



8 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 9 - Spotlight on Skills Sessions - Thursday 26 May

Your child will have the opportunity to take part in an educational and enrichment activity at Maiden Erlegh School, hosted by Thales. Thales are one of our STEAM partners and they will be coming into school on Thursday 26 May to deliver Spotlight on Skills sessions to students in Year 9 with an interest and enthusiasm in STEAM-related subjects and careers.

The session uses students' natural tendency to create and articulate their self-identity with adjectives to help them see themselves working happily and successfully in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design or Mathematics (STEAM). Students will explore the day in a life of a Thales employee and the skills required for the workplace. There is also a team skills activity at the beginning of the session. The sessions are designed to inspire future careers in STEAM 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 50 spaces for this challenge and at no cost to students. Please note we expect students to wear full school uniform during the day. This activity will take place all day on Thursday 26 May and therefore it is the responsibility of the student to catch up with any missed class and home work. If there are more than 50 students who apply for a place in this workshop, 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 5pm **Friday 6 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 mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Buck', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Buck

Assistant Headteacher

Trust Lead for Careers and Destinations