



Maiden Erlegh School NEWSBLAST



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From the Headteacher



What a buzz there has been around school recently! Annie was a credit to the school and the staff and students involved. They showcased such a range of talents and thoroughly entertained family, friends and staff alike.

This week, the school has been running careers seminars led by employers and people from a range of sectors. The sessions have been exceptionally well attended, by students from Maiden Erlegh School and Maiden Erlegh in Reading. Thank you so much to all the guest speakers who have given up their valuable time and thank you Mr Buck for organising this programme.

The Sixth Form Subject Conferences have also been taking place, 14 subject conferences took place in just two days! The feedback has been extremely positive. They have given students a real boost at this crucial time. We have had some sixth formers in France doing work experience (and milking cows) and others in Switzerland, visiting Cern.



Year 7 have been in Tirabad and our skiers are preparing on the dry slopes. This just gives you a flavour of what is going on, above and beyond the school day.

Furthermore, Miss Cheshire, Mr Gillett and other members of the Leadership Team, including myself, have the privilege of meeting Year 11 students who have applied to our Sixth Form. We will see all 241 of them over the next few weeks. They have been articulate, mature, thoughtful and aspirational – everything I would expect a Maiden Erlegh student to be. Well done to all the staff and students involved!

Finally, I was delighted that we were able to announce our planned work with Chiltern Edge School. For further information please [click here](#). These are exciting times for the Trust and we will keep you informed of further developments as they happen.

CALENDAR

2-9 February	Yr8 Tirabad - Outdoor Pursuits
5 February	Yr7-11 Suspended Timetable Day
6 February	Women's Suffrage - 100 Year Anniversary
6 February	Yr8-13 Careers Fair 2018
19 February	'One Man Two Guvnors' National Theatre - Drama
22 February	Yr8 Options Evening
27 February	Yr8 M Progress Meetings
27 February	Yr11/12 Maths Inspiration Trip - Hexagon - Maths
28 February	Yr12/13 Emagazine Conference - London - English
1 March	Yr8 E Progress Meetings
1 March	World Book Day
2 March	Non-Uniform Day

Road Safety Reminder

Please can we ask parents to remind their children that they should not be distracted when crossing the road, or cycling. We have had some phone calls from very upset drivers who have had to stop suddenly because students have walked out without looking – typically because the student was texting or similar. Also having headphones in will mean awareness is further diminished, oblivious to traffic.



We have spoken with them in school but please would you talk to your son/daughter about the perils of wearing headphones. We have asked students to at least remember the basics of the green cross code and also suggested that they remove one headphone when they are in transit.

Our students share roads and footpaths with other users and it is important that all parties are mutually respectful. No-one wants it to take an accident for them to change their habits.

Thank you for your support

Reminder

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February

Students will be dismissed at 2.55pm on Friday 9 February and are not expected back in school until Monday 19 February

Berkshire Leadership Sports Academy

Four Year 10 students attended the Berkshire Leadership Sports Academy at the end of January to learn how to deliver sport to other young people. The students heard from Paralympic swimmer Graham Edmunds and how he overcame a serious accident to become a double gold medallist. They then had four workshops on how to deliver and lead sport including one session which focussed on inclusion and disability sport. Maiden Erlegh were one of 25 schools stretching across the county from Hungerford to Slough that attended the event and gave our students a chance to interact with other young people from all around the region who are all share a passion for sport and have the characteristics to become excellent future leaders of sport.



Are you looking after someone else's child or do you know someone who is?

Are you a private foster carer?

What is private fostering?

Private fostering is the term used when a parent or guardian places a child or young person aged 16 or under (or 18 if they are disabled) in the care of someone else who is not a close relative or an officially approved foster carer for a period of more than 28 days.

You might be a private foster carer without realising it.

A private foster carer may be:

- A friend of the family
- The parent of your child's friend
- Someone who is previously unknown to the child's family who is willing to privately foster a child.

If someone else is looking after your child, or if you are looking after someone else's child, you could be privately fostering. You must tell Wokingham Borough Council.

For more information or to tell us about a private fostering arrangement please contact:

Wokingham Borough Council (0118) 908 8002 trage@wokingham.gov.uk

What will happen when I tell the Council?

We will be able to offer any advice or support that you or the child might need while they are in your care. We will ask for details such as who will be the caring for the child and where they will be living; details about their history, health and school. This is to ensure the child or young person is safe and well cared for and someone may come to visit you to talk about this.

More information at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/private-fostering

www.wokingham.gov.uk



'isms' Art Through Time

Year 8 Maiden Erlegh Art Students

2-9 February 2018

THE PEACOCK GALLERY



You are invited to the opening on Friday 2 February 4 - 6pm

www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/community
Follow our blog: peacockgallery.wordpress.com
We welcome text relay telephone calls www.textrelay.org

The Peacock Gallery
Maiden Erlegh School
Caversham Road
Earley, Reading
RG2 9NS 0118 9082637
[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/maidenerschool)

Open to the public:
Saturday 3 Feb
10am - 1pm
Weekdays
3 - 4.30pm
Private View
Fri 2 Feb 4 - 6 pm

Parents of Asthmatics

Most asthmatics are prescribed a brown preventer inhaler to be used daily. Like many children, they may not use it as regularly as they should and instead rely on their blue salbutamol inhaler to provide relief as and when they need it.

