



# Maiden Erlegh School NEWSBLAST

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## From the Headteacher



As we come to the end of a very successful year, I wanted to congratulate the whole of the Maiden Erlegh School community on their part in that success. I started to list all that we had achieved together and the list was impossibly long. So here are some highlights:

- Over 120 trips and enrichment events, not including fixtures and regular clubs (with already over 80 booked for next year – including a ski trip and a trip to Iceland).
- Awards for our work with Young Carers (thank you Claire Nimmo), our Religious Education provision (well done Sian Jones and her team) and our Careers & Work Related Learning Provision (thank you Rob Buck).
- A wealth of achievements, both in school and beyond, for current and alumni students in sports and the arts.
- 13 new Specialist Leaders of Education through our Teaching School.
- Impressive student art exhibitions in the Peacock Gallery.
- Great collaborations between PE and Performing Arts in our Showcases and Extravaganza.
- Annie!
- Our second Science Fair (who knew that about dragons!).
- Celebration of equalities through events and assemblies for example for: the start of women getting the vote, Black History Month, LGBTQ and a powerful Interfaith event.
- We celebrated the European Day of Languages, National Numeracy and PI Days and World Book Day.
- Teachers got “splatted” for charity.
- We have raised over £5000 for charity.
- We have had our first wellbeing week to support staff and students, and we fully expect this to grow in advance of our next one in November.
- We have a wonderful new Inclusion area, including our Inclusion Garden (thank you Claire McIntyre).
- We have run a range of events for parents, including on E-Safety and Apprenticeships.
- We have over 140 Ambassadors, with another 37 to add from the current Year 7.
- Our Open Evening was one of the best we have every had - with do many fantastic students representing the school brilliantly.
- Each half term I have had the pleasure to meeting the best Geographers and Historians.
- Sports Personality Awards Evening was another triumph!



And I could go on ....

Maiden Erlegh School students are so lucky to have such dedicated staff who are determined to follow through on one of our core values: to provide opportunities for learning and development which enhance the taught curriculum and go beyond it. We are lucky that so many students embrace those opportunities.

Thank you to all the staff, to all the students – you have been amazing this year. Thank you to you the parents, who support us and our values, and enable us to not just to do our job, but to enjoy it.

I look forwards to seeing some of you in August on results days, and the rest of you in September. Have a happy and restful summer.

Mary Davies

## Educational Event and Visits Review

Throughout the school year a large number of students have taken part in both on and offsite events. Students across all year groups have had multiple opportunities to get involved in a number of high profile events.

Within school students have enjoyed Pi Day, Puzzle Day, BBQ's, Theatre productions, Artists workshops, Oxford focus day, Growth mind set day and multiple celebration events. Some highlights include the Year 13 cultural fair, Year 7s STEAM day and the whole school Pastoral Day. The music department continued their success with the Easter and summer concerts; and worked alongside PE to create a great Easter Showcase.

Students have also had opportunities to take part in a number of learning experiences outside of the Maiden Erlegh gates. This year trips have included visits to art galleries, the coast, Thorpe Park, Alton Towers, Lords cricket ground, Tree-runners, Cambridge, and Warbrook House for the prom. There has also been multiple PE events and theatre trips.

Students have also travelled further afield, within a number of residential trips including Liddington Sports Tour, Tirabad, Ski Trip, Cologne, Geneva, French Exchange, Lippstade and the Valkenberg music tour.

I would like to thank all the staff who have volunteered their time to lead these events and all the students who have taken part and represented the school in such a positive light.

*Sian Young*



## Fire Alarms

You may be aware that we have had three fire evacuations at school recently. In each of these cases the alarm was set off deliberately by students. When a fire alarm is triggered, it is not only the entire school (and onsite nursery) population that is impacted, but a fully staffed fire engine is automatically dispatched to us. The fire officers have to come to our site and carry out an inspection to satisfy themselves that there is no fire; the time and resource that is wasted is enormous and they are potentially diverted from other 'real' incidents. Parents and students should be aware that henceforth we will consider this as a Level 4 behaviour as per our Behaviour Policy and therefore, reserve the right to exclude any student deliberately setting off a fire alarm. In addition, we will pass on any costs or fines incurred to them and/or the parents. We are almost always able to identify the culprits by CCTV and with the help of other students who, like us, find this behaviour totally unacceptable.

## SSAT Award

Mr Buck and Miss Young proudly represented the school when being awarded our two certificates for excellent results in 2017 based on data from the Department of Education and Ofsted





## Year 11 Prom

What a fantastic Year 11 Prom this year! It was held at Warbrook House and it was fantastically attended by students and staff alike. I was so pleased to see them all relaxed and celebrating their fantastic year.

They all arrived in style from beetles to buses and they had the outfits to match – they all looked amazing.

Year 11 you have done yourselves proud, we wish you a lovely break and good luck to you all in your next steps!



## Alumni Achievements

Recently we heard some fantastic news that one of our ex-students Nick Masterton has been selected in a group project called Forensic Architecture and they have been short listed for this year's Turner Prize!

He created a fantastic plaster carved sculpture on a large scale here at school and was a great student.

Nicholas Masterton is an architect and researcher at Forensic Architecture. He has graduated from the Unknown Fields division of the Architectural Association with a previous degree from the Bartlett School of Architecture. His previous research includes studies into the nature of digital work and crowdsourcing. After working at Wilkinson Eyre Architects and KTB Architecture, Nicholas joined the Forensic Architecture team in 2017, where he helped to produce a film analysing pro-government strikes on M2 Hospital in Aleppo.

He is part of a group of people who have been nominated for the Prize:

<https://www.forensic-architecture.org/>

Also, Siomha Harrington who left school 2 years ago had her painting accepted into the RA summer show and was to be seen delivering her work on a recent TV programme. Grayson Perry has curated this year's show.

## WILDFIRE

To help keep you and our countryside safe, we have come up with a checklist for what to do if there is a fire.



### What to do:

- Do not try and tackle the fire yourself
- Call 999 and request the Fire Service
- Give an accurate location of the fire, for example -
  - Name of the nearest road
  - Access points
  - Visible land marks (pubs, farms, power lines, etc)
  - Locally known names
  - Map grid references (Ordnance Survey ideally or an A to Z)
- Move to a safe area and contact the local land manager if possible
- If the fire is in a remote area, please meet emergency services at the access point so that you can guide them to the location



### What not to do:

- Do not discard cigarettes
- Do not have BBQs in unauthorised areas
- Never leave a BBQ unattended
- Do not start camp fires out in the countryside
- Do not discard rubbish - particularly reflective materials
- Do not burn off garden rubbish during hot periods or if you live close to woodland or heathland
- Do not have bonfires on hot days or during prolonged periods of dry weather



### Remember, prevention is key!

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## Bracknell College STEAM Challenge Day

On Tuesday 10 July, eleven Year 8 students took part in a school trip to Bracknell College, to learn all about STEAM; Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths/Medicine. There were three activities for students to complete throughout the day, in groups composed of two pairs from different local secondary schools. Thanks to the teamwork shown, we managed to win the robotics challenge and be runners up in the Efit challenge twice! The robotics challenge consisted of programming a robot from scratch, and making it go round a circuit. You collected points by doing things such as 360s. The team with the most points won the challenge. It was a great day and our students will certainly take away the advice given from the leaders of the trip.



## Updated Individual Healthcare Plans

We are updating the medical care plans and everyone with a diagnosed condition (physical or psychological) has been sent a copy of the new Individual HealthCare Plan Forms. These new plans are more detailed and provide us with additional information about what you would like us to do, if an incident occurs and your child is on a school trip or residential. The aim is to ensure that we know how to support your child effectively and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom. If you haven't received a letter or have a question then please contact:

[medical@maidenerleghschool.co.uk](mailto:medical@maidenerleghschool.co.uk)

If you have received a letter then please fill this in and return this to us before the end of term.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Geography Field Trip

On Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July the Year 12 geographers conducted physical and human fieldwork in order to help them decide upon their personal investigation titles.

On Monday morning they looked for evidence of retail clustering, urban regeneration and sustainable urban drainage at the Lexicon, Bracknell. The afternoon was spent estimating how much carbon there is in the trees outside of Waitrose and considered why this is important to know. Shopper's perceptions of the Lexicon were gauged as was the safety of the various areas around it.

On Tuesday the students visited Lyndhurst in the New Forest to practice a simultaneous vehicle and pedestrian count and also to map land use for tourism. The final stop at Milford on Sea allowed the students to decide whether longshore drift was evident and if the waves were constructive or destructive. A bi-polar survey enabled them to assess the sustainability of the sea defences and the beach's profile was recorded using clinometers and measuring tapes.

The students enjoyed the sunshine at the beach and were very engaged in all that they did.

Thank you to the students for engaging so well with the two days and also thank you to the staff who helped to support it in the build-up – the admin staff and on the day – Miss Bourne, Mr Tomsett, Mrs Inns and Miss Simpson.



