



MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 12 - Malta Diving Trip – May 2026

Maiden Erlegh School, in conjunction with Oyster Diving, are excited to offer an opportunity for Year 12 students to learn how to dive in Malta from Saturday 23 May to Thursday 28 May 2026. Students will complete a PADI open water course, which will qualify them as open water divers and give them the experience of scuba diving.

Whilst in Malta, we will be staying at the 4* Paradise Bay Resort Hotel, on a half board package. The planned itinerary would include:

7.30am – Breakfast

8.30am – Arrive at dive centre

8.30am – Diving

1pm – Lunch – which can be purchased from vans located near the dive centre. Please note that lunch is not included within the resort dining package

2pm – Return to hotel

2.30pm – Free time to use the hotel facilities, which include tennis courts, a swimming pool and a games room

On the final day, a trip will be organised to historical Valetta.

The trip will cost an estimated £1700 per student, although this could decrease if a greater number of students join the trip. The cost of the trip includes:

- Return flights to Malta (from Gatwick or Heathrow Airport)
- 20kg hold luggage
- Transport to hotel in Malta
- Accommodation and half board dining (breakfast and dinner)
- Trip to Valetta

Please note that transport to and from the UK airport, lunch while in Malta and a taster dive on Tuesday 23 September 2025 are not included within the trip costs and would have to be factored in as additional costs for parents and students to pay separately.

We have arranged for a taster dive session at an additional cost of £45 on Tuesday 23 September 2025. This will take approximately 1.5 hours and would provide the opportunity for students to experience scuba diving in a small group in a local swimming pool.



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Students will need to have a valid passport and (if necessary) a visa to travel to Malta. Please note that we cannot arrange visas for those passports that need one. Parents and students would need to arrange this before the trip.

Before the trip, students will need to commit to completing a diving theory course. This will consist of 10 sessions taking place after school, from January 2026, with an online assessment at the end of the course.

Students will also have to demonstrate the ability to swim 200 metres, unaided. If a student does not have a certificate that proves this skill, we will organise a session at a minimal charge and a swimming teacher would assess the ability to swim 200 metres and would be able to certify this.

If you would like your child to join us on this trip, please complete the online expression of interest form [here](#) by **9am Wednesday 17 September 2025**. Completion of this form does not guarantee a place for your child on this trip. This is the first stage and allows us to see if we have the necessary numbers needed to proceed with this trip, as we are limited to 30 spaces. In the event of over subscription, a place on this trip will be allocated using the factors below:-

- A) Meeting the deadline of completing the expression of interest form
- B) Behaviour record
- C) Attitude to learning
- D) Attendance record

If these criteria do not discriminate, names will be drawn at random, with 2 reserve places being allocated in case the names drawn are unable to meet the criteria or payment plan.

If your child is successful and is allocated a place on this trip, a further letter will be sent with payment details and deadlines. Please note that an initial deposit will be requested on 29th September of £300 with a further seven payments made every month of £210, until the final payment in April 2026. All payments will need to be made via ParentPay. Should we be able to offer savings dependent on the number of students that want to join this trip, these payments could decrease, and this will be detailed on the confirmation letter.

Please note that representing the school on a trip is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact me via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Maria

Maths Teacher, Trip Leader & Qualified Diving Instructor