The preventer is prescribed for a very good reason and this radio clip gives food for thought. It is both moving and powerful and is worth a listen. Maybe it will provoke a change in their ways.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05vtg92>

Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 2 March we will be holding a non-uniform day. The purpose of this day is to raise money to support the Maiden Erlegh New Futures initiative and continue to raise money to update access to IT in lessons by replacing current minibook trollies. New Futures enables students from Addington School to spend a week at our Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Tirabad, each with a Sixth Form mentor from Maiden Erlegh or one of our partner schools. The week is a great experience for everyone involved, influencing lives and putting a smile on some very special children's faces. New Futures is a project which has been running for some years at Maiden Erlegh School and we hope to be able to continue for many years to come.

The suggested donation is £1 however please feel free to donate more if you wish. Donations will be collected in tutor group and collection boxes will also be in the dining halls and sixth form bistro.

Parent Support Group

We have recently been contacted by a lady who is in the process of setting up a parent support group. She says that it is 'aimed at parents struggling with difficult teens, it could be issues at school, drugs, criminal activity, peer pressure, social media addiction, anything that is causing real upset and worry for parents, I have managed to get a couple of schools on board with my idea and they are willing to help spread the word. It's really about coming together and sharing experiences, fears and helping each other to keep our teens safe by sharing information, and ultimately supporting each other in a non-judgmental environment with people going through similar experiences'.

If you would like to know more, please send an email for the attention of Mrs A Walker to office@maidenerleghschool.co.uk and Mrs Walker will send you her contact details.



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We are delighted to be able to offer our facilities for hire to our local community.
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Annie

"It was awesome"

"Really great and very funny!"

"I wish I could see it again"

"Loved it!!"

"Fantastic production"

"Everyone involved should feel very proud, it was fab"

"Amazing"

On Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 January the students at Maiden Erlegh took part in their school production of 'Annie.' This tale of a young orphan girl trying to find her parents has gripped audiences for many years and this year it was our pupils who managed to achieve this. All three nights' audiences laughed at the antics of the mischievous orphans who terrorised Miss Hannigan and were brought at times to tears by the wonderful chemistry between Annie and Warbucks. This level of maturity in a performance can be hard for trained actors to accomplish but the students all managed this without fail. A special mention has to go to the 'splendid' Drake for his comedic timing, often having the audiences on the edge of their seats with laughter and Grace for her beautiful singing voice.

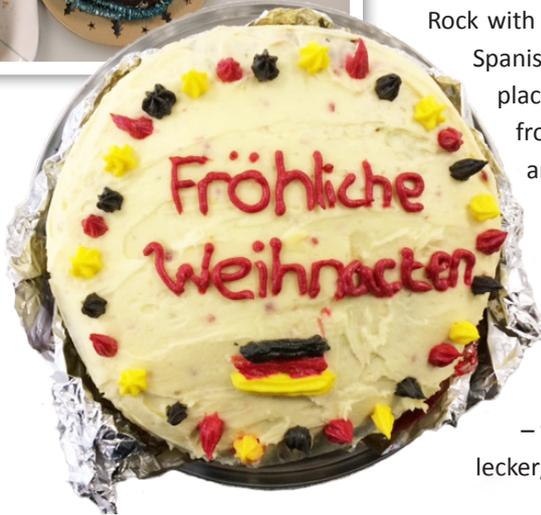
This was truly a collaborative effort between students and staff and it would be unfair to discuss the production without mentioning the wonderful efforts of the band and backstage crew. The band rose to the demands of the performance with precision and enthusiasm the musical director knew they could, making them a truly integral part of the production. The back stage crew, led by the stage manager were able to manage the production's needs expertly, from scene changes to lighting and sound effects, the show simply would not have run without them.

Every cast and crew member should be proud of their involvement in this show as this coming together of people from different years and staff from different departments shows a collective enthusiasm to succeed.

By Mr J Whorriskey



Christmas Cake Competition



Last term we had a joint MFL and Food department cake competition for Year 7. Students were asked to redesign the French, German or Spanish Christmas cake. We had some fabulously creative and delicious entries, but in the end we had to choose some winners. Evie Andrews and Keira Edwards came in 3rd place with a take on the German Christmas cake. In 2nd place was Esther

Rock with a beautiful and very tasty Spanish Christmas cake and in 1st place was another joint entry from Freya Meadows-Tuson and Izzi Phillips. They chose to bake a German style cake which included a multi-coloured sponge and a German Christmas message on the top. Well done to all applicants – your cakes were délicieux/lecker/delicioso!

