



7 June 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Show your Pride Day - Wednesday 21 June

We hope this letter finds you well. We are excited to inform you that we will be hosting our second "Show your Pride Day" on Wednesday 21 June. This event coincides with Pride Month, which celebrates the fight for equality within the LGBTQ+ community, just like last year. Throughout June, we have been incorporating Pride Month into our assemblies and daily notices as part of our commitment to promoting British Values, particularly individual liberty and mutual respect.

On "Show your Pride Day," we invite students to wear one item of clothing or accessory that represents the colours of the pride flag. This could be a tie, socks, or a bag. It's important to note that this is not a non-uniform day, and students not wearing their regular uniform will be asked to change before attending classes.

To further support the LGBTQ+ community, we are encouraging voluntary donations (suggested amount: £2) towards the local LGBTQ+ support charity, Support U. They provide invaluable resources and assistance to people of all ages across the Thames Valley. Sixth form students will collect these donations on the day, or students can donate using the collection bucket at reception. If you prefer, online donations can be made directly to Support U through their website: https://www.supportu.org.uk/

We would also like to remind students that if they experience any homophobic or transphobic bullying, they should reach out to their Head of Year or email mestarget@maidenerleghtrust.org. We want to ensure a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing support in fostering a culture of diversity and equality at Maiden Erlegh. Together, we can continue to promote understanding and acceptance among our students.

Yours sincerely

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