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From the Headteacher

What a great half term this has been. Students returned after the Christmas break full of enthusiasm and a desire to learn. This half term saw many students getting their second Covid vaccination within school. Well done to everyone who was involved in this huge undertaking. Our new Eco Club launched this half term, and we are pleased to see keen students involved in this. History also launched a creative artwork house competition which closes today, and I am looking forward to seeing the entries. We were also informed that we raised a total of £1460 for Save the Children with our Festive Jumper Day in December. What a great half term!

Let's not forget to mention our incredible school production of Peter Pan. All of you who were fortunate enough to see this I'm sure would agree that it was spectacular. I was blown away by the high calibre of talent that our students possess. It was an incredible performance. A huge thank you must also go to our Performing Arts Department who have worked so hard to make this event possible, despite the many challenges.

Monday 11 February saw all staff across the Trust take part in a conference day in order to ensure we strive for continual professional development. We had a huge variety of sessions on offer for both teaching and support staff. These included sessions on ambitious provision in the classroom for pupils with SEND, supporting student mental health, motivating students, developing excel skills and forums for staff to share their knowledge. The day was a big success, and I

CALENDAR

18 February	Students Finish for Half Term Break at 2.20pm
21 February - 25 February	**Half Term Break**
28 February	Extraordinary Inset Day - School Closed to Students
1 March	Students Return to School at 8.35am
1 March	KS4 Options Surgery
3 March	World Book Day
8 March	International Women's Day 2022
14—18 March	Year 13 Revision Corridor
21 March	World Poetry Day
8 April	Students Finish for Half Term Break at 2.20pm
11 - 22 April	**Easter Break**
25 April	Students Return to School at 8.35am

am confident that staff left feeling more knowledgeable on their chosen areas.

A reminder that Monday 28 February is also an extraordinary inset day as we launch our new Management Information System, Bromcom. This day will allow staff to train up on our new system and ensure the disruption to our normal processes is as minimal as possible. Parents will be informed of further details about this in due course, but I am really pleased to see that it will give parents greater insight into their child's learning, attendance, and behaviour. Students will be expected back at school on Tuesday 1 March.

Finally, I wish you all a restful break. I hope you and your families take care and keep safe. We look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday 1 March.

*Mr P Gibson
Headteacher*

Year 9 Foodie Favourites

The Year 9 food technology students did a fantastic job at making an alternative protein dish in a recent practical lesson. The students researched various different recipes to select suitable plant-based ingredients. The students demonstrated a variety of technical skills and were extremely successful.



For the Love of Food

The Year 9 food technology students were incredibly successful in making a quiche in a recent practical. The students chose their own delicious ingredients, with some even deciding to make their base from scratch! The highly technical practical was a huge success overall and I am very proud of all of their achievements.



Flippin' Fantastic

The Year 9 food technology students were extremely successful in a recent food practical lesson. They were tasked to make delicious pancakes, with a heavy focus on presentation. The students had to demonstrate whisking, sieving and frying of their own made batter, which required skilful precision. The students experimented with different thicknesses, sizes and shapes of pancakes; with some students incorporating added ingredients such as blueberries and chocolate drops. The smell of the food technology room was exquisite!



PETER PAN



Direct from Neverland, via Maiden Erlegh School, we have had our first school production since February 2020!

This year's production was the timeless tale of a boy who never grew up, Peter Pan! After months of rehearsals and countless hours of hard work it was such a joy to have the cultural heart of the school back with a bang! All four shows were sold out and audiences loved showing their support for a truly talented bunch of students. We would like to take this moment to thank everyone who was involved in the school production, all cast, crew, band, students and staff. It was a joy to create this wonderful show with you and we have already begun planning for next year!

School productions are BACK!

Thanks again from everyone at Maiden Erlegh Performing Arts.



WILDE

CURIE

BOLT

ATTENBOROUGH

YOUSAFZAI

RODDICK

House News

This term, students have been working extremely hard to gain all important house points by taking part in some fantastic house competitions. We have been so impressed with the entries and have detailed as many events as possible below.

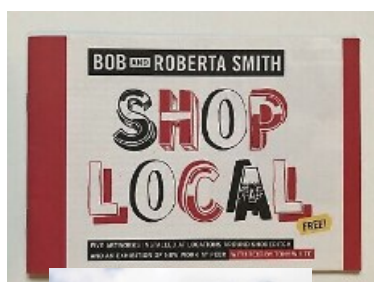
Well done to everyone who took part in these house events!

