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From the Headteacher



We have had a very busy start to this half term, with PPEs, geography field trips, Tirabad, GCSE Music Concert, Safe Drive – Stay Alive, and a Championship winning rugby team (amongst other things)! It is a source of great pride to me to see the students taking part in such a wide range of activities.

I should particularly like to congratulate Year 11 and Year 13 on how they approached their PPEs. They took the examinations extremely seriously and I am sure the feedback they receive will be a real help to them as they work towards next summer. The success of the PPE process relies on how well the students respond to the feedback they receive and apply it to the retested elements. Whilst having to re-do papers or parts of papers again, is not necessarily what people would choose to do, we know that those who take the process seriously get all the benefit.

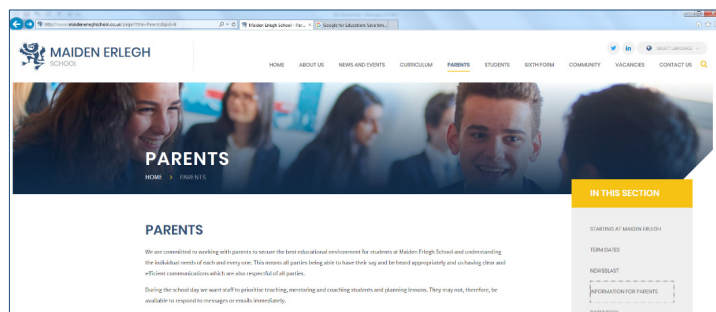
Behind the scenes, organising the PPEs, are our Examinations Team, our Admin Team and our Data Team. It is no mean feat to organise and invigilate these sessions for so many students. I wanted to acknowledge their work, especially at this time when all the examinations are changing.

This week we have had a very successful training day, offering a range of sessions linked to Special Educational Needs, Restorative Justice, Assessment and Challenge. We are very lucky to have so many experts within our staff body, and who are confident and competent to deliver such high quality professional development. I am very proud that staff here, both teachers and support staff, are so dedicated to their own development in the service of the students.

CALENDAR

21 November	Year 9 Gold Prog - Japanese Etiquette - L6
22 November	KS4 Celebration Assembly
28 November	Year 11 PPE Results - issued after school
29 November	Year 7-13 - Annie - Piccadilly Theatre - Music Trip
30 November	St. Andrews Day
1 December	Non-Uniform Day
4 December	Year 13 PPE1 Results - issued during assembly
8 December	Year 7 & 8 Disco
14 December	Christmas Concert

We have had many compliments about our new website – thank you very much! Can I remind you that the Parents section has a wealth of information for you and has been developed over time with parents. Within that section is the [Information For Parents](#) which goes into greater detail about the organisation of the school etc.

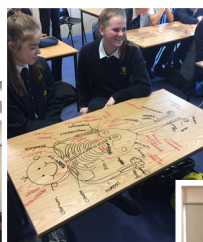


I have had the privilege of meeting a number of visitors to the school over recent weeks and their praise for the school, the staff and the students is heart-warming. They see what I see in your children: bright, articulate, kind and confident young people. The students come across so well, of course, because they are excellent! They also do so well because parents support them outside school, and us in our work. THANK YOU.

Mary Davies

Revision Corridor

It was a very successful revision corridor for Year 11's in the week leading up to half term before their PPE's. Lots of students came and they loved it!



Before the public exams we will be running a bigger revision corridor programme and will publish this nearer the time.



Earley CResCent Resource Centre

The Crescent Learning Centre have a number of courses coming up in December and the New Year. From cookery to I.T. or Art to Using your iPad, there's something for everyone and you may need to book early to secure your place.

