

# Maiden Erlegh School

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#### From the Headteacher

What a great start to our summer term! We elected a new Student Leadership Team (who will be absolutely amazing!), our Violet College students had an incredible art show and students threw themselves into multiple house challenges to name just a few highlights. I am looking forward to seeing some incredible birdhouses up around the school following on from the Eco-Club's great house competition. A huge congratulations to our Under 16s Girls Football team who were crowned county champions this month - with a (wait for it...) 7-1 win!. Well done!

I would like to wish our Year 11s and 13s the best of luck as they complete their examinations. They have all worked so hard, and I look forward to celebrating their excellent results with them in the summer. These are well underway at the time of writing and their resilience is to be admired.

A reminder that we are bringing in some uniform changes which commence September 2022. These changes will help to make our uniform more inclusive and affordable for all. A full list of the new uniform policy can now be found on our website:

https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/ site/ data/files/linked%20docs/parents/

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I am thrilled that we can finally hold an in person open evening this year. This will take place on 29 June from 6pm-8pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for prospective parents and students to have a tour of the school and see what makes our school so special. As a result of this event, students will

,	**Half Term**
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30 May - 3 June *	
6 June S	Students Return to School at 8.35am
7 June Y	Year 9 M Virtual Progress Meetings
8 June Y	Year 12 Geography Milford-on-Sea
9 June Y	Year 9 E Virtual Progress Meetings
10 June	GCSE Art Show (Peacock Gallery)
10 June Y	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition
15 & 16 June Y	Year 10 Geography Lyndhurst & Milford on Sea
17 June Y	Year 9 Careers Inspiration Day
21 & 23 June Y	Year 10 Geography Lyndhurst & Milford on Sea
24 June S	Sports and Activities Day
24 June A	A Level Art Show (Peacock Gallery)
29 June C	Open Evening
19 July S	Students Finish for Summer Break at 12.15pm

be dismissed from school at 1.55pm on 29 June. On Thursday 30 June, school will begin a little later, and students should ensure they are in their tutor rooms to be registered at 10am.

I remain incredibly proud to be Headteacher of this wonderful school and I would like to thank the wonderful supportive parents that we have who make this job easier than it could be. The students in this school are fantastic and the way in which they interact and learn is something I enjoy seeing everyday.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to the action-packed last half term.

Mr P Gibson Headteacher

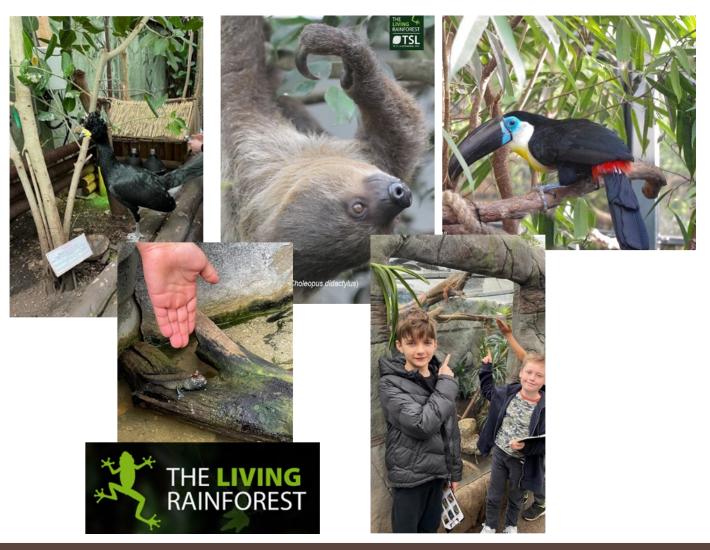
## Trip to the Living Rainforest

In April twenty students from Year 7 Purple Pathway and Indigo Base spent a day at the Living Rainforest near Newbury. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to embed their knowledge and understanding from their Tropical Rainforest module in Geography.

Students started the day with a scavenger hunt – finding named plants, birds, animals, and reptiles. In groups of three, students then explored specific areas of the centre with their teacher. For lunch both staff and students enjoyed a picnic in the sun before returning indoors for specific teaching from the Living Rainforest team. The interactive talks focused on plant and animal adaptation in the

rainforest. Students touched and saw first-hand the effectiveness of drip-tip leaves at repelling rainwater as well as how a Toucan's beak helps to regulate their temperature in the hot and humid rainforest climate. Of course, the day wouldn't be complete without a trip to the gift shop! Soft toys, in particular large snakes, were a popular choice! The group said their final farewells to the Living Rainforest before returning to school in the minibuses.

