



7 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 - Ozobots Challenge - Thursday 26 May 2022

Your child will have the opportunity to take part in the Ozobots Challenge, an educational and enrichment activity at Maiden Erlegh School, hosted by Thales.

The Ozobot Challenge is designed to engage and enthuse students with a particular interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Mathematics) and Computer Science as Ozobots are little robots that are designed as an introduction to coding. Students will use colour combinations to move the Ozobot on a path from one location to another. As students become familiar with coding, more advanced features such as sounds, interactions and a series of lights can all be used to enhance play and education. This enrichment opportunity is designed to inspire future careers in STEAM and Computer Science and is ideally aimed at students who are already passionate about STEAM, but also students who may need a little more inspiration.

Maiden Erlegh School has been allocated 40 spaces for this activity at no cost to the students. This event is being held on the school site, within the school day so all students will be expected to wear full school uniform. This activity will take place during the school day, and should only affect one lesson during the day, therefore it is the responsibility of the student to catch up with missed work. If there are more than 40 students who apply for a place on this challenge, names will be randomly selected. If your child has been successful in securing a place, a confirmation of place letter will be sent with further details. The deadline for completed online expression of interest forms is 10am **Monday 9 May 2022** and the form can be accessed here.

Online consent should only be given if you agree with the conditions below:-

Parent Agreement

I have read the information letter regarding the above named event and agree to my child participating.

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring:

- That my child arrives on time for the start of the challenge.
- Staff have up to date and accurate contact and medical details at the time of the event, and all relevant medication. Please email <u>office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk</u> if your child's medical information has changed as soon as possible and before the day of departure.
- I understand that it is the student's responsibility to make up for any missed class work and homework to do so to an appropriate standard and timely manner. I will support them to do this.

Should your child's medical circumstances change, it is your duty to inform the school in writing as soon as possible and before the day of the activity.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Mr R Buck Assistant Headteacher Trust Lead for Careers and Destinations

Key Information:

Activity: Ozobot Challenge

Trip leader: Mr R Buck

Year group and subject: Year 7, STEAM/Computer Science enrichment opportunity

Date: Thursday 26 May 2022

Meeting place and time: TBC Cost: £0

Dress code: School uniform