Visit the courses section of their website for further information.
<http://earleycrescent.org/wp/courses/>



KEEP CALM AND DON'T FORGET NON-UNIFORM DAY

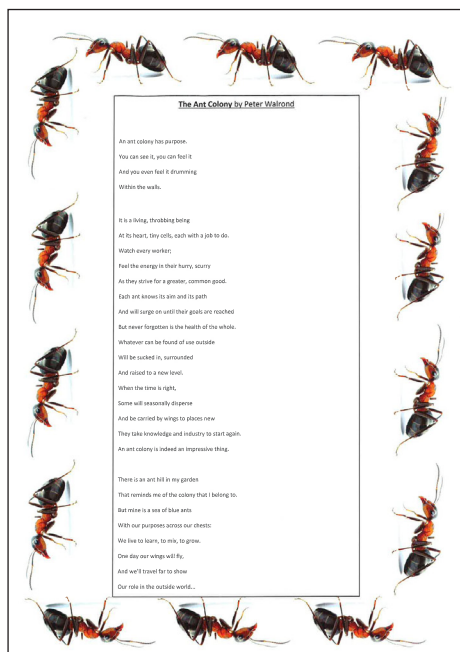
On Friday 1 December we will be holding a non-uniform day. The purpose of this day is to raise further money to update access to IT in lessons by replacing current minibook trollies. The first non-uniform day earlier this term raised £1,111.14 towards this. Thank you to all who contributed to this

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to donate more if you wish. Donations will be collected in tutor group and collection boxes will also be in the dining halls and sixth form bistro.

The Headteacher's Challenge

Every year Miss Davies launches the Headteachers' Challenge for all Year 7 students to enter a piece of work outlining what students think it means to represent the best of Maiden Erlegh School. This year, the standard was very high and we would like to share with you one of the brilliant winning entries – a poem by Peter Walrond (7E4).

Click on the poem image to view full size.



Ice - Skating

Only 80 places

Date: Friday 15th December
Venue: Alexandra Gardens, SL4 5HZ
Times: 17.30 Arrival – 19.45 Pick Up
Costs: £10.00 (includes Ice skating and one dodgem ride ONLY)
Check it out: www.windsoronline.com
Transport: There is an option to book transport to and from the venue for £5.00. Pick up and drop off points will be confirmed along with times, once your booking is confirmed.

Deadline: Forms and payment to be returned by 30th November 2017

Ages 8 years +

For more information or to book on please speak to your youth leader or contact:
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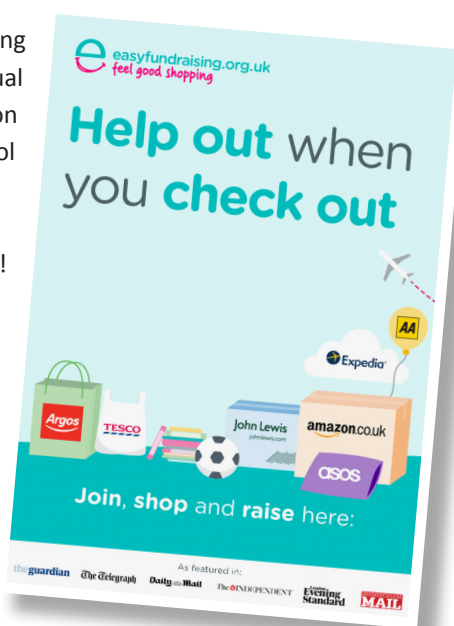
Easyfundraising!!

Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association has signed up to Easyfundraising!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for our school through Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association?

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything! All you have to do is:

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mespa/>
2. Sign up for free.
3. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause.



It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges, and the Maiden Erlegh school parents' association will be really grateful for your donations.



Together, we can make a big difference!

Thank you for your support! Sign up today!

Term Dates 2017-2018

Autumn Term

Wed 6 Sept - Fri 20 Oct

****Half Term****

Mon 30 Oct - Tue 19 Dec

**Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -
Mon 4 & Tue 5 Sept
Mon 13 Nov**

Spring Term

Wed 3 Jan - Fri 9 Feb

****Half Term****

Mon 19 Feb - Thur 29 Mar

**Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -
Wed 17 Jan**

Summer Term

Mon 16 Apr - Fri 25 May

****Half Term****

Mon 4 June - Tue 24 July

**Professional Development Days
(school closed to students) -
Thur 5 July**

For our 2018-2019 term dates please [click here](#) and scroll down our website to view.

