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OPPORTUNITY, DIVERSITY & SUCCESS FOR ALL

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From the Headteacher



Earlier this month we heard that our progress and attainment ranked in the top 10% of schools and this week we received acknowledgement of our outstanding progress record in Key Stage 5. Looking around me at how hard our students and staff are working right now, I know that those results come from endeavour, resilience and talent. It is a privilege to

work and learn here and when we are so focused on the push for the finish line, it is timely to remember this, but also to recognise the wider work of the school. Our motto speaks of "opportunity" and there are so many opportunities on offer to our students, catering for a wide range of interests. 75% of students have told us they have already participated in at least one extra-curricular activity this year and I would strongly encourage the others to do so – perhaps a summer sport when they start.

Recently we had a presentation about Oxbridge for our Year 10 Gold Programme students. Apart from dispelling a few myths about these institutions, the message was clearly that our students should not be deterred from aspiring to these universities if they would like to go. It was lovely to see so many students and parents there.

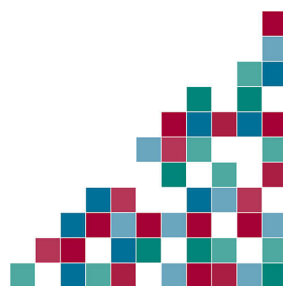
As we approach the Easter holidays, I know many students will be planning lots of revision and examination practise. My advice to students is always to prepare well and practise as many exam questions as possible (do them several times over). Being prepared means students go into exams more confidently and this reduces examination stress. It is also important, however, to make time for friends and family and to keep active. It is always a fine line, but getting the balance right is the key to confidence and success in the summer.

Have a great Easter holidays.



CALENDAR

26-29 March	Yr12 PPE 2
26-29 March	A level Drama
27-28 March	GCSE Art Exam
28 March	Performing Arts Showcase
29 March	Last Day of Term - Students finish at 2.55pm
30 Mar-15 Apr	Easter Holidays
30 March	Yr8/9/10 Ski Trip - Obertauern, Austria
16 April	Students Return to School - Summer Term
19-26 April	Yr11 PPE 3
20 April	Yr7 Tirabad Adventure
23 April	St George's Day
24 April	Yr10 M Progress Meetings
26 April	Yr10 E Progress Meetings
26-30 April	Yr13 PPE 2 (A2 Content)

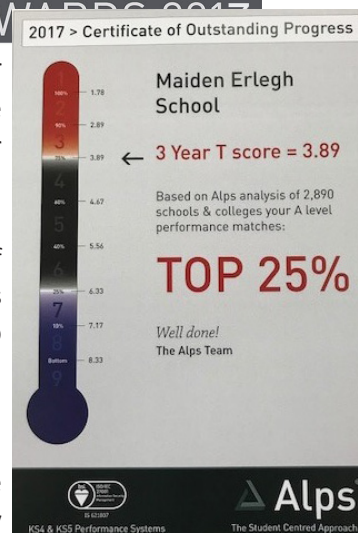


SSAT EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES AWARDS 2017

Hot on the heels of our SSAT award earlier this month we have been awarded another award!!

The Alps 2017 Certificate of Outstanding Progress, this means Maiden Erlegh are in the Top 25% of schools for our A level performance.

Thanks goes out to all those involved in achieving this highly regarded award.



Safety Concern

On occasion we receive phone calls from concerned members of the community in relation to the safety of students outside school. Please can we ask you to remind your child to take care when leaving school at the end of the day and ensure they are extra vigilant in and around the Tesco car park as there are moving vehicles.

World Book Day 2018

Unfortunately the snow interfered with some of our plans for World Book Day Celebrations on Thursday 1 March but we were still able to judge the door decorating competition that many students and teachers participated in.

Our winners were:

1st Prize – Mr Brown's and his Year 11 class for their 'Great Expectations' door. A beautifully presented door with interactive revision opportunities for GCSE English Literature built in.

