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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we find ourselves at the end of another fully packed half term, I am delighted to write to you to provide you with a glimpse into Maiden Erlegh school life and update you on all that #TeamMaidenErlegh has achieved this half term. After a fantastic return to school following the festive break, students have thrown themselves into their studies. I have been truly impressed. Year 10 students deserve a special mention as they started their PPE's this week and have shown maturity and diligence in their approach to these important pre-public examinations.

Last week's school production of *Oliver* was nothing short of phenomenal! The cast and crew showcased incredible talent, delivering a performance that captivated the audience. The dedication and hard work were evident in every scene, making it a truly memorable event. As the curtain fell, I found myself eagerly awaiting the next theatrical sensation with bated breath.

"I'd do anything" to see this production again, but the tickets were sold out within days of being on sale. I am extremely excited to see the creativity and skill in future performances of this amazing group of young people.



There have been too many sporting achievements to mention them all this half term. I've been blown away by the dedication and sportsmanship of our students in sporting events across all year groups, which include football tournaments, netball leagues, basketball competitions and athletics championships.

We had huge success at the British Physics Olympiad, which promotes the study of physics and recognises young talent through 14 annual competitions worldwide. In the Year 13 Olympiad, four students showcased exceptional problem-solving skills, earning 2 silver and 2 bronze medals. Thirty-two Year 12 students earned numerous bronze and silver medals, along with 3 gold medals. Similarly, 28 Year 11 students achieved 3 gold medals, among

other awards. Some of these students will progress to the intermediate Olympiad taking place in March.

This week, we supported Safer Internet Day and joined other schools across the country in promoting online safety and were lucky enough to have a visit from two local Police Constables speaking to a large number of students on the law and staying safe online. Huge thank you to PC Maxine Rodger and PC Lucia Watkinson for spending time with us.



In addition, this week has been National Apprenticeship week and with that in mind, we are very excited to invite you to the Maiden Erlegh Trust's Annual Careers Fair on Thursday 7 March 6pm-8pm. Held in the main hall, our ever-popular Careers Fair promises to be an unmissable event, focussing on the world of work, apprenticeship opportunities, gap year possibilities and a full range of occupational opportunities, including employers from a wide range of different industries. This event not only showcases opportunities available to students across the entire trust, but also encouraging students to develop their own ideas about employment and the world of work with qualified staff on hand to help students make important decisions about their futures. It is never too early to start thinking ahead, this is why the careers fair is not only aimed at sixth form students but students from Year 7

all the way through to Year 13. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is guidance available for all students.

We have some amazing trips during February half term and I wish all students and staff attending an unforgettable experience. Twenty Year 12 business and economics students journey to New York and students from Years 8, 9 and 10 make the journey across Europe on the annual ski trip! I hope the excitement of exploring the Big Apple and the thrill of hitting the slopes creates lasting memories for everyone. Safe travels, enjoy the experiences, and I look forward to following your adventures on X. To follow the New York trip please use the @MaidenErleghSch and for the ski trip please follow them at @MES_PE_Dept.

As we work hard to maintain a positive and focused learning environment, I would kindly remind you of the importance of adhering to our uniform expectations. By ensuring that your child follows the school's uniform policy, you contribute to their overall school experience and the smooth operation of our school community. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

As I close this letter, I would like to draw your attention to a number of staff vacancies within the schools in the Maiden Erlegh Trust and encourage you to view the opportunities available. For more details, please visit the vacancies section on our website.

As always, thank you for your continued support and your commitment to your children's education. Wishing you all a restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 19 February.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher