



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### End of Autumn Term

As the nights draw in and the weather becomes colder, we find ourselves at the end of another enjoyable and successful term at Maiden Erlegh. I would like to start this letter by saying, despite the rain and freezing temperatures, I have enjoyed coming through the school gates and seeing all the students bright and cheerful every morning. I would also like to take this opportunity to give you an insight into the activities and achievements made this term.

Students have well and truly settled back into the swing of school life and are striving to do well. It is a pleasure to see so many students applying themselves to their studies.

Our Year 11 students gave it their all in the PPE's in October and have been rewarded with an impressive set of results. I was extremely proud of their positive attitude towards this challenge and the confidence they have shown. I have been blown away! I hope that these fantastic results will give them the self-belief they need to conquer their upcoming summer examinations. Very best of luck to our Year 12 vocational students as they work towards their external examinations in January and, not least, best wishes to our Year 13 students who will also have prelims in January. I have every confidence that you will all achieve great results.



This term also saw us receive Silver status in the equalities award run by Equaliteach. Silver status showcases the work that the school has undertaken over the past few years to ensure that the school is a safe place for all students. Thank you, wholeheartedly, to all those involved in gaining this accolade, in particular, Mr Bell (Assistant Headteacher) for championing the hugely important subject of equality. We won't be stopping here, as we are working our way towards Gold to ensure everyone ties in with our motto of 'Opportunity, Diversity and Success for

All'. #equality #TeamMaidenErlegh

We thoroughly embrace diversity and the multitude of cultures here at the school, and our sixth form students recently presented themselves and celebrated their different cultures by wearing their cultural dress to raise money for Save the Children. It was fantastic to see the array of colourful outfits and a joy to celebrate their different cultures.



We have had many exciting enrichment activities and events this term - too many to mention them all - but it has been great to see the number of students getting involved in extra-curricular activities this term. Our Eco Club is going from strength to strength and I have been extremely impressed with the number of great ideas they have come up with to make the school more sustainable; one of my favourites being the book swapping initiative. We have also seen some brilliant house competitions this term, from the twinned town competition to the Christmas card competition. For the twinned town competition, students had to make an advertising brochure to show off why they should visit the towns twinned with Reading, namely Dusseldorf, Speightstown, Clonmel and San Francisco Libre. Congratulations to our three winners Milly B, Chloe B and Laima D. Our annual Christmas card competition saw many outstanding entries, so much so, it was extremely difficult to pick a winner. Well done to the Christmas card winner Saffoora R (Year 8), your card has been used as the schools Christmas card and distributed to all departments around the school. I would also like to recognise the staff

and students who help lead these extra-curricular activities, clubs and competitions on top of their day job or studies.

I would like to say, huge congratulations and thanks to Miss Pitman, the Performing Arts team and the students involved in this year's Winter Concert. I had the pleasure of attending this year's concert and witnessing first hand our truly talented students. I am in awe of the talent at our school and it was brilliant to see such a great turnout at our first Winter Concert in 3 years! Thank you for making this such a special occasion. Bravo!

A huge number of house points have been awarded this term. Well done to all the students on achieving these and the competition for the top spot continues next term! This really does show the fantastic team spirit of our school and how absolutely amazing each and every student is.

### Goodbyes

Sadly, we say goodbye to colleagues who are leaving us. I would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment for the years that they have served to our community. Leaving us are:

- Mrs Davis – SEN Manager
- Mr Bishop – History/PE Teacher
- Mrs Archibald – Teaching Assistant
- Miss Millward – Teaching Assistant
- Miss Taphouse – Inclusion Administrator

We also say farewell to Mrs Bhadye, who will be going on maternity leave as of January 2023.

### Welcome

We also welcome some amazing new colleagues to #TeamMaidenErlegh, these are:

- Miss Harrison - SEN Manager
- Mrs Skitt - Inclusion Administrator
- Mr Chow - Teaching Assistant
- Ms Lam - Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Chan - Lunchtime Controller

Finally, I am pleased to announce our 2023-2024 term dates are now listed on our website here <https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=200>

Very best wishes to you all for a wonderful Festive break and prosperous year ahead. I look forward to seeing all the students back on Tuesday 3 January 2023!

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher

