing	Top tab in startprofile.com	Module Tab (in 'My Activities')	Start module/activity to complete	Events on the Calendar	PSMSC Programme	
19-Apr	My Profile	Improving my employability	Return to 'Your Locker' Update it with any new evidence of your extra-curricular activities e.g.: part-time job, clubs, coaching, volunteer work, community service, and the skills you have gained.		Relationships - Respecting different beliefs	
26-Apr	My Profile	Improving my employability	Return to 'My Action Plan' & update it based on how your ideas may have changed. Following on from your Destinations Workshop add at least one new goal.	26.4.21-30.4.21 - Destinations workshops with Adviza (group sessions on: Uni, Apprenticeships, Gap year & employment, no ideas what to do after Maiden Erlegh) - Character Challenge 3/3	Study skills/revision	
03-May	Employability	Exploring my future	Bank holiday		Study skills/revision	
10-May	My Profile	Exploring my future	Life as an apprentice: There are examples of 7 different types of industries. You must complete the activity for at least 2 of them (1 per week).		14-May - Mrs Buck's Assembly - Apprenticeships/World of work Recruitment process	
17-May	My Profile	Exploring my future	Life as an apprentice: There are examples of 7 different types of industries. You must complete the activity for at least 2 of them (1 per week).		21-May - Mr Gomm's UCAS Assembly - Application process	
24-May			No work set due to prelims.		Y12 Prelim week	