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Dear Parent/Guardian

What an eventful half term it has been! As usual, I write to update you on all things Maiden Erlegh. I would like to start this letter with a heartfelt and resounding thank you, extending to parents, guardians, students and staff, for the unwavering support as we faced some unprecedented challenges at the start of the academic year. We genuinely appreciate your support and understanding and for coming together as #TeamMaidenErlegh.

Both myself and all the staff here are so tremendously proud of how the students have started this academic year, not only our newcomers, but ALL the students for how they have returned to school and got back into the swing of things, giving it their best. It can be very difficult to return to school after the summer break to shorter days and darker evenings, but the students' positive attitudes and resilience is testimony to them. Walking around the school brings me so much pleasure as I see so many bright smiles enjoying their time here.

Amidst the challenges we have encountered this half term, I am pleased to share some amazing achievements with you. One of these accomplishments is the attainment of the prestigious Keep Britain Tidy Eco Flag Award. I would like to personally thank the dedicated efforts of Miss Terry and the Eco Club that have been instrumental in reaching this goal, and their hard work has been recognised in this award. To read further information about this programme, please visit <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>.



We boast a wide array of extra-curricular activities, catering to many interests and passions. We strongly believe that participating in extra-curricular activities not only enriches our students' educational experience but also provides them with lifelong skills.

The PE department have enjoyed a number of sporting successes this term, competing against local schools in rugby, football and netball tournaments, to name but a few. We take immense pride in our excellent sporting prowess and praise our students for their skill, determination and, importantly, their sportsmanship. It is not just about winning but adopting a love for sport.



Our Performing Arts department are very busy preparing for the much anticipated performance of "Oliver!". I am excited to see how our dedicated and talented students bring this timeless classic to life. Save the date, 31 January - 2 February, for this spectacular event. Not forgetting the GCSE music and performing arts concert on 8 November and the Christmas concert on 13 December.

As outlined in my letter yesterday, our official results and Progress 8 score are truly exceptional. We could not be prouder of the results that our students, your children, have achieved, and as mentioned, these were the best set of results the school has ever seen. A phenomenal achievement that should be celebrated by the entire school community.

Our annual open mornings for prospective parents and students have been a resounding success, and we could not be more thrilled with the positive feedback we have received from those visiting. These open mornings showcase our amazing school in action, nothing is predetermined, and the attendees choose the route we take. We are able to do this because of the passion and enthusiasm shown by both staff and students every day. We are proud to share our school with these families and look forward to welcoming more families next year.

I would like to remind parents that the expected turnaround for communication is 72 hours. If your communication is not urgent, please can I ask that you do not chase before this time period as this only creates more work for the team. In addition, I also ask that communication is kept courteous and professional at all times, as I cannot accept my staff being spoken to in an unkind or aggressive manner.

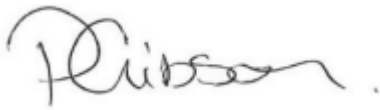
Also, please can I remind you to talk to your children about being safe online and the dangers of talking to those who they do not know. We would recommend watching the below and discussing with your child.

[Breck Bednar Documentary - YouTube](#)

Finally, when we return after half term we will be focussing on uniform, exams and tools for learning. Please ensure your child is dressed in line with our policy and has everything they need to succeed!

I consider myself extremely fortunate to be the Headteacher of this school of inspirational young people. I have the school community to thank for that. Wishing you all a relaxing half term and I eagerly await the students' return on Monday 30 October.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Gibson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher