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## From the Headteacher

We made it to the end of term! Students have been working so incredibly hard and I have been so impressed with their spirit and determination. This term we were fortunate enough to welcome back clubs and enrichment activities. Our Year 7s had the chance to go to Chessington and see Wicked, and our ski trip students took to the dry slopes. We've taken part in rugby tournaments and our GCSE and A Level music students had the opportunity to see the Classical Spectacular Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

Students have been taking part in a variety of House Challenges. We have even had some festive competitions such as the MFL Christmas bake-off and the Christmas card challenge. Look at the amazing submissions we received! They were so good that I couldn't pick just one winner. Well done to Poppy, Thomas, Amelie, Cissy, Cemre and Ellena for their incredible designs.

This week the Performing Arts Department also held the Virtual Winter Celebration Concert. What an incredible effort from all of the students involved. The evening was a fantastic showcase of the amazing talent we have here at Maiden Erlegh. We also welcomed back our former students virtually to attend our Key Stage 4 and 5 Celebration Evening to celebrate the fantastic GCSE and A Level results received last year.

I have been so proud of the #TeamMaidenErlegh community. They have pulled together despite all the challenges. I hope that students take the time to have a well-deserved break and recharge ready for the New Year. Students have worked

### CALENDAR

17 December	Students Finish for Christmas Break at 12.10pm
20 December - 3 January	<b>**Christmas Break**</b>
4 January	Students Return to Virtual Learning and <a href="#">Testing</a>
7 February	Student's Reports Published on ParentApp - Year 7/8
11 February	School Closed for Staff Training Day
14 February	Student's Reports Published on ParentApp - Year 9/10/12
15 February	Year 8 M Virtual Progress Meetings
17 February	Year 8 E Virtual Progress Meetings
18 February	Student's Reports Published on ParentApp - Year 11/13

incredibly hard and should be so proud of all they have achieved this term.

Just a reminder that we will be setting up our mass asymptomatic testing site again for the start of term. Please see further details [here](#), including when students are due to return to school.

Finally, I wish you all a restful festive break. I hope you and your families take care and keep safe. We look forward to seeing students back in January.

*Mr P Gibson*  
**Headteacher**

**Wishing everyone a  
wonderful festive season  
and a happy and healthy  
2022!**



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## MFL Christmas Bake-off Competition 2021!

We could not have ended the year better with so many participants in the annual MFL Christmas Bake-off Competition 2021. What fantastic entries we have had from students and staff! 34 superbly amazing entries! From Year 7 to Year 13 and the Indigo team! Les Bûches de Noël being the most popular entries. We had a difficult time judging all the entries. Well done to all who participated! It has been marvellous to see so many wonderful showcases of traditional Christmas desserts with a twist! The winners were awarded with generous house points, a certificate and goodie bag. All other participants were awarded house points and a praise letter home for their super effort and participation.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Marmorkuchen

Lucy W\_Roddick\_9M3



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte aux fraises

Milana P\_Bolt\_8M4



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Profiterole du sapin

Evangeline F\_Yousafzai\_7M1



### Other entries



Amber S – Bolt  
 Robert P – Attenborough  
 Tomi A – Yousafzai  
 Matthew B – Bolt  
 Harley C - Roddick  
 Viktor O - Curie

### Mexican Christmas Fruit Cake

Staff entry - V Foss





## MFL Christmas Bake-off Competition 2021 Continued

We were so impressed by all the wonderful, mouth-watering entries and as you can see, we had a very tough time deciding on the winners!





## Senior Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 10 November, thirty students from years 12 and 13 took part in the Senior Mathematical Challenge, a national competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust. Students faced twenty-five increasingly challenging questions for which they had an hour and a half to pick the correct answers without the benefit of a calculator, with the added pressure of negative marks for wrong answers!

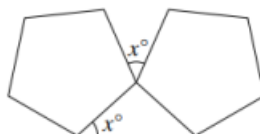
I am delighted to say that we had 27 students achieving a bronze, silver or gold certificate (including 5 golds), and a would like to make a special mention of George C who scored a remarkable 117 out of a maximum 125 and qualified for round 1 of the British Mathematical Olympiad. Well done to all who participated.

Here are two of the "easy" questions from the start of the challenge, and a harder one from nearer the end.

3. The diagram shows two congruent regular pentagons and a triangle. The angles marked  $x^\circ$  are equal.

What is the value of  $x$ ?

A 24      B 30      C 36      D 40      E 45



4. The positive integer  $k$  is a solution of the equation  $(k \div 12) \div (15 \div k) = 20$ .

What is the sum of the digits of  $k$ ?

A 15      B 12      C 9      D 6      E 3

21. The numbers  $m$  and  $k$  satisfy the equations  $2^m + 2^k = p$  and  $2^m - 2^k = q$ .

What is the value of  $2^{m+k}$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ ?

A  $\frac{p^2 - q^2}{4}$       B  $\frac{pq}{2}$       C  $p + q$       D  $\frac{(p - q)^2}{4}$       E  $\frac{p + q}{p - q}$

Answers can be found on the last page.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Throughout December, Maiden Erlegh School adopted a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which encouraged students to donate non-perishable food items for a local food bank that serves the community. Woodley Food Bank received three donations on Friday 3, Friday 10 and Friday 17 December, each consisting of a significant number of items (the photo is only one of the three trips to the food bank!)



Thank you to the students and staff who contributed to this; Woodley Food Bank were exceptionally thankful for the donations given and your donations have helped the local community.

**Well done!**

## California Country Park Visit

On a very very cold Thursday afternoon in December the Violet College and Year 9 ASDAN students headed to California Country Park in Finchampstead. Here the students had the opportunity to take their studies outside into the natural environment where they observed the wildlife and carried out surveys. The students also practiced their life skills when buying something in the cafe.

Although the students got very cold they all enjoyed the visit and being in the great outdoors.



## EARLEY CRESCENT Resource Centre

### Courses

Our Courses are back up and running after the Easter Holidays. Check out our offer and book now!

We have strict COVID safety measures in place to make your learning experience as safe as possible.

**Emergency First Aid**

**Prepare for a Successful Interview**

**Assertiveness in the Workplace**

**Interview Skills**

**Employability List**

**An Introduction for Starting Your Own Business**

**How to Create an Effective CV**

**Confidence Building**

**Personality Profiling**

**More Coming Soon!**



[Click here to view further information](#)

WILDE

CURIE

BOLT

ATTENBOROUGH

YOUSAFZAI

RODDICK

# House News

This term, students have been engaging in a range of House Events and raised money for Save the Children during Festive Jumper Day.

During the Autumn Term, over 23,000 house points have been earned by students. These have been awarded for contributing to house events, hard work in class, great progress being shown in assessments and for kindness being shown around school.

Students have been getting involved in the following House Events:

European Day of Languages Competition  
 Philosophical thinking Challenge  
 History Creative Artwork Competition  
 House Sports Events (Basketball and Rugby)  
 Music Competition  
 National Poetry Competition  
 Rangoli House Event  
 Geography Photography Challenge  
 MFL Christmas Bake Off

Well done to everyone who has received a house point this term!

## Music Competition



Here are the winning lyrics which were also performed by Manasvi D in Year 7. Mr Whorriskey is looking for this to be sung at a house event!

Bolt Bolt Bolt  
 You'll get struck by it's jolt jolt  
 Bolt Bolt Bolt  
 You'll get shocked by it's volt volt  
 Bolt Bolt Bolt  
 It's quicker than a colt colt  
 Bolt Bolt Bolt  
 It never has a holt holt  
 Bolt Bolt Bolt

In 2nd place was Tara P-S in Year 7 from Wilde house who created a chorus and verse for Wilde house to sing along to. Mr Bell will look forward to chanting this along with the rest of Wilde house!

### Verse 1:

We have orange in our badge,  
 And we think it's very cool,  
 We are Wilde house,  
 The bestest house in school.

### Chorus:

Nevermind pride,  
 before the fall,  
 We are Wilde house,  
 The bestest house of all!

### Verse 2

In sport we are the fastest,  
 on the field and in the pool,  
 We are Wilde House,  
 The bestest house in school.

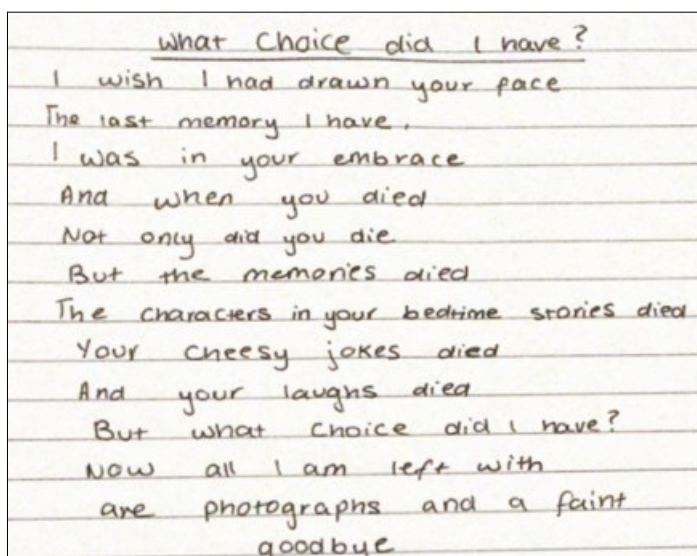
### Chorus:

Nevermind pride,  
 before the fall,  
 We are Wilde house,  
 The bestest house of all!



## National Poetry Day House Competition

Well done to everyone who got involved and a massive congratulations to Natalia B (Y10) for her winning entry below. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Elliott for running the event and judging the entries!





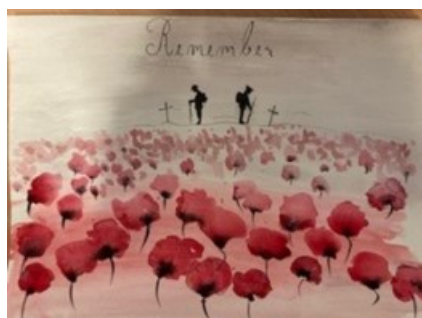
## History Creative Artwork Competition

Well done to our winner **Sindhu in Team Yousafzai** and a massive thank you to Mr Stewart and Miss Bateman for doing the unenviable task of judging the entries!

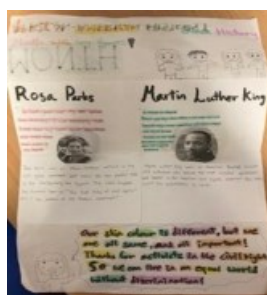
Winner: Sindhu R - Year 7- Team Yousafzai



## Special Mentions:



Maria Fayers- Roddick- Year 10



Yuel Park- Bolt- Year 8



Syeda Nisa – Curie- Year 9

## Rangoli House Challenge

To celebrate Diwali, the Sixth Form Senior Team asked students to create their very own Rangoli Patterns. We were blown away by your creativity. Here are just a few amazing examples.



1st- Himmat G (Bolt)



2nd Chloe B (Curie)



3<sup>rd</sup> - Harihar S (Attenborough)

## SCORES ON THE DOORS

Final scores at the end of Autumn term are..

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team Bolt - 4614 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Attenborough - 4197 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Curie - 4156 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Team Wilde - 3938 point
- 5<sup>th</sup> Team Roddick - 3886 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Team Yousafzai - 3803 points



In the last few weeks, Attenborough have moved from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wilde have moved from 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>! Remember, every house point counts and each entry to a house event gains at least one point! Get involved.

# Careers, Work Experience, Work Related Learning and STEAM Provision

As we approach the end of the first full term, we would like to share with you some of the activities that have been going on as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School.

## Trust Careers Newsletter – Spotlight

We are extremely proud of Spotlight, our careers newsletter which is shared across our different Trust schools and published on a termly basis. This is designed to provide students with careers-related information, resources, and opportunities, as well as offering tips to parents and carers about how they can best support their child in planning for their next steps. Our previous editions can be found using the link below. We have just added our very latest edition to the website, click image to view.



## #Careers Week 1

During the week commencing Monday 6 December we celebrated #Careers Week. Students explored:

- Job roles and career paths directly related to each subject area.
- Job roles and career paths students might not have thought of/considered yet.
- How different subject areas will help to keep students futureproofed.

## Year 10 and 11 Gold Programme LionHeart Challenge

On Friday 26 November, Year 10 and 11 students following our Gold Programme impressed judges from senior management at the Oracle Shopping Centre and Hammerson in the renowned LionHeart Challenge. Students worked closely with Business Coaches to produce inspiring, detailed and creative business proposals for community action projects, including comprehensive plans for the research, finance, marketing, and human resources elements of their initiatives. Thank you to the LionHeart representatives and business leaders who provided this unique and invaluable opportunity for our students.



## Year 10 Work Shadow Day

We have launched the Year 10 Work Shadowing Day which will be held on Friday 24 June 2022. Students will be given the opportunity to spend a day in a company and experience a real working environment. This will provide students with an opportunity to observe, listen, ask questions to interact with relevant employers. Please can I remind parents and guardians to return the relevant documentation to reception no later than Friday 6 May 2022. Students who do not engage with the opportunity will be expected in school to follow a timetable of core lessons.

## Year 12 and Year 13 Work Experience

We have launched work experience to students in Year 12 (and relaunched it to Year 13) as part of the 16-19 study programme. All students are expected to complete a 30 hour work experience placement which is directly linked to their chosen career aspiration. Students are to actively seek their own work experience placement by researching and contacting potential companies, going through the recruitment process e.g. completing application forms, CVs, interviews, and completing a suitable placement. Students should also be actively applying to the wide range of virtual work experience placements that companies are currently offering, which are shared with students on a daily basis.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Trust Parents Apprenticeship Info Evening (online)**  
Wednesday 19 January 2022
- Year 8 Vision My Future Day**  
Friday 28 January 2022
- National Apprenticeship Week**  
w/c Monday 7 February 2022
- National Careers Week**  
w/c Monday 7 March 2022
- Trust Careers Fair**  
Thursday 17 March (5.30 – 7.30pm) 2022
- #Career Week 2**  
w/c Monday 21 March 2022



## Work of Art - Artist of the Month - November

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Congratulations to Maria F (Y10), Nathaniel P (Y10), Iram S (Y11), Daniella S (Y12), Jess L (Y12), Eric C (Y13) and Pharrell D (Y13) for being awarded Artist of the Month for November.



Nathaniel P



Maria F



Iram S



Eric C



Jess L



Daniella S



Pharrell D



## Work of Art - Artist of the Month - December

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Congratulations to Amelie B (Y9), Cemre A (Y9), Thomas M (Y9), Poppy C (Y10) and Cissy L (Y11) for being awarded Artist of the Month for December.



