



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Year 7 & 10 - Character Challenge**

At Maiden Erlegh School, the holistic development of our students is of paramount importance. To further acknowledge and promote character development amongst our student body, we are launching a new initiative in school – the Character Challenge, which we hope will allow us to further celebrate the wider school achievements of our students.

The Character Challenge is a student-led initiative which provides them with the opportunity to evidence and build a portfolio of their achievements relating to character development. Each student in Years 7 and 10 initially, will be provided with a Character Challenge card which will last the key stage. The card itself contains a number of items they can work towards to achieve Character Challenge awards. Challenge items have been selected from several whole-school strands (for example, self-improvement, attitudes, STEAM involvement, healthy living and employability to name a few) with a view to acknowledge and celebrate successes in and out of school. Of course, we also welcome students' own ideas and there is space for them to add their own challenge ideas too.

One week a term will be a Character Challenge reflection week, when students will have dedicated time to be able to access their Character Challenge cards and bring in anything which can be used as evidence for the achievement of an item. Once they have achieved enough items to earn a Character Challenge award, their tutors will sign these off and certificates will be awarded through the pastoral system.

Put simply, we believe our students are brilliant and we very much want to be able to celebrate this with them. We also hope this will provide them with the opportunity to begin to consider examples of achievements they can use to support their next steps in terms of careers, employability and future pathways, as well as acknowledging their role as citizens in the wider school community.

Should you have any questions about this process, please contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to help.

Yours sincerely

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