2nd Prize – Miss Birch's door in the Religion and Philosophy department. Again, an eye-catching door displaying Plato's allegory of the cave from 'The Republic' complete with quotations and an overview of the allegory itself.

3rd Prize – Mrs Elliott and her Year 9 class for their 'Alice in Wonderland' themed door. A really artistic door with lots of quirky details.



Thank you to everyone who participated. All of your contributions were much appreciated and looked amazing!

Remember to spend your World Book Day vouchers!

Performing Arts Showcase

The Performing Arts Showcase takes place on 28 March at 7pm in the sports hall.

It is a collaboration between the music, P.E and drama departments. All of the performances will be based around film and television. There will be performances from all of the school music groups which includes the string group, junior band, samba band and choir. Musical performances will feature music from Downton Abbey and The Minions film. There also will be drama performances by the drama club and exam groups along with a ballet dance and dances from The Greatest Showman and Footloose.

It promises to be a varied and entertaining evening and it would be great to see you there! Tickets are available using the letter on the [website](#) and on the door!



Instructions for Summer Examinations

All candidates taking public exams this summer and their parents should read the [Examinations Guide for Students and Parents](#) along with the other guides and warning notices on our website. The documents contain vital instructions which must be adhered to.

Physics Olympiad AS Challenge

The following students took part in the AS challenge and achieved the following:

Daniel Hopkins	Bronze 1
Jess Van Der Merwe	Bronze 2
Umesh Samyaro	Bronze 2

Commendation

Jan Corsten
Rohit Jagarlapudi
Agasthya Pothapragada
Amarthya Pothapragada
Hayden Wynn
Zayn Zahir
Bilal Shauq



The AS Challenge is an exciting opportunity for students to stretch their lateral thinking skills and apply fundamental physical principles to novel situations. The AS Challenge is a single, one-hour paper that provides an excellent tool to assess and challenge students' ability to work at Key Stage 5 and beyond. It consists of 10 minutes of thought-provoking multiple choice questions followed by a short answers section that tests subject knowledge and application.

Community Arts Workshops, Courses & Exhibitions Summer 2018

[Click here for further information.](#)

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Maths Inspiration Trip

Year 11 and 12 students had a chance to go to a lecture show called “Maths Inspiration” which is one of the largest maths enrichment programmes for teenagers in the UK. In this highly engaging and interactive show, Hannah Fry (UCL) , David Acheson (University of Oxford), Hugh Hunt (Cambridge University) and the host Matt Parker, explained why there is a point to the Maths we have been studying.

These are some of the students comments about the event:

“There were a lot of interesting demonstrations”

“I enjoyed the trip a lot, it was fun and engaging”

“I enjoyed it thoroughly. It was very interesting and far more enjoyable and interactive than one would assume it would be.”

“It was a hoot”

“It taught me how to apply Maths/Physics in future careers.”



What is NCS?
National Citizen Service (NCS) is a life-changing experience offering 15 to 17 year olds the chance to take part in adventurous activities, develop valuable skills and meet new people. Over 400,000 teenagers have already benefited from taking part in NCS.

PHASE 1: ADVENTURE
Personal Challenge
Living independently, young people complete outdoor activities.

PHASE 2: DISCOVERY
Team Challenge
Young people work with industry professionals to learn new skills.

PHASE 3: SOCIAL ACTION
Real Challenge
Young people design a social action project to make a difference in their community.

CELEBRATION
Their Future
Young people will be invited to a graduation ceremony.

FRIDAY 4th MAY 2018
TUTOR DROP IN
Bring along £5 deposit to sign up to NCS, there will be games and freebies for those signed up.

For more information or to sign up, visit NCS.THECHALLENGE.ORG or call 020 3510 5050

87% of our graduates feel more confident in themselves
92% feel they have developed skills for their future, after finishing NCS
66 students from Maiden Erlegh have already signed up for an experience of a lifetime in 2018

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ATTENDANCE

We cannot teach them if they are not here!

Research shows that there is a direct correlation between high levels of attendance and punctuality and high levels of student attainment.

At Maiden Erlegh School, our average attendance is between 96% and 97% and we are one of the best schools nationally for attendance. **This has a direct, positive, impact on us helping your child get the results they deserve, and having the great school experience they deserve.**

Attendance facts

- Students with 90% attendance will have had the equivalent of 1 day off every 2 weeks.
- Students with 80% attendance will have had the equivalent of 1 day off every week.

Punctuality facts

- Being late means students miss out on education, just the same as being absent from school. It also disrupts learning and teaching.
- 5 minutes missed from lessons or tutor period due to being late every day equates to 3 days lost a year.
- 15 minutes missed from lessons or tutor period due to being late every day equates to 10 days lost a year (2 weeks).
- 30 minutes missed from lessons or tutor period due to being late every day equates to 19 days (nearly 4 weeks).

Everyone falls ill from time to time, that cannot be helped, indeed sometimes students are absent because they are on a trip or visit for another subject. Whatever the reason, missing school is not without consequence on learning. It is, therefore, important for students to understand that making up the missed work as soon as possible is essential to prevent them falling behind. To do this they can:

- Ask their friends if they can copy their work.
- Make an appointment with a teacher to go through the missed work.
- Look on Google Classroom.

If your child has a chronic condition which makes attending school regularly a significant challenge, then it is important that you make an appointment to see your child's Head of Year as soon as possible so that we can review the medical information you have and devise an appropriate support package.

Court Room Drama with RE Inspired

Over the last few weeks, our Year 7 Religion and Philosophy students were lucky enough to be visited by RE Inspired, a Christian organisation who explore issues related to Christianity in schools. A variety of RE Inspired volunteers, from a range of Christian denominations, helped our students reflect on Christian beliefs and practices. We also were analysing different responses to one very difficult philosophical question; was Jesus mad, bad or God?

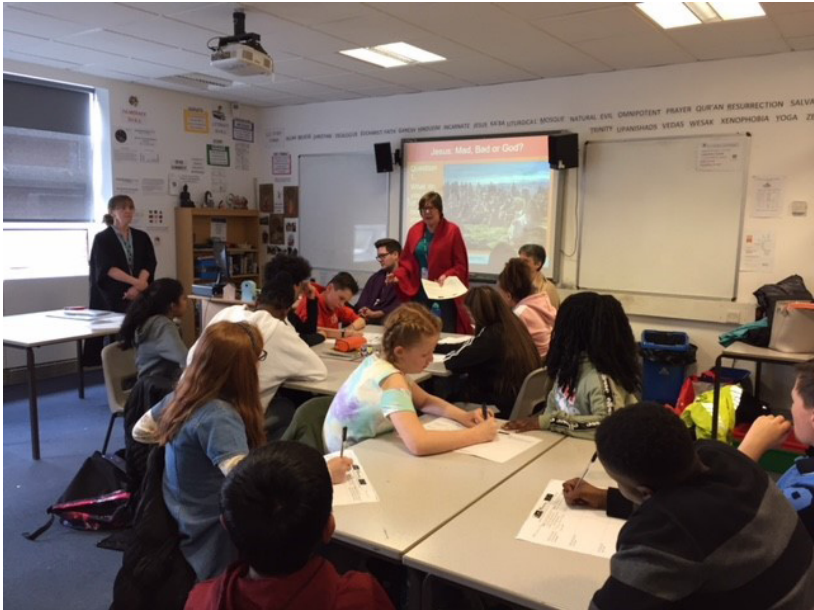
Earley CResCent Resource Centre

Check out the latest courses offered by the CResCent Resource Centre:

Make Excel Work for You - 18 April
Intro to Windows 10 - 19 April
Intro to Windows 10 - 6 June
Next Steps in Excel - 6 June
Emergency First Aid - 12 July
Level 2 Food Safety - 19 July

Visit the courses section of their website for further information.
<http://earleycrest.org/wp/courses/>

Our Year 7 students formed the jury in a ‘Was Jesus; mad, bad or God?’ trial. RE Inspired volunteers took on the roles of Pontius Pilate, the Roman leader, Caiaphas, the Jewish High Priest, and Peter, one of Jesus’ disciples. They were questioned about their knowledge of Jesus in order for the jury to decide whether he was mad, bad or God. A wide variety of evidence was examined but unsurprisingly, the jury is still out!



Thank you to Carrie King, the RE Inspired leader for all her hard work and to all the volunteers who made the sessions so memorable!

Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Alisha Bartlett Yr8, Kodi Batchelor Yr8, Bo Meadows Tuson Yr8, Rishit Bhatt Yr10, Ploi Suwansri Yr10, Marianna Bak Yr13 and Lucy Green Yr13 for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for February.

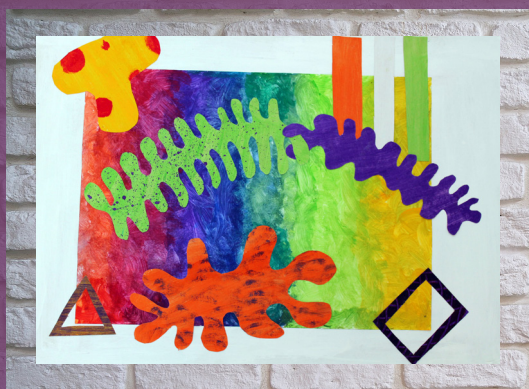
Year 8



Alisha Bartlett



Kodi Batchelor



Bo Meadows Tuson

Year 10



Ploi Suwansri



Rishit Bhatt

Year 13



Lucy Green

Marianna Bak



ARTiculation Wiltshire Regional Final

On Tuesday 6 March Stacey Oguna represented Maiden Erlegh School in the regional heat of Articulation – a national Art competition for public speaking.

Stacey based her presentation on Chris Ofili's 'The Cadged Bird's Song' which is a piece of artwork she independently visited 3 times to inform her research. She spoke fluently and successfully and answered a challenging question by adjudicator Emma Goltz which tested her ability to read around the subject. Whilst Stacey did not go through to the next round she should feel very proud of her ability to present her research without using her reference notes and the confidence to extend herself outside of her comfort zone.

The articulation team said of Stacey:

'She was a fantastic participant, very supportive of the other students, and we all really enjoyed hearing her touching presentation!'



ARTiculation



ASDAN Update

On Tuesday 13 March Year 9 ASDAN students visited the school canteen as part of their Health and Fitness programme to learn about the importance of a balanced diet.

The Canteen Manager explained the need to make good choices about nutrition. Students were shown how food labelling works. They also discussed the dangers of drinking energy drinks for under 16 year olds.

Year 9 and 10 ASDAN students are also learning about different aspects of exercise and the importance of varying physical activities in their training programme.

They learned that teenagers should take part in an hour's physical exercise a day. Three days a week should also include strength exercises to help build muscle and strong bones.



They are currently taking part in a health and fitness programme using the PE facilities to improve different areas of fitness. They are ably assisted by Karen Pacho, Year 12 who has completed her Sports Leaders Award.



Woodley Festival of Music & Arts



Congratulations to Year 11 student Alexandra Isaacs who has recently been successful at the Woodley Festival of Music & Arts. Alexandra won a gold medal in the 16 and under Instrumental Composition section and she won the Woodley Festival Trophy for best overall composition. She also won a gold medal in the under 18 Piano Sonata category. Alexandra is also participating in the solo competition which we are awaiting the result.

PE Department

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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 3 May
Thur 5 July

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

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