Women's Suffrage

On 6 February 1918, the UK parliament passed the 'Representation of the People Act' that gave all men, above the age of 21, as well as women, above the age of 30, the right to vote. Prior to this, men not owning property and all women were denied the right to choose their local MP. This is therefore the first important step in granting women equality in terms of their access to democracy and is in no small part due to the efforts of the suffragette movement.

To celebrate this first step and the role of the suffragette movement, on Tuesday 6 February, all staff and students are invited to wear something purple, green or white, or ideally all three, which were the colours of the suffrage movement in addition to their normal uniform.

Additionally staff and students can make a donation toward Camfed (<https://camfed.org/>), a charity that aims to tackle poverty and inequality, particularly by supporting marginalised girls access to education.

Exciting opportunity for young Mathematics Enthusiasts in Year 7 -11 (Age 11 to 16) appearing in upcoming Mathematics Challenges!



Dear Parents,

Do you wish to see your children?

- Bring laurels to you and to the school by winning medals and certificates in the national level competitive Maths Exams/ Challenges and Olympiads?
- Boost their self-confidence in problem solving skills?
- Learn various calculation tricks, exam techniques, problem solving strategies and time management tips?
- Be better equipped for challenges on their career ahead?

Maths & Problem Solving Workshop is specifically focusing your children to get benefits & earn awards.

Date & Venue:

Reading	Slough
Intermediate (Y9, Y10 & Y11) – Sundays' 14 th & 21 st Jan 2018: 09.00 to 13.00 hrs.	Intermediate (Y9, Y10 & Y11) – Sundays' 14 th & 21 st Jan 2018: 15.00 to 19.00 hrs.
Juniors (Y7 & Y8) – Sundays' 18 th & 25 th Mar 2018: 09.00 to 13.00 hrs.	Juniors (Y7 & Y8) – Sundays' 18 th & 25 th Mar 2018: 15.00 to 19.00 hrs.

Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7HS
Langley Academy, Langley Road, Langley, Berkshire SL3 7EF

Price: £70 per attendee for entire 2 x half day course (8 Hrs.)

★★★★ 2016 & 2017 Batch Performances ★★★★★

2016 batch	2017 batch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze certificates • 2 Best in School certificates • 2 Certificate of Merit in Junior Kangaroo exams • 1 Silver medal in UK Maths Olympiad • 1 National finalist in UK Team Maths Challenge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Gold, 7 Silver, 15 Bronze certificates • 4 Best in School certificates • 6 Invitations to Maths Olympiad • 1 Gold, 3 Bronze medals in UK Maths Olympiad • 3 Certificate of Merit in Junior Kangaroo exams • 1 Invitation to Maths Summer School at Oxford/Leeds University

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"Genius of Maths1 Tuition" presents an exciting opportunity for Year 11s appearing in upcoming GCSE Mathematics Exams in May-June 2018!



Dear Parents,

Do you wish to see your dear daughter or son to:

- Secure a prestigious Grade 8 or 9 in GCSE 2018 Mathematics Exams?
- Boost their self-confidence in problem solving skills by knowing key tricks, methodologies in harder Mathematics Topics? Topics being covered are:

Functions: Inverse & Composite	Transformations of Graphs	Counting Strategies
Solving Quadratic Equations through Graphs	Circle Theorems	Completing a Perfect Square with Turning Points
Probability	Co-ordinate Geometry of Straight Lines & Circles	Trigonometry Basics
Quadratic Formula & Modelling Questions	Algebraic Proofs, Algebraic Factors, Fractions & Index Laws	Sine & Cosine Rules, 3D Trigonometry

- Solve various past GCSE Maths papers questions & gain confidence to answer tougher questions in upcoming GCSEs?
- Be better equipped for challenges on their career ahead to take Mathematics/Further Mathematics in A Levels & study Mathematics at Universities?

Target 8s & 9s GCSE Mathematics Workshop is specifically focusing your child to get the best grades in the nation!

Date & Venue:

Reading
Sunday 25 th February (09:00 AM to 01:30 PM) & Sunday 04 th March (09:00 AM to 01:30 PM)
Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Rd, Earley, Reading RG6 7HS

Price: £85 per attendee for entire 2 x half day course (9 Hrs.)

★★★★ 2017 & 2018 Batch Performances ★★★★★

2017 batch	2018 batch
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 out of 4 Students taught last year have got 8's & 9's in GCSE Maths 2017 Exams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 6 students currently being taught are on target to achieve an 8 or a 9 in their GCSE Maths 2018 Exams

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Term Dates 2017-2018

Spring Term

Wed 3 Jan - Fri 9 Feb

****Half Term****

Mon 19 Feb - Thur 29 Mar

Professional Development Days (school closed to students) - Wed 17 Jan

Summer Term

Mon 16 Apr - Fri 25 May

****Half Term****

Mon 4 June - Tue 24 July

Professional Development Days (school closed to students) - Thur 5 July

For our 2018-2019 term dates please [click here](#) and scroll down our website to view.

PE Department

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