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Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 7-11 - Enrichment Challenge

At Maiden Erlegh School, we are deeply committed to ensuring that all students are supported and challenged to excel, both in the classroom and beyond. We believe that every student possesses unique talents and potential, and it is our privilege to help them thrive academically and personally.

Challenge first and foremost takes place in every classroom. Our teachers personalise learning to ensure that day-to-day lessons are consistently enriching, intellectually demanding, and tailored to stretch our more able students whilst supporting those with learning needs to ensure the classroom is truly inclusive. By embedding high-level thinking, critical analysis, and deep problem-solving into our core curriculum, we ensure that students are continuously engaged and inspired.

In addition to classroom learning, we are equally committed to offering a vibrant range of enrichment and challenge opportunities beyond the classroom. Throughout the academic year, students have access to a wide variety of activities designed to broaden their horizons, including:

- **Academic Competitions & Clubs:** The UKMT Maths Challenge, Debate Society, Reading Book Club, Coding Club, and Robotics Club to name but a few.
- **Events & Experiential Learning:** Our annual Science Fair, guest speaker events, and numerous departmental enrichment trips and visits.
- **Higher Education Engagement:** University visits designed to raise aspirations and offer a taste of undergraduate study.

Participation in these enrichment opportunities does far more than enhance academic portfolios—it positively impacts students' sense of belonging and connection to our school community. Furthermore, research consistently shows that engaging in co-curricular interests has a profound, positive effect on young people's mental health and overall wellbeing by building confidence, resilience, and strong peer relationships.

There will be various enriching opportunities shared with you over the course of the academic year. We kindly ask for your partnership in discussing these with your child and encouraging them to embrace these opportunities as they arise. **The gold and silver programme has now been replaced with the Enrichment Challenge offer.**



Thank you for your continued support in helping our students reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely



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