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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Library from September 2023

We are delighted to announce that Maiden Erlegh will be starting to equip a school library from September. This will not be an immediate process, but students will be able to borrow books before Christmas. It is a large project and, while we have applied for funding, there is very little available.

The research on the importance of reading for pleasure in improving students' life chances has been clear for decades, so we are very grateful to MESPA, who have donated most of the money we will be using. Their contribution will be used directly to promote reading for pleasure in students, and we will be choosing books with this in mind: encouraging enthusiasm in all subject areas.

At this stage of the project, we will be relying mainly on further donations from parents. We have put together a couple of wish lists if anybody would like to buy books for the school and this list includes books selected by students via a recent survey.

1. We would love to support a local independent bookseller in this endeavour and **FourBears Books**, in Caversham, are our bookseller of choice. They have curated a booklist just for Maiden Erlegh School and are offering a 20% discount. Books can be bought directly from them by clicking on <https://www.fourbearsbooks.co.uk/search-results?q=maiden&type=products&collections=Maiden+Erlegh&appSectionParams=%7B%22origin%22%3A%22cart-popup%22%7D> Please enter Promo code **MaidEr23**. Click on 'Fourbears' for delivery (which is free).
2. Or there is also an Amazon wish list here if you would prefer: <https://amzn.eu/bOIEPPH> you can click on the school address for delivery.

Many thanks in advance to anybody who donates. These books will be incredibly useful, and, we hope, will be used for years.

Yours sincerely

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