Amelie B



Cemre A



Thomas M



Poppy C



Cissy L



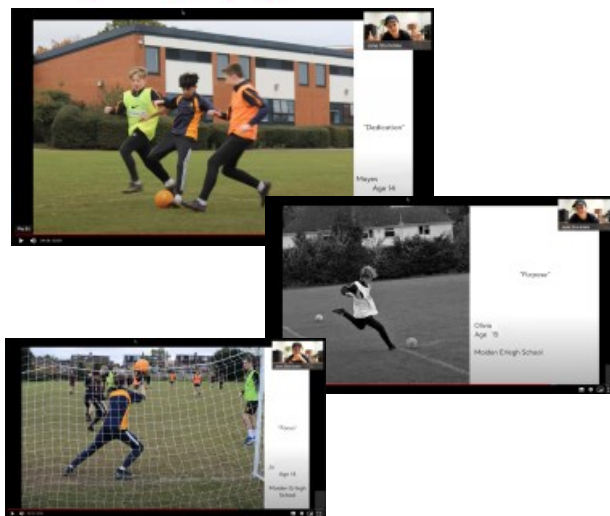
## Work of Art

### 'Show and Tell' The Photography Movement

Year 10 Photography students have had an amazing opportunity to participate in a National project called, Show and Tell, which teaches the positive link between photography and mental health. They were invited to respond to a workshop on documenting Sport by professional photographer Jane Stockdale and then submit their photographs along with many other schools across the country. We are so proud to have 3 of our students' work selected by Jane and these students have had their work celebrated in a live feedback session where she discussed 25 chosen images from schools and youth clubs in the UK. As you can see here, the standard was very strong and our students have shown tremendous skill in capturing movement in striking and dynamic compositions.

Please watch the video recording of the feedback session for SPORT Photography with Jane Stockdale and Daniel Regan here: <https://www.thephotographymovement.com/show-and-tell-school-pack/>.

SHOW AND TELL  
#photography for life not likes



### Year 13 Art and Photography trip to London: The Saatchi Gallery and Tate Modern

Starting at The Saatchi Gallery, students saw the work of JR, a French 'photographeur' who exhibits his work free of charge on the walls of the whole world – attracting the attention of those who do not usually go to museums. A brisk walk across London, past Westminster and Southbank, allowed students to gather images while on route to Tate Modern where they ended the day visiting as many exhibitions time would allow.

Simeon, one of our double endorsement Art and Photography students has written of the experience;

The Saatchi Gallery's Exhibition was the largest collection of the French photographer JR (Jean Rean), showing a detailed and thorough look into 15 years of his work, with films, contacts sheets, photographs and process shots, showing the whole process and ideology of his work.

From his earlier graffiti work, to finding his first camera on a train station and his large experimentation with scale and size. One of the most interesting parts of the exhibition was Tehachapi (2019) which showed his photographs with the inmates of a high-security prison in California. Throughout his work he tackles many major global issues and problems from immigration, gun control and corruption, leading to create giant scale installations in extremely public spaces to help push the issues to the forefront of society. Throughout his career, JR has travelled all around the world, photographing portraits of the people he meets, creating a chronological timeline of his travels around the Middle East.

An immense advantage of having a day in London dedicated for photography and art, is that due to the plethora of

infrastructure and a strong diversity of architectural styles found in London, the sheer amount of areas of interest to photograph was immense, allowing for a collection of extremely varied images. This is evident with areas such as, Leake Street Arches, South Bank, Westminster Bridge and Victoria St. This allowed for large experimentation with buildings, crowds of people and landmarks. The pace and movement of the trip also helped to keep moving forward with newer landmarks and ideas, not just sticking to one area. Due to the large amount of high rise skyscrapers in London, experimenting with perspective was encouraged helping to create images that used elements unseen in Reading.





# School Nursing Newsletter



Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## for Secondary Schools - [Click here to view](#)

Season's greetings to you and your families! We wish you all a healthy, safe and happy time over the Christmas break. This newsletter aims to provide families and young people with some useful information from the School Nursing Team for keeping healthy.



**Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year  
From All the Team**

Answers to maths challenge:

Answers: Q3) C Q4) D Q22) A

### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term

Friday 3 Sept - Friday 22 Oct

**\*\*Half Term\*\***

Monday 1 Nov - Friday 17 Dec

Professional Development Day  
(school closed to students) -  
Wednesday 1 September  
Thursday 2 September  
Thursday 18 November

#### Spring Term

Monday 4 Jan - Friday 18 Feb

**\*\*Half Term\*\***

Monday 28 Feb - Friday 8 Apr

Professional Development Day  
Friday 11 February

#### Summer Term

Monday 25 Apr - Friday 27 May

**\*\*Half Term\*\***

Monday 6 June - Tuesday 19 July

Professional Development Day  
Wednesday 20 July

Additional Bank Holiday for  
schools to celebrate the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee - Thursday 21 July

## EARLEY CRESCENT Resource Centre

### Courses

From IT to first aid, we offer a wide range of courses and workshops for our community. We also run a comprehensive programme of free employability workshops for job seekers.

Family learning workshops run during the school holidays. We also offer tailored learning for vulnerable groups.

*Please be advised that booking is essential.*

**Intro to English Language - Wednesdays - 12 January - 16 February**

**Confidence Building - Monday 17 January**

**Emergency First Aid - Thursday 20 January**

**Start Computing - Friday 21 January**

**More much more!**



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#### PE Department

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#### Letters for Parents

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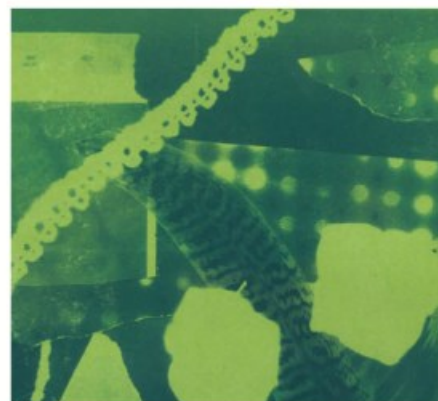
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# Community Arts Workshops & Courses

Spring 2022

## Evening Classes

### Adult Silver Jewellery Classes

Mondays 18:45-21:15  
Tues 18:45-21:15  
Weds (advanced)  
18:45-21:15

### Stained Glass

Mondays 19:00-21:00

**Due to Covid restrictions  
classes may be cancelled  
or postponed**

## Saturday classes

### 10:00 - 16:00 Adults

**22 Jan** - Screen printing on textiles

**29 Jan** - Collagraphs and card cuts

**19 Feb** - Monoprinting with the Gel  
Plate, Textiles

**26 Feb** - Painting the Coast, Acrylics

**19 March** - Landscapes, towards  
abstraction

**26 March** - Gel plate monoprinted  
concertina book

**30 April** - Botanical Books  
Print and Mixed Media

### Open Access Printmaking.

8 Jan, 5 Feb, 5 Mar, 2 April  
13:15 - 17:15

## Young People

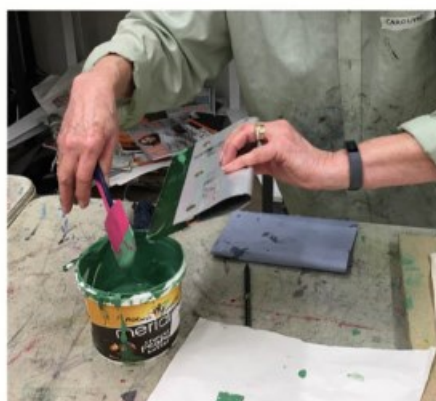
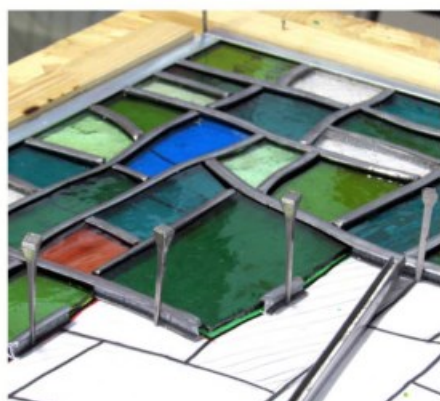
### Art Attack Saturdays

School years 4-6  
9:30-11:00

School years 7-9  
11:30-13:00

[www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk](http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk)

CLICK ON Community Arts



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# Autism Advisory Service



Supporting all families in Reading that receive a diagnosis of Autism for their child.

## What We Do

- Home Visits
- Living with Autism Course
- Coffee Mornings
- Advice & training to professionals & settings



If you would like to speak to an Autism Advisor, please contact Jenna Redmond on **0118 937 3380** or email [\*\*jenna.redmond@brighterfuturesforchildren.org\*\*](mailto:jenna.redmond@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)