## Geographer of the Summer Term

A huge congratulations to the following student who won geographer of the summer term:

### Year 7

Jonah (E3)  
Jay (M3)  
Keira (E3)  
Kirsten (E1)

### Year 9

Rudi (M1)  
Zoe (E3)

### Year 10

Aaron (M3)  
Danny (M4)  
Jemma (LK)

### Year 8

Ben (M4)  
Jessie (E4)  
Lauren (M1)  
Owen (M3)

### Year 12

Georgie (M2)  
Michelle (M1)  
Thomas (M1)





# Work of Art

## Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Shruthi (7LK), Amr (7E1), Isabelle (Yr7), Eman (Yr10), Preeti (Yr10), Rishit (Yr10), Rose (Yr10), Joshua (Yr12) and Holly (Yr12) for being awarded 'Artist of the Month' for June.

### Year 7



### Year 10



### Year 12





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## Rivers of the World Art Project

Last year a number of Year 8 students were involved in producing a piece of artwork based on Reading rivers as part of the 'Rivers of the World' project which is run in conjunction with the British Council and the Thames Festival Trust. The project has continued into a second year with eleven Year 9 pupils and in June they spent the day in an art workshop producing a communal piece based on the Bagmati river in Kathmandu, Nepal, where our link school is. Our theme this time was 'Resourceful River' and as a starting point we used images of the amazing copper and ceramic pots used for gathering water. We then worked on some brightly coloured backgrounds, linking with the colours worn by the women who collect the water, and scanned our own drawings into Photoshop where we worked on them.

The whole composition was then put together with the help of Mrs Dudman and we look forward to seeing our final piece presented with the rest from around the country and the world again as part of the Thames Festival in September.

The pupils who took part were:

Chloe, Leena, Simeon, Rebecca, Jude, Katie, Robert, Sam, Chloe, Hannah and Bella.

Well done everyone for their brilliant artwork!