The students behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school. Many thanks go to the staff who accompanied the students on this trip, Miss Kelly, Mr Sutton, Mrs Davis, Mr Thomas, Mr Clover and Mrs O'Sullivan.



## A Midsummer Night's Dream Trip

On Thursday 11 May, 26 Year 8 students were able to visit the Reading Rep theatre and watch their performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' It was a fabulous production full of fun, drama and excitement and certainly gave the students a fresh and unique insight to one of Shakespeare's well-known plays! Students all gave it a resounding thumbs up with reviews of 'amazing,' 'not what I expected' and 'glad I came. Thank you those who organised and supervised the trip.





We were thrilled to run our first book group at the end of April with over 25 participants from Year 12 and our staff body. We even had enough participants to run two discussion groups headed up by Mrs Clements and Miss Bew with Miss Roberts providing some sweet treats by way of sustenance for some serious book chat.

Our chosen read, 'Klara and the Sun' by Kazuo Ishiguro, divided our readers but certainly proved to be thought provoking. It was great to hear such a variety of views on the texts and some of its key issues and concerns such as AI, genetic modification, climate change and what it means to be human. Indeed, our Year 12 students contributed some really interesting takes on these issues and were so informed about them too.

It was a really enjoyable experience for staff and students and we all left feeling like our day had ended with something positive, worthwhile and inspiring in what is always a busy term.

We're all looking forward to the next group which is due to meet on Thursday 23rd June in F2 at 3pm. Our next read will be 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens and, as for last time, there will be 20 copies provided by the school on which students will have 'first dibs'. We will let students and staff know when those are available.

We look forward to seeing even more of you at the next one!





## The World of Geography

# Geographer of the Half Term

Congratulations to all of our Geographers of the Half Term for Summer Term 1. Great effort from all students this half term, well done everyone!

Year 7	Aaryan S Jude B Meha M Noah H
Year 8	Abhay C Charlotte C Micah D
Year 9	Charlie W Milo H Mustafa K Teddy F
Year 10	Joshua H Kaimi U Rahul M Teniola A
Year 11	Adele C James M
Year 12	Jess L Lucy F Luke H
Year 13	Annie B

## Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

The Sixth Form Geographers have just participated in the first day of their Non Examined Assessment fieldwork. This involved them measuring whether Reading exhibits an urban heat island – a phenomenon where the town centre radiates heat slower than the rural surrounds.

The students measured air and ground temperatures, wind speed and land use along a transect from Maiden Erlegh School, along the Wokingham Road, to Broad Street. A stop off in the shade at Palmer park was most welcomed. The second investigation saw the students calculating the amount of Carbon stored in the trees (approximately a tonne in each, if you are interested) and thinking about why this is important to know. A spot of lunch in town was followed by deciding whether Reading is a "clone town", dominated by chain stores, to which they concluded it was. Thank you to the students for their excellent behaviour and deep geographical thinking on the day – we wish them luck as they embark on their individual projects across the next year.





## Food for Thought

## Year 7 and 8 Food Technology

## Bake ít tíll you make ít!

The Year 7 food technology students worked tirelessly in a recent practical lesson making 'Small Fruit Cakes'. The students had to demonstrate a vast variety of techniques and skills to perfect making their cakes, alongside regular oven checks to make sure their cakes were cooked properly. The end results speak for themselves!













## Let's get ready to Crumble

Year 8 food technology students have been working really hard in practical lessons this term. Their last practical challenge was to make a delicious 'Apple and Sultana Crumble'. The students had to demonstrate the rubbing-in method alongside stewing fruit. The Year 8's were determined to succeed and the results speak for themselves!









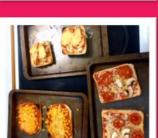




## A Slice of the Action!

The Year 7 food technology students were amazing at using the grill for the first time in a recent practical in order to make pizza toast. The students chose their own delicious ingredients which showcased their creativity and imagination.













## Year 9 and 10 Food Technology

## Legends in the Baking

The Year 10 food technology students did a fantastic job in making profiteroles in a recent practical lesson. It takes a high precision of skill to perfect the profiterole recipe, however, the students flourished!











## Knead it and Weep!

The Year 9 and 10 food technology students have been extremely busy recently in their practical food technology lessons. The Year 9 students were tasked to choose a pastry dish to show off their creativity and technical skills, with a huge emphasis on presentation. It was a highly skilled challenge, however, the Year 9's succeeded as per usual.

The Year 10 food technology students were given the task of choosing a recipe dish based on the theme of 'British Cuisine'. All students were fantastic in their organisational and time management skills.

We are extremely proud of all students and excited to see their progression in the weeks to come.



## Cibo Italiano

The Year 10 food technology students exceeded in a recent practical lesson by choosing their own Italian themed recipe to showcase their cookery skills. The food technology room smelled absolutely incredible with numerous staff members complimenting the students. I am extremely proud of how far the Year 10 students have come since September and I cannot wait to see what is to come!









# **House News**

Wow!! What a half term for house point achievements! We are in awe of our students and the capabilities they have shown this half term and over this year. Over 50,000 house points have been awarded to students for their exceptional behaviour, excellent homework and great standards of classwork. Well done everyone!

#### Oracy Month -

To celebrate Oracy month, throughout May there have been several opportunities for students to get involved in Oracy based house challenges.

#### Oracy 'Convince Me' Competition – Deadline Friday 27th May

Students have been asked to record themselves making a 2-minute persuasive speech about an issue they are passionate about and submit via the Google Classroom page (zfmxyv5). It can be anything from the best music band of all time, a particular food you love or an inspirational person who has changed your life. Whatever topic you choose is up to you but the goal is to express yourself as eloquently and persuasively as you can.

Winner: 20 house points

2nd: 15 house points 3rd: 10 house points Runners up: 5 house points Each entry: 1 house point



Miss Bateman looks forward to listening to what you are passionate about and deciding the winners after half term.

#### MES Speaks up! Debates

We have also had House Debates for each year group on some fascinating topics. House points were awarded to those who got involved and more for those who persuasively argued their case in each debate. Well done to everyone who got involved and to our House Ambassadors for chairing these debates!



Year 7 Debate: Zoos should be banned chaired by Mr Whorriskey and Miss Butler

#### Winners, awarded 15 House points:

Saffoora R – Wilde, Kalyani H – Curie, Joshua W – Yousafzai, Florence A – Roddick, Daniel Chelliah – Yousafzai, Manazvi D - Bolt

#### The runners up, awarded 5 house points:

Tanya B – Wilde, Sue W – Attenborough, Himmat G – Bolt, Medina H – Attenborough, Lottie LP- Curie, Sandhya S – Wild, Shreeya A – Curie, Sasha S - Roddick

Debater of the Day: Manasvi D - Bolt



#### Extra-curricular activities during Oracy Month

Year Group	Activity
Year 7	Debate: 'Zoos should be banned'
Year 8	<b>Debate:</b> 'Social media does more harm than good'
Year 9	Debate: 'Everyone should be a vegan'
Year 10	<b>Debate:</b> 'The voting age should be lowered to 16'
Year 12	Debate: 'Nature v. nurture'
ALL	Virtual competition: 'Convince Me!'

#### Year 10 Debate

Congratulations to the following students for taking part in the Year 10 Debate.

#### Our winners were:

Maria F – Roddick

Akela T – Wilde

Emma E – Attenborough

Maanya P – Yousafzai

The debater of the day was: Max Aitken

- Wilde

Runners up: Harrison C - Curie and

Woody F – Yousafai

Well done to everyone who took part and to Mr Mackie for chairing the debate.

## Year 8 House Football

This month we have also had a Year 8 House football match and it was lovely to see so many of you getting involved!

1st Curie - 16 points won on penalties

2nd Attenborough A - 16 points

3rd Bolt – 15 points

4th Yousafzai – 9 points

5th Attenborough B - 8 points

6th Wilde – 6 points

6th Roddick – 6 points

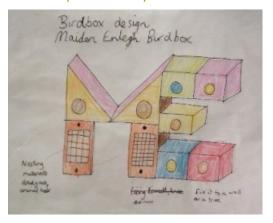
More House football competitions for other year groups coming soon! Thank you so much to Mr Mackie and the PE team for running this.



## Birdhouse Competition

Our Eco-club ran a House competition for designing birdhouses, which will be built and hung around the site, in order to improve biodiversity. I am very pleased to announce that our Year 12 student Lauren S, alongside Ms Tunely-Jones and Ms Terry, have selected the winners and runners up. Congratulations to the following students, we look forward to seeing your designs up and around our school ground.

1st Place- 30 house points Chloe B - (Year 7- Curie)



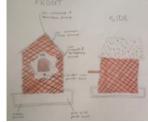
2nd Place- 20 house points Isabel N – (Year 8- Bolt)



Runners Up - 10 house points Alex R (Year 7 Roddick)



Evangeline F (Year 7- Yousafzai)



# SCORES ON THE DOORS Final scores at May Half Term are..

1<sup>st</sup> Team Bolt - 10,230 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Team Attenborough - 9,278 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Team Curie - 9,170 points

4<sup>th</sup> Team Wilde - 9,108 point

5<sup>th</sup> Team Roddick - 8,859 points

6<sup>th</sup> Team Yousafzai - 8,731 points

Remember, every house point counts and each entry to a house event gains at least one point! Get involved.

For comparison, here are the House positions for the end of year scores 2021! Who will come out on top this year? The final 7 weeks will be crucial!

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Team Bolt

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Team Wilde

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Team Roddick

4<sup>th</sup> Place- Team Curie

5<sup>th</sup> Place- Team Yousafzai

6<sup>th</sup> Place- Team Attenborough







Just before half term, the students with the highest points in their year group for their house will be sent an email home congratulating them. Look out to see if it is you!

A special shout out goes to the following students who have achieved over 70 house points this year! What an

A special shout
achievement:
Year 7
Alexandru K
Aston M
Ava D
Ayesha M
Charlotte S
Devangi B
Ethan B
Fraser W
Hannah M
Henry C
Ina Q
Jayden F
Konstantinos S
Michael R
Peggy H
Raveena C
Sophie H
Tanya B

Year 7 Aziz Ali A Chloe B Chloe M Daniel G Hannah B Heshini A Jack V

Fraser W	Jacob P
Hannah M	Joshua B
Henry C	Jude W
Ina Q	Kalyani H
Jayden F	Lucy G
Konstantinos S	Marnie H
Michael R	Muhammed-
Peggy H	Munam I
Raveena C	Rico S
Sophie H	Riyaz S
Tanya B	Robyn M
Tara P	Sandhya S
Zara G	Shreeya A
Zoya A	Tianna C
Year 8	Viktor O
Jenson P	Year 8
Louise R	Aleesha A
Nolan C	Archie S
Tj G	Ben D
Year 9	Corey A
Alanha M	Haris A
Sajan C	James C
Veda G	Jenson F
	Luke M
	Year 9
	Justin C
	Rania K
	Syeda N
	Year 10
	Ceyda A
	Year 11
	Khalil H

Year 7	
Aaryan S	
Adam M	
Ahmad J	
Amber S	
Anabel L	
Aziz K	
Azka Iman R	
Damian W	
George B	
Himmat G	
Ines C	
Isla N	
Jenae R	
Kaylie S	
Kevin C	
Kyle C	
Maisie H	
Manasvi D	
Matthew B	
Milana T	
Nehir F	
Riley H	
Summer	
Year 8	
Arshia G	
Charlotte C	
Isabel N	
James T	
Lewis U	
Mercedes C	
Pola G	
Year 9	
Agatha M	
Emily H	
Emma T	
Francesca J	
Lois J	
Mouli M	
Warren V	
Year 10	

Karen F Rachel H

Very 7
Year 7
Aaron S
Abi O
Abia K
Aimee C
Benjamin S
Chloe O
Dylan M
Emily E
Eshal H
Isla P
Jacob G
Joseph H
Kevin X
Layla A
Mason M
Medina H
Olly D
Osao F
Rebecca M
Rushali M
Sam M
Sue W
Vainavi D
Veer B
Yusuf A
Year 8
Alex B
Year 9
Ellie P
Year 10
Sheena B
Shivam K
Yie Qing X

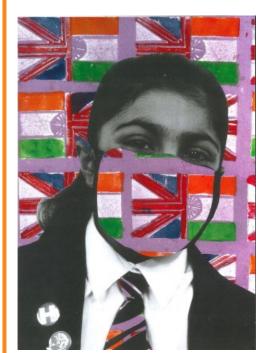
Year 7
Adam L
Amirah A
Arjun S
Emilia B
Evan W
Evangeline F
Harry J
Maira S
Maisie A
Naomi F
Nazim A
Razan S
Safa N
Sankalp K
Sindhu R
Tomi A
Zaynah A
Year 8
Abi G
Ayaan F
Emily S
Milly B
Nathan B
Year 9
Caitlin A
Mustafa K
Tamsin R
Year 10
Rahul M

Year 7	
Abbie O	
Abby L	
Amelia V	
Atharv C	
Charlie P	
Dev T	
Eryka K	
Florence A	
Harley C	
Hrishika H	
Immi M	
Imogen W	
Jessica S	
Kassius C	
Khadijah A	
Laima D	
Laith Y	
Noah H	
Patricia K	
Рорру Ѕ	
Salah M	
Sasha S	
Year 8	
Aayan A	
Annabelle R	
Antonia P	
Isabelle H	
Jake T	
Jennifer W	
Sam K	
Year 9	
Lilly S	
Lucy W	
Sarthak S	
Year 10	
Maria F	
Swathi M	

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

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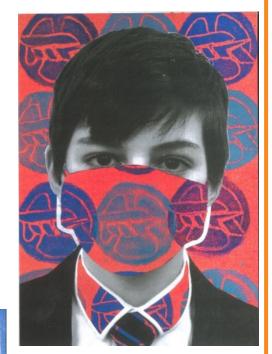
Congratulations to Abi G (Y8), Charlotte C (Y8), Jeremy F (Y8), Krish K (Y8), Lewis U (Y8) and Lois T (Y8) for being awarded Artist of the Month for April.



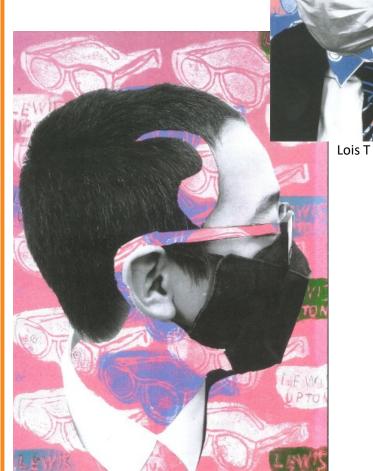
Abi G



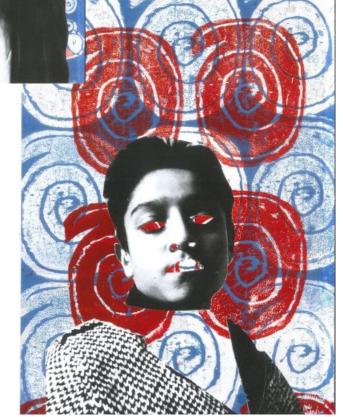
Charlotte C



Jeremy F



Lewis U



Krish K

## **Work of Art - Artist of the Month - May**

#### Artist of the Month - May

Congratulations to Emma W (Y11), Evie M (Y11), Jack C (Y11), Jada F (Y11), Joseph B (Y11), Kyra B (Y11), Maddy B (Y11) and Skye T (Y11) for being awarded Artist of the Month for May.





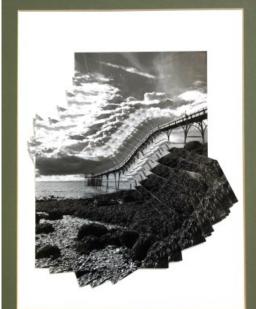








Emma W







Evie M

Joseph B



Kyra B



Jada F

### Year 10 Kew Gardens Photography Trip

Year 10 went to Kew Gardens on a photography trip, it was an amazing day out. We got to go around different areas of Kew Gardens taking photos of lots of different plants and structures. I liked that we had the freedom to try different angles and to take photos of each other, using everything we learnt in lessons to get the best possible photos. I also enjoyed going through the photos once back in school and I look forward to seeing what we do with them.



























## Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association

#### Maiden Erlegh School Parents' Association – AGM – Wednesday 8 June 7pm

After more than two years of operating online, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding our Annual General Meeting in person.

Despite the pandemic we have continued to raise money to pay for equipment and activities that are not funded through the central government education budget.

Every penny of the money raised supports and enriches the education of your child by improving the school environment by funding extra-curricular activities. Over the past two years we have funded: visualisers, calorimetres, specialist maths books, cameras, music education software, white board kits, laptops, prizes for presentation evenings, and, of course, school minibuses.

The AGM is your opportunity to get involved and join us – we are all volunteers. We will be holding elections for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Painting Weekend Organiser.

Meeting starts at 7pm in the lower school hall on Wednesday 8 June. If you would like any more information or would like to stand for any of the vacant positions, please email info@mespa.org

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

As we approach May Half Term, we would like to share with you some of the activities which have been taking place as part of our careers, work experience, work-related and STEAM learning programme at Maiden Erlegh School.

#### **Unifrog Careers Software Launch**

We are extremely pleased to soon be introducing the careers platform UNIFROG to every student. UNIFROG is brimming full of information, activities and opportunities relating to careers for both students and teachers to utilise inside and outside of school. Students will create their own account and have access to the platform until they are 25 years old.

#### 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.

## Careers Drop-in Sessions Tuesdays After School

Students are welcome to attend the Careers Drop In on a Tuesday after school from 3-4pm in the office next to B2. Mrs Finlason will be on hand to assist students seeking information, guidance and advice they may need on future careers.



Weekly Posts for 'Job or Skill of the Week' continue on Google Classroom



where students learn about a variety of Google Classroom careers and employment skills.

# Year 8 Cyber Fraud Challenge – Friday 13 May

70 enthusiastic and determined Year 8 "Cyber Engineers" were led by a representative from Thales and Smallpeice – the Education Charity - in a 'Cyber Fraud Challenge'. Students learned the importance of protecting customers data and

detecting cyber weaknesses through ethical hacking. We definitely have some future Cyber Security and Computer experts here!



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

# Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day - Friday 17 June

The Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day is designed to provide students with a valuable insight into a range of careers within different sectors and industries and to support students in considering and planning for their next steps, in particular the Year 10 Work Shadow Day, the Year 11 Mock Employer-led Interview Day and beyond. This exciting day will involve students immersing themselves in 5 career sectors through research and engaging with employer representatives from Microsoft and Deloitte. Students will then produce a creative end product to present their findings and there will be plenty of house points available to students.

# Year 10 Work Shadow Day - Friday 24 June

On Friday 24 June 2022 our Year 10 students will spend a day in the workplace experiencing a real working environment. We know that no matter where they go for the day, they will gain invaluable insight into the world of work.

Polite reminder – a plea to anyone who has not yet returned their paperwork, please ensure it is returned as soon as possible.

#### Year 7 STEAM Day - Friday 1 July

Students in Year 7 will be participating in 4 STEAM -related activities run by representatives from Thales, Covea Insurance and Thames Water. Activities include an 'escape room' and a 'bin it, don't block it' session. More details to follow.

### Alumni Speaker- Drama



On Friday 29 April Bleu Irvin, who left Maiden Erlegh in 2018, returned to share experiences of working in the television industry with sixth form Drama and Film Studies students. They spoke about how to choose and apply for film courses, how to get the best out of your studies, networking and what life is like in the television and film industry. Their work so far includes BBC's Holby City and Ghosts. They shared excellent tips, a useful list of contacts, and ended with an invaluable piece of advice:

'Be a nice person, then people will want to work with you'. Bleu Irvin

We are very lucky to have such talented and hardworking alumni, keen to share their experience.





#### **Letters for Parents**

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#### **CREATIVE WRITING CLUB**

Our Creative Writing Club successfully launched Monday 2 May, and will continue to run on Fridays after school! Students who interested are encouraged to bring any work in progress to between 2.20-3pm for constructive feedback from peers, discussion with likeminded individuals, and some insights into how to make their work more professional.



#### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### **Summer 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

#### **ParentPay**

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ParentPay



6pm until 8pm

This event will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit the school and meet and talk to students, staff and subject leaders.

There will be lots to do and see including:

- Presentation by the Headteacher
- Presentation by Student Leaders
- Hands-on activities
- Subject information
- · Enrichment information
- Tours of the school led by students







Presentations in the Main School Hall at 6:00pm and 7:30pm

Opportunity, diversity and success for all