Appeal for Books

The English department is in need of reading books for Years 7 and 8. If you have any suitable books that are ready for recycling, please bring them into school and put them into one of the recycling boxes in the English corridors. We would be hugely grateful as the government cuts have meant that we cannot renew or update our books.

@MEMail

Real Facts, Alternative Truths

Maiden Erlegh is setting up its own information outlet.

Students in Years 11 to 13 are invited to write articles based on true facts and real data, but using these pieces of information in an unsound way to put forward an alternative truth. Students in Years 7 to 10 should then write letters describing and explaining the errors in the arguments used.

Here's an example:

Shock revelation breathing has been revealed as a terminal illness

Evidence has been presented to @MEMail showing that breathing is a terminal illness. As we all know everyone who breathes will die. Why is this? The main active component of air is oxygen. Oxygen is a highly reactive and therefore toxic substance, in fact oxygen caused the first mass extinction. In order to combat oxygen's toll on our bodies we are encouraged to take anti-oxidants and this is one of the factors that has allowed life expectancy to increase.

I would like to give out prizes for the best original articles and the best letters.

If you would like to write an article the join the @MEMail classroom using the class code d2g40l. Once the articles have been published you can read them on the @MEMail website by joining the class and following the link on the about tab.

Cycle Safety

Please can I ask you to remind your children that, if they cycle to school, to ensure their bikes are safe and have working lights. Please can you remind them also not to cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian areas (on or off site) and follow the Highway Code. We do not want them involved in any accidents.



German Exchange to Lippstadt Years 9/10



On Friday 6 October, 21 Maiden Erlegh students along with 3 Chiltern Edge students (and Mrs Peduru, Mrs Foster and Mr McDonnell-Roberts from Chiltern Edge) spent a week in Lippstadt, in North Rhine-Westphalia in West Germany. Most students had never been to Germany before and hadn't travelled without their parents. It was a very successful week—all students developed very good rapports with their exchange partners and many felt it had been an exceptional experience in terms of boosting their confidence as well as experiencing German culture.

Here's what the students thought of their experience:

"This trip will be the most memorable trip I've ever had! They were so welcoming and it felt like I had a sister. The food was remarkable and I feel more confident in myself traveling aboard and staying with a wonderful family by myself."

"Great trip. I loved the family and Germany and some of the architecture in Lippstadt. Everyone was friendly and nice and kind and I made a lot of friends that I hope to see again in the future."

"I enjoyed meeting the family and seeing the German language used on a day to day basis. I also enjoyed the trip to Münster."

"I really liked the family I stayed with, they were so friendly and welcoming. My favourite trip was to Münster because we got to meet other people's partners and go shopping together. My partner, Anna, was so nice and comforting and I think we really became close friends. We both cried on Friday and I can't wait until March!"

"The German exchange was an amazing experience as I got to understand the German culture as well as the people. I made many new friends as well as staying with a great family. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am so grateful that I got this as I had a fantastic time. Thank you!"



Please [click here](#) for a day to day account of this enriching trip.

October Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Arkoday Roychowdhury Yr8, Melissa Peacock Yr8 and Abbie Coulling Yr10 for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for October.



Arkoday Roychowdhury Year 8



Melisa Peacock Year 8



Abbie Coulling Year10



Abbie Coulling Year10

Late at the Tate

The Year 12 and 13 trip to the Tate Modern is a way for us to understand and get a feel for the artworks we focus on in our projects.