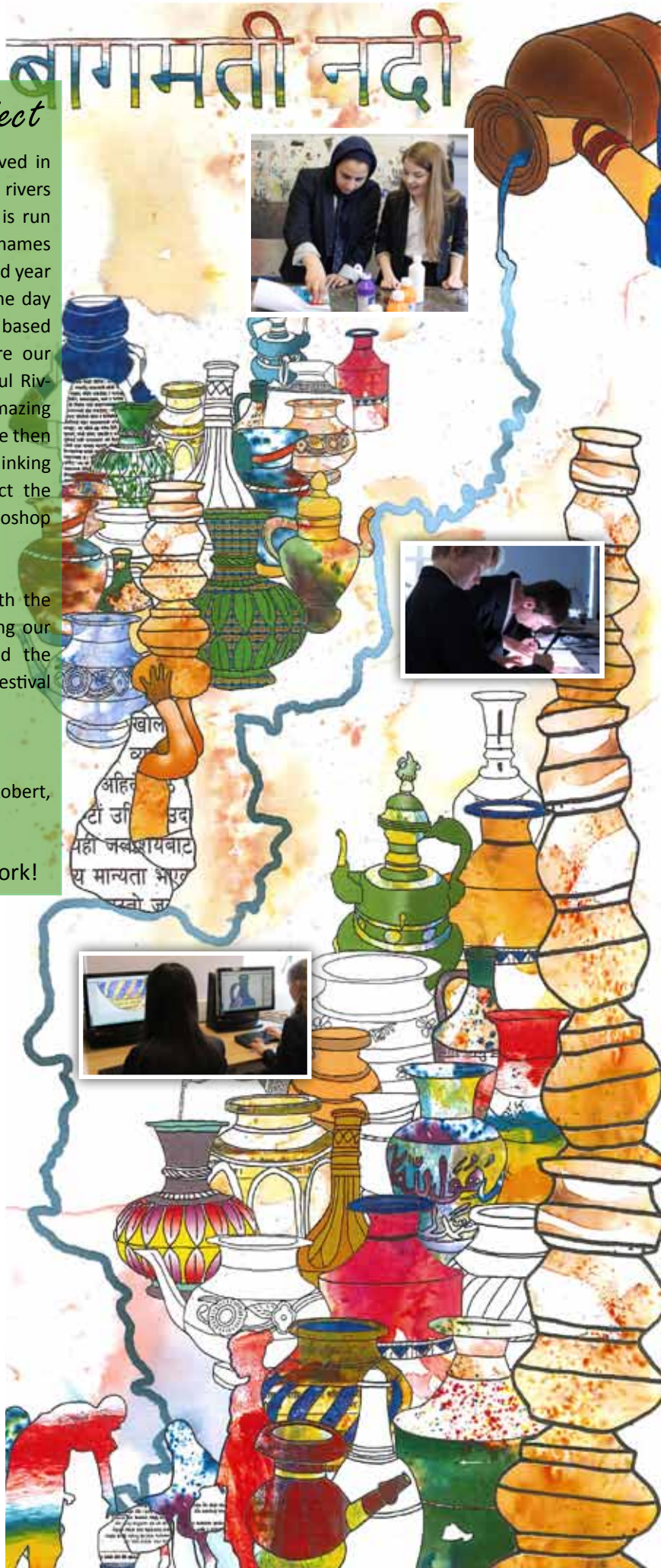
## GCSE & A Level Art Exhibition

We have been delighted to celebrate all of this year's examination work at GCSE and A level with two fabulous exhibitions this half term.

All Year 11 students exhibited at least one piece of their work in a wonderful display of individual ideas using a vast range of materials from screen printing to ceramics. The A Level show was very well attended and much appreciated. On Display were installations, large scale photography, paintings, ceramics and Film.



We are very proud of our student's achievements this year and thank everyone who attended.



## Careers, Work Experience, Work-Related Learning and STEAM Summary

We have had an extremely busy but successful year in terms of careers, work experience, work-related learning and STEAM provision at Maiden Erlegh School.

We had another excellent Careers Fair earlier on in the year which was very well attended by students and representatives from Higher Education, Apprenticeship Providers and the world of work.

This year also saw over 650 students across the Trust attend one or more of the many careers seminars that were offered to students. Thales, Rapid7 and Kier Construction (our STEAM partners) have delivered a number of different activities and events for our students including the Year 8 Lego Mindstorm Challenge, the Year 9 People Like Me event for girls and STEAM days for students in Year 7.

We have further strengthened our relationship with ASK (the Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge Company) who have supported our aim in raising the profile of the apprenticeship route as a viable career pathway. They have delivered numerous assemblies across the Trust, hosted an Apprenticeship information evening for parents which was attended by over 80 people, and delivered CPD opportunities to staff in school. ASK will also play a large part in the forthcoming Year 12 Future Pathways Day.

Work experience has also been an important feature this year with over 90% of Year 13 students completing a 30 hour placement that was directly linked to their career aspirations. The current Year 12 students are on track to surpass this. All students in Year 11 received a bespoke careers interview to help them to make informed decisions post 16 and Year 13 students received advice and guidance relating to UCAS and writing strong personal statements and support with Apprenticeships, writing CVs, completing application forms, participating in interviews and becoming work ready and strengthening employability skills.

For further information regarding the Trust Careers Learning Programmes, labour market information, and support for parents and a wealth of other careers and work-related learning information, please visit our website: <http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=Careers%2C+Work+Experience+and+Work+Related+Learning&pid=85>



## Year 9 'People Like Me' Careers/STEAM Event

Girls in Year 9 were extremely fortunate to participate in the People Like Me event on Tuesday 19 June, hosted by Thales who is one of our STEAM partners. Six female representatives delivered an engaging enrichment opportunity for the girls who had expressed an interest and enthusiasm in STEAM-related subjects and careers pathways (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Mathematics).

The People Like Me event used the girls' natural tendencies to create and articulate their self-identity with adjectives to help them see themselves working happily and successfully in STEAM-related fields and formed part of the Maiden Erlegh Trust STEAM enrichment programme.

The event also coincided with Women Into Engineering Week. Katie, 9LK, said "Currently engineering is a male dominated industry and it was pointed out to us that we are all equally capable of pursuing a career in this field. We concentrated on our individual attributes and how they each would be relevant in a variety of positions. This enabled us to become more aware of potential jobs and gave us some suggestions of professions that fit with our personal strengths. We found this experience very helpful as many people have not decided on a career path at this age so being given job suggestions by people who work in the industry gave us a better insight into working life. We really enjoyed the workshop and many of us are interested in entering this or similar fields in the future."

## Year 7 STEAM Day

Students in Year 7 were very excited to participate in a STEAM day on Monday 2 July. Students were given an insight into the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Design and Mathematics (STEAM) and we were very fortunate that Rapid7 kindly agreed to host the day where students were exposed to a number of different STEAM-related activities. Year 7 took part in a range of innovative and interactive activities that were carefully designed to allow students to learn about STEAM subjects and potential