

A broad and balanced curriculum

Maiden Erlegh School offers a varied curriculum across all Key Stages that is carefully designed to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for their next step. Subject leaders use high quality programmes of study and a wealth of experience to provide a challenging and stimulating framework which ensures robust knowledge acquisition, deep understanding and sophisticated skills application. What is more, they strive to ensure the curriculum is both interesting and fun. We recognise that the core skills of literacy and numeracy must permeate the whole curriculum and we devote extra time to helping children acquire and develop these essential skills.

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“Students in the sixth form are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps”

Students follow a full programme of physical education and personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural education (PSMSC). They benefit from expert and independent advice and guidance on their choices and career options when leaving school.

At age 16, students who meet the entry requirements invariably join us in our Sixth Form where we offer a wide range of academic and vocational courses, as well as PSMSC programme, aimed at supporting students to develop into successful and fulfilled young adults, whether they choose the university route or another alternative.

Learning and enjoyment beyond the classroom

We believe that it is essential for students to build on what they do in the classroom and to engage in activities which develop their confidence and their personal and social skills. Our students are encouraged to participate in a varied enrichment and extra-curricular programme which includes Music, Drama, Sport and Visual Arts.

Quotations from students...

- “ The teaching at Maiden Erlegh School is brilliant. The lessons are really great fun and it makes me contribute more. (Year 7 student) ”
- “ You are very encouraging. You don't let us give up, which is a good thing. There is a BIG range of activities for us to do after school. (Year 7 student) ”
- “ If we need help the teacher is ALWAYS there to help you even if it is something silly. They don't tolerate bullying and they make you feel safe in school. (Year 7 student) ”
- “ Staff go the extra mile to help us achieve our potential through extracurricular activities, revision sessions etc (Year 11 student) ”
- “ The teachers know their subjects really well and explain everything. Small good acts by students are noticed by the teachers. (Year 11 student) ”
- “ Feel like I'm supported and that teachers want what's best for me. (Y12 student) ”

Applying for a place at Maiden Erlegh School

Parents of students wishing to apply for a place for their child to join Year 7 at Maiden Erlegh School in September will be able to do so through the normal admissions process of their local authority. Further information can be obtained from the Wokingham Borough Council website: www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions or Reading Borough Council website: www.reading.gov.uk/schooladmissions. In due course Year 6 parents will receive a guide from the local authority which is usually distributed via primary schools in the Autumn Term. For full details of our admissions arrangements please visit:- <http://maidenerleghschool.co.uk/information/admissions>.



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“Pupils’ behaviour in classrooms and around the school is exemplary.”

Welcome to Maiden Erlegh School

I would like to thank you for your interest in Maiden Erlegh School. I am incredibly proud to lead this school. Whilst this brochure will provide you with important information, I invite you to read our website, Sixth Form Prospectus and latest OfSTED report to find out more about the fantastic opportunities we offer.

Maiden Erlegh has a strong track record as a high achieving, inclusive and vibrant school which is summed up in our motto: "a school of opportunity, diversity and success for all". We are a team working together, from students to staff to parents and beyond and we warmly invite you to be part of #TeamMaidenErlegh. The latest OfSTED report makes reference to the caring and respectful environment in the school.

At Maiden Erlegh School we are proud to have highly qualified, skilled, hard-working and enthusiastic staff. All of us at Maiden Erlegh have high expectations of our students; we are dedicated to supporting every student to exceed the targets they set themselves and to achieve more than they thought possible, both inside and outside the classroom.

We are very privileged to work with enthusiastic, dynamic and respectful young people. They work exceptionally hard in lessons and use homework and private study to consolidate and extend what they do. Students at Maiden Erlegh receive an 'excellent education' OfSTED 2020.

We are a large school, with over 1800 students, 400 of whom are in the Sixth Form. We pride ourselves on our pastoral care and inclusion work which means that, despite our size, every student is looked after as an individual in a nurturing and caring environment.

As well as offering students a broad and balanced curriculum, we also offer them a wide range of extra-curricular activities. These activities give students opportunities to develop new interests, learn new skills, take on new responsibilities, visit new places and participate in a range of cultural and sporting experiences.

We enjoy the support and backing of our students' parents and carers. Their reinforcement of our values and high standards and their commitment to ensuring students attend school every day, play an essential role in our students' development, progress and success.

The contributions of staff, students and parents combine to make our school an exciting place in which to work and learn. All members of our community are challenged and supported to make continuous improvement, but we also celebrate each other's achievements and successes and are proud of individual and collective accomplishments.

Maiden Erlegh School is a very popular school. We are highly regarded in the community and parents know that if they choose us, their children will be joining a safe, happy and caring community where, despite our size, we get to know each student as an individual and where achievement is consistently well above national averages.

I look forward to meeting you and your children soon and hopefully welcoming you to #TeamMaidenErlegh.

Paul Gibson
Headteacher
Maiden Erlegh School

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Opportunity

Maiden Erlegh School is a fully comprehensive secondary school which enables students of all abilities to achieve very high standards within a secure, caring community. Children from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide range of abilities have access to a high quality education, providing them with secure foundations for work, higher education and adulthood. We know that student learning is surer and faster when schools work in close partnership with families and this will be an important characteristic of our school as lead school for the Maiden Erlegh Trust.



and teach an understanding of other cultures. We offer a school of equal opportunity where everyone is respected and everyone respects others, so they can realise their potential in a safe and positive environment. It is important that young people develop an understanding of and empathy with the wider world.

Diversity

Students in our school are helped to develop socially as well as academically. We help them to develop into confident young adults, motivated by a strong sense of personal worth and showing consideration for others. Our school community is richly diverse and we see this a strength. We feel, embrace and celebrate difference, promote acceptance,

Success

We set very high standards of behaviour, promoting traditional courtesy and British values which underpin life-long learning and achievement. Our experience has convinced us that academic success flourishes within an ethos of clear expectations. We foster the desire to learn and a love of learning which will continue into adult life. We prepare students as global citizens in a changing world. Through regular monitoring, students with their parents and teachers will know the progress they are making and what they could do to improve further.



Pastoral care

Maiden Erlegh School places the needs of each child at the heart of what we do. The school is a happy place where children feel secure and cared for. Every student belongs to a mixed ability tutor group which is both diverse and inclusive. Their tutor sees their group every day, seeking to help and support them with any pastoral needs and provides support, advice or just a listening ear. We also have a dedicated Inclusion Team who look after the medical and emotional wellbeing needs of students when they need support.

Home-school partnership

A characteristic of all Maiden Erlegh Trust schools is a commitment to work with parents and carers to support the learning and wellbeing of children at the school and to be consistent in promoting good behaviour and discipline. We are positive about engaging with parents so that they are aware of how their child is progressing. Regularly updated information on each student's progress and achievement is made available and it is common for teachers to contact home to discuss together with parents and carers how best to support children at the school.

Provision for more able students

For more able students at Maiden Erlegh School, we create an environment where intellectual curiosity, excellence and academic aspirations are encouraged and celebrated. Maiden Erlegh School has a long tradition of effectively supporting more able and gifted children and holds the prestigious challenge award from the National Association for Able Children in Education. Our school provides for the more able and gifted through appropriately differentiated pace and challenge within lessons and provides an enrichment programme for more able students to raise aspiration, develop independent learning and enquiry skills.

A calm working atmosphere

Maiden Erlegh School has a calm, orderly and civilised atmosphere. Teachers employ a range of sophisticated strategies for managing learning and behaviour, believing that every student has the right to learn and every teacher the right to teach without interruption. Our policy of assertive behaviour management is based on a sincere and fundamental belief that every student has the right to be treated fairly and with respect.

A uniform school

To support our culture of high expectation, Maiden Erlegh School is a uniform school. Schools which have clear expectations about dress and appearance are more successful than those which do not. We expect students to present themselves smartly for their working day and ask that parents support us in this, by providing the correct uniform items and supporting appearance expectations.

High quality staff

The expertise and skill of the teaching team is an important characteristic of Maiden Erlegh School. All teaching staff are fully qualified graduates in their subject or are teachers with specialist qualifications. Teaching is characterised by well planned, engaging and participative lessons that inspire students to want to learn. A team of experienced teaching assistants and learning mentors work closely with teachers to support students with specific needs.

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"Pupils are highly considerate of their own and others' right to education."