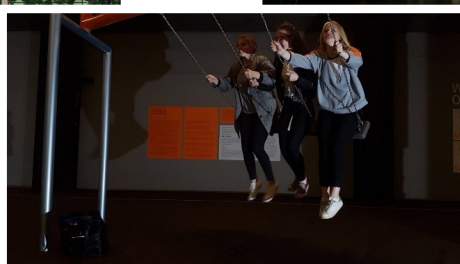
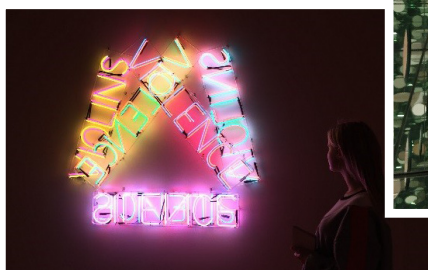
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We took a coach through the bustling London rush hour traffic, taking in the views of the beautiful architecture.

When we arrived we first went to the 'One Two Three Swing!' Installation, created by a group of Danish artists, their aim was to make people realise the potential of working together.

Afterwards, my group and I went to different exhibitions such as the 'Living Cities' and 'Black History', which included pieces of 2D work, 3D work, and videos along with more installations.

Finally, as it reached sunset, we made our way up 10 floors to the viewing tower. We stood on the balcony looking out at high rise towers, the river Thames and St. Paul's Cathedral.



By this point, it was coming up to the end of our trip, so we made our way along the Southbank, passing Shakespeare's Globe theatre on our way back.

By Martha Harris-Steers, Year 13

THE PEACOCK GALLERY

2 - 9 February
The "Isms" of Art
 Year 8 Maiden Erlegh students
 An exhibition of work using mixed media to explore the theme of "isms" in art movements.
 • Private View: Fri 2 Feb 16:00 - 18:00

2 - 22 March
Organic
 Jo Jones
 Sculptural and hung textiles work based on organic structures. The main body of work is hand dyed wool and silk fibres which are machine embroidered and embellished with silk rods and cocoons. The pieces explore the theme of 'organic' looking at microscopic cell structures and the intricate patterns and formations that they create.
 • Private View: Sat 3 March 13:00 - 15:00

Open to the public during exhibitions:

	Weekdays
www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk	15:00 - 16:30
CLICK ON Community Arts	Saturdays
email: communityarts@maidenerleghschool.co.uk	10:00 - 15:00
Follow our blog: peacockgallery.wordpress.com	

Geographer of the Half Term

The following students have been awarded Geographer of the Half Term for their respective year groups for last half term. This award recognises the quality of their effort and commitment to work both in lessons and at home. A congratulatory meeting with the Headteacher took place on Friday 10 November.

Y7	Theo Gordon Rahha Kiarie Aleena Omar
Y8	Hakim Chembera Sam Loizou Mya Patel Lucy Rees
Y9	Jennifer Chan Rudi Kelly Safiya Rizvi Jack Thomas
Y10	Bashar Alani Rose Porter

Y11	Safwan Choudhury Tyler Rose Hutton Emily Marsden Robert Willis
Y12	Marcus Critchley Alice Lawrence Lewis Manning Rianna Ward
Y13	Jamie Davies Fiona Kemm Emage Pun Mager Robert Reid