Art House Competition

The Art department have teamed up with our new Eco club, which started in January, to help improve environmental awareness at school and make changes to help us become an even more eco-friendly school. The art team are running a competition to encourage students to design a logo and poster to help promote our new club. This could be a painting, sculpture, slogan art, a drawing, or photography - it's up to you! Use your imagination to make people think. Deadline: **March 2nd**. The code is **GC code: 4ze6fy7**

Get involved to earn yourself house points!

Thanks to the Art Department and especially Mrs Nottage for running this competition.



Chess Club

This half term, the wonderful Mr Raso has run a very successful and competitive Chess club where there have been tournaments for Years 7-13 students. All competitors have been awarded house points for entering and there are even more up for grabs in the last few matches. We've had lots of tense games and congratulations to the following winners below who have made it to the final. Mr Raso would also like to thank Luke H, Aziz M, Thomas C, Josh H and Oscar M, as well as other Year 12 students who helped to run this. **Well done all!**

Congratulations on our following finalists:

Year 7 -

Milana T (Bolt)
Henry C (Wilde)
Noah H (Roddick)
Yusuf A (Attenborough)

Year 8 -

Kwame A (Roddick)
Aalap K (Yousafzai)
Ahmed C (Bolt)

KS4 -

Amaan B - Year 9 (Yousafzai)
Aditya M - Year 10 (Wilde)

KS5 -

Kieran M - Year 13 (Bolt)
Alexander K - Year 13 (Attenborough)
Prannvat S - Year 12 (Wilde)

Geography House Competition Results

After much deliberation, I am pleased to announce **the winner of the Geography photography house competition**. It was extremely hard to judge as there were lots of great entries. Winner: **Natalia H (30 house points) Team Wilde**
Wave Cut Platform & Headlands



Location: The Seven Sisters 50.7477° N, 0.1898° E

Special mentions to the following students who all received 10 house points for their fantastic entries. Below you can see their photographs, but each student also explained their findings brilliantly:

Abigail G

Team Yousafzai
Year 8



Erosion:
Location: The coast of Dorset
50.6212 N, 2.2768 W

Daniel T

Team Bolt
Year 10



Erosion
Location: Kent
51.326343, 1.396244

5 house points have been awarded for all who took part too. Well done and thank you for all your brilliant entries!

Special thanks to Mrs Simpson and the Geography department for running this event.

Ceyda M

Team Curie
Year 10



Rainbow
Location: Amber Close
51.4402175, -0.9152116

Sindhu R

Team Yousafzai
Year 7



Geography Tsunami Experiment

Festive Jumper Day 2021



Save the Children

A massive thank you to each and every one of you who raised money for Save the Children during our festive jumper day on Friday 10 December. **We raised a total of £1460.**

Well done #TeamMaidenErlegh

This charity helps **45 million children across the world** get the medicine, food and education they need to flourish and your kind donations will allow that work to continue.

On behalf of Save the Children, thank you!



History House Competition Display

Well done to everyone whose House competition work is now displayed in the H block corridor! Thank you to Mr Stewart and Miss Bateman for their work on this.

Winners of the new History competition to be announced after half term.

SCORES ON THE DOORS Final scores at February half term are..

- 1st Team Bolt - 7047 points**
- 2nd Team Attenborough - 6343 points**
- 3rd Team Curie - 6325 points**
- 4th Team Wilde - 6153 point**
- 5th Team Roddick - 6081 points**
- 6th Team Yousafzai - 5894 points**



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

**Trust Virtual
Careers Fair
Thursday 17 March**
specific information
coming soon

As we approach the end of the first half of the spring 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. Access to the latest editions can be found by clicking the image here:



National Apprenticeship Week 2022

There has been a buzz about the school during this year's NAW 2022.

There has been some great things for students and staff alike to learn more about the world of apprenticeships.

We have been calling on the help of Tutors, Teachers and HOY from Year 7-13 – it's never too soon (or late) to learn about apprenticeships!

Some of the items that took place:

- Daily upload of Apprentice Story Videos via Google Classrooms
- 1-2 minutes Subject specific videos relating to Apprenticeships to share in class
- Large Screen banners and presentations
- An End of week quiz for Tutor Time on Friday 18th February

Thank you so much one and all!

Trust Parents Apprenticeship Awareness Event

On Monday 7 February as part of National Apprenticeship Week we delivered an informative evening to raise awareness of the apprenticeship as a viable post16 and post18 route. Information provided included the ideas behind Apprenticeships and degree Apprenticeships, where they can take young people and how much they are likely to earn. This also included the advantages and disadvantages of this route, the Apprenticeships that are available in the local area and how to access further information to help make informed destination decisions.

#Careers Week 2

During the week commencing Monday 7 March we will be celebrating #Careers Week 2 in conjunction with National Careers Week 2022. We will be exploring:

A 'day in the life in' a variety of job and sectors linked to the different subjects that students study

Looking at what life really is like in different jobs?

Year 10 Work Shadowing 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 as soon as possible and no later than Friday 6 May 2022. **Our aim is that all students in Year 10 will be out on placement on this day.**

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.

Year 11 Employer-led Virtual Mock Interviews

As part of the forthcoming pastoral day on Wednesday 2 March, students in Year 11 will be participating in a 20 minute virtual employer-led mock interview in a school computer room. Students will create a Curriculum Vitae (CV) in tutor time and for homework, research the job role as they would do for a real job interview, and be interviewed based on Customer Services Representative job description role. The employer will then provide a 5 minute debrief based on the interview followed by an opportunity for students to gain valuable feedback on their CV. We have put together a wide range of support materials in preparation for this event, please use the following link: [Year 11 Virtual Employer Mock Interviews](#).

Work of Art - Artist of the Month - January

Artist of the Month - January

Congratulations to Isabel S(Y10), Izzy B(Y10), Poppy C(Y10), Ruby A(Y10), Sandy T(Y10), Swarthi M(Y10), Lillie-Mae K(Y10), Jess L(Y12), Jess O(Y12), Olivia K(Y12) and Rebecca R(Y12) for being awarded Artist of the Month for January.



Isabel S



Poppy C



Swarthi M



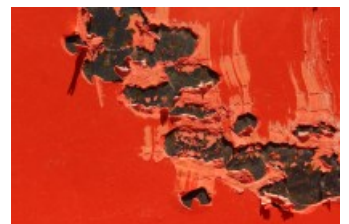
Izzy B



Ruby A



Sandy T

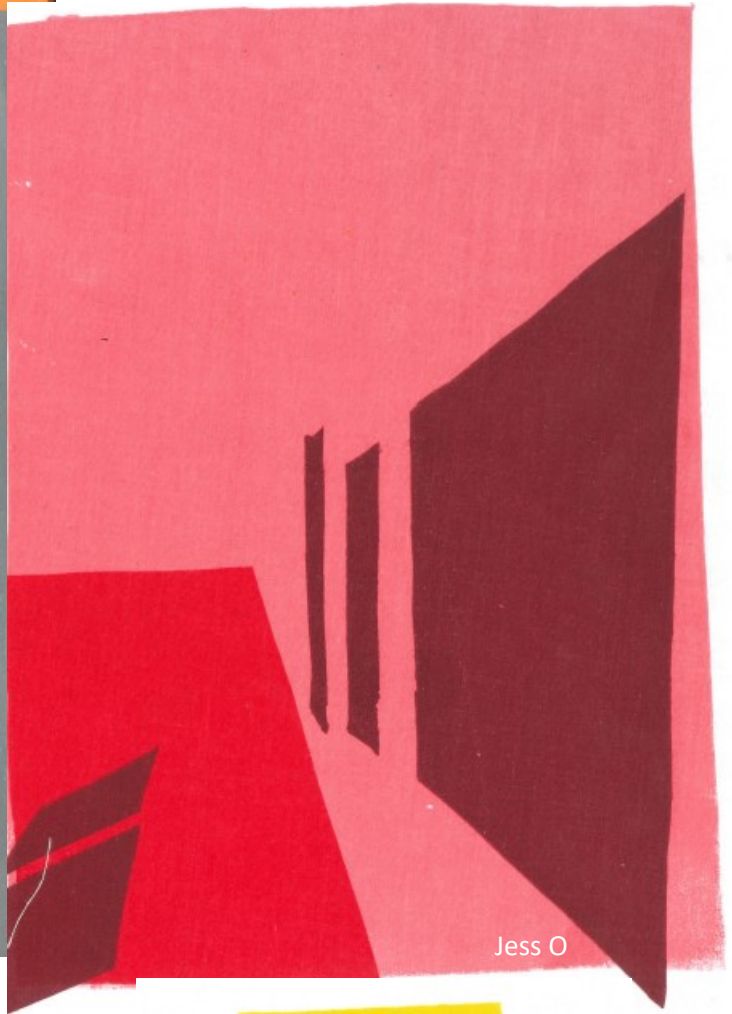


Lillie-Mae K

Work of Art - Artist of the Month - January Continued



Jess L



Jess O



Olivia K



Rebecca R

Igniting Writing: Wokingham Library's Teen Writing Club

Igniting Writing is a creative writing club for 11-18 year olds, based at Wokingham Library. Writing can sometimes be seen as a solitary activity, so the aim of the club is to bring together young writers to share their imaginations and develop their story writing skills in a fun, relaxed and friendly group environment.

