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Dear Parent / Guardian

Malta Diving Trip – June 2027

Maiden Erlegh School, in conjunction with Oyster Diving, are excited to offer an opportunity to our Year 12 students to learn how to dive in Malta from 1 June to 6 June 2027. 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, which includes half board accommodation. A typical day will include;

- 7.30am – breakfast.
- 8.30am - arrive at dive centre.
- 8.30am to 1pm – diving.
- 1pm to 2.30pm - lunch, return to dive centre, rinse off gear.
- 2.30pm onwards – free time to use the hotel facilities, including tennis courts, swimming pool and games room.

There will also be the opportunity to visit other parts of Malta during the trip.

Costs

Before the trip, students will have the opportunity to complete a taster dive, which will be organised through Oyster diving before the end of the calendar year. They will have the opportunity to experience using scuba equipment under the supervision of qualified dive instructors in a swimming pool and has a cost of £50.

The open water course consists of two stages – the confined water diving and the open water diving.

The confined water diving will be completed in a swimming pool in the UK. We are currently looking at carrying out the practical aspect of this on 24 April 2027. Students will have needed to have completed the online theory beforehand (which takes about 10-12 hours) and also need to demonstrate that they can continuously swim 200 metres and float unaided for 10 minutes. Please note that any student unable to complete this stage of the course will not be able to go on the trip. The cost of the theory course and the confined water training is £325.



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Work Together

The open water diving will be completed in Malta and will cost an estimate £1850 per student, though this may go down depending on final number of students that are interested in the trip. The costs will include;

- Return flights to Malta (from either Gatwick or Heathrow)
- 20kg hold luggage
- Transport to hotel in Malta
- Accommodation and half board accommodation (breakfast and dinner)
- Trip to other parts of Malta

Within these costs, we are not including transport to and from the airport in the UK, or lunch whilst in Malta. Lunch can be purchased locally from venues located near the dive centre and will have to be purchased individually by students.

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.

Allocation of places

At the moment, we are looking for expressions of interest to gauge student numbers for the trip as we are limited to 20 student places. **Please register your interest by completing the electronic Expression of Interest form [here](#) by 3pm Friday 9 October 2026.** This does not guarantee that your child will go on the diving trip. In the event of an over subscription, a place on the diving trip will be allocated on a) meeting the deadline, b) behaviour record, c) attitude to learning and attendance. If these criteria do not discriminate, names will be drawn at random. If your child is successful and allocated a place on the fieldtrip a further letter will be sent out with payment details and deadlines.

****Payments to be made via ParentPay will only be requested once your child has been allocated a place on the trip**

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event 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.

Any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to get in contact via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Maria
Maths Teacher, Trip Leader & Qualified Diving Instructor

