



15 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Higher and Further Education Fair – Friday 1 October 2021

We are excited to invite students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 to our very first Higher and Further Education Fair. This will be held in the gym and sports hall on Friday 1 October during the school day, with year groups allocated a slot to attend.

As part of our Careers Education strategy, we have arranged for students to have direct access to post-16 and post-18 guidance, support and information to support young people in making key decisions about their future career journey and to help them to think through the different options available to them.

The schedule for the day will follow:

Lesson 1 – students in Year 12 will attend

Lesson 2 - students in Year 13 will attend

Lesson 3 – students in Year 10 will attend

Lesson 4 - students in Year 11 will attend

To support students in Years 12 and 13, we have invited a large number of universities, apprenticeship and training providers and gap year representatives so that students can think through their options in preparation for when they leave Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form.

To support students in Years 10 and 11, we have invited a number of local colleges including Reading, Bracknell and Wokingham, Henley, BCA, UTC and also representatives from Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form so that students can gain the relevant information so that they feel fully informed about making appropriate decisions for life after Year 11. Students will also have access to the universities and apprenticeship and training providers if they wish during their allocated time.

Research tells us that students who delay thinking about their career choices and options are likely to miss opportunities. We wish for all students to understand the options available at different transition points so that they feel empowered and knowledgeable so that they take control of their own career destinations. Please kindly reinforce our advice that your child should take full advantage of this large gathering of experts and to consider all of the different routes available. We also suggest that having a back-up plan would be a sensible approach.

Later in the academic year, we will also be inviting students to our annual Employment Fair, which will be designed to complement this Education Fair. For up to date information and details of the representatives, please follow the Careers Department Twitter account @MESCareersDept.

Yours sincerely

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