Sessions are free to attend and focus on a different writing topic each week, from building settings and creating characters to exploring sci-fi and fantasy worlds, so there's something for everyone.

Igniting Writing also holds 'Write with an Author' online sessions, featuring a Q&A with published authors, useful writing tips and fun writing activities.

Places are limited, so attendance for the face to face or 'Write with an Author' sessions must be booked in advance. To register, please email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk

Here are some reviews of the sessions:

James, pupil at St Crispin's School: "I like that the group brings together lots of creative people like me. The sessions encourage lot of creative ideas that everyone can develop in their writing."

Nat, pupil at St Bartholomew's School: "Igniting Writing is definitely more relaxed than school – I love to let loose and write without restrictions and the group members are really open and accepting to any newcomers. It's great for helping you to turn ideas into something more coherent."

Teen Writing Group AT WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

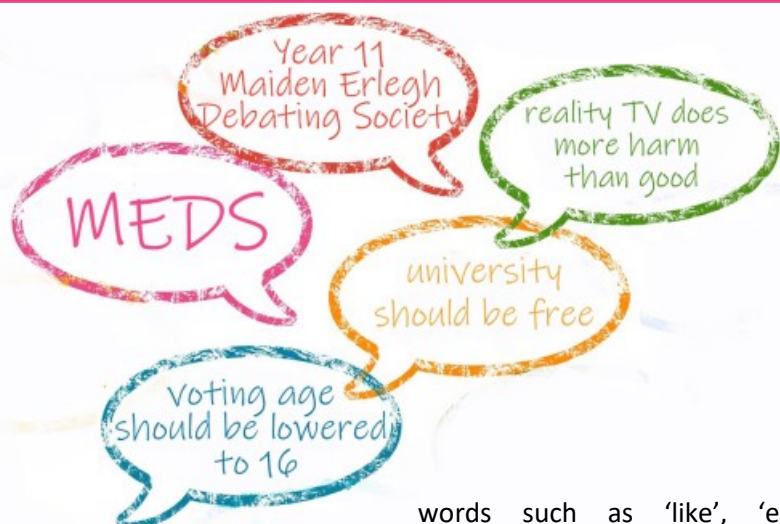
JOIN IGNITING WRITING,
WOKINGHAM LIBRARY'S TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB
FACE TO FACE SESSIONS EVERY SATURDAY
(EXCEPT 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AND SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

SESSION FOR YEAR 6-8 9.45AM TO 11.15AM
SESSION FOR YEAR 9-13 11.45AM TO 1.15PM

THE SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
YEAR 6 TO YEAR 13 STUDENTS

ONLINE 'WRITE WITH AN AUTHOR' SESSIONS
SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 10.30AM TO 12NOON
ONLINE SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:
- AN AUTHOR Q&A
- USEFUL WRITING TIPS
- FUN WRITING ACTIVITIES

ALL SESSIONS NEED TO BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE
TO REGISTER, EMAIL [LIBRARIES@WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK](mailto:libraries@wokingham.gov.uk) FOR
PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM AND FOR BOOKING LINKS



Maiden Erlegh Debating Society (MEDS) has gone from strength to strength since it began in November 2021! Twenty students have shown fantastic dedication to the Society, attending weekly meetings which have helped hone their communication skills and rapidly developed their confidence in public speaking. The oratorical abilities of our students have been tested through parliamentary-style and quick-fire debate formats, including one in which students lost points every time they used 'banned'

words such as 'like', 'erm', and 'basically'! Miss Bateman and Ms Kaiser-Cook have been impressed by the thoughtful, creative, and well-reasoned arguments presented for and against challenging statements including 'This House believes that university should be free to attend', 'This House believes the voting age should be lowered to 16', and 'This House believes reality TV does more harm than good'. We are looking forward to debating against the Year 12 Debating Society next term and tackling more complex topics!

Term Dates 2021-2022

Spring Term

Monday 4 Jan - Friday 18 Feb

****Half Term****

Monday 28 Extraordinary Inset Day

Tuesday 1 March - Friday 8 Apr

Inset 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

PE Department

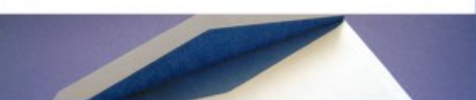
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