Community Arts Workshops & Courses
Spring 2018

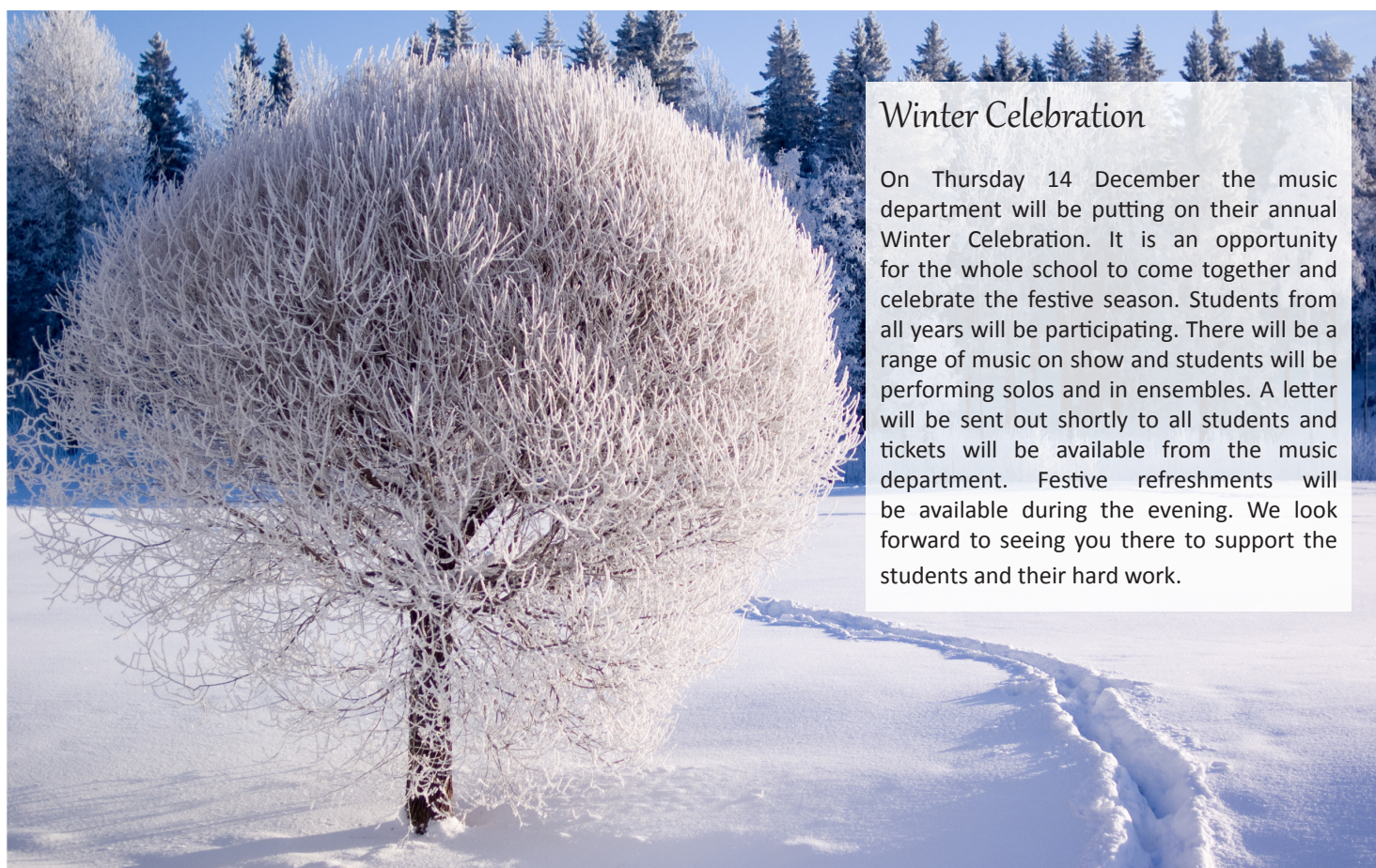
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Evening Classes	Saturday classes	Young People
Adult Silver Jewellery Classes Monday 18:45-21:15 Tuesday 18:45-21:15 (Join our waiting list) Life Drawing classes Thursdays 19:30-21:30	Linoprinting made easy. Mixed media linoprinting. Acrylics & mixed media. Mosaic art. Open Access Printmaking (First Saturday of every month)	Art Attack Saturdays School years 4-6 9:30-11:00 School years 7-9 11:30-13:30

www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk [CLICK ON Community Arts](#)



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Winter Celebration

On Thursday 14 December the music department will be putting on their annual Winter Celebration. It is an opportunity for the whole school to come together and celebrate the festive season. Students from all years will be participating. There will be a range of music on show and students will be performing solos and in ensembles. A letter will be sent out shortly to all students and tickets will be available from the music department. Festive refreshments will be available during the evening. We look forward to seeing you there to support the students and their hard work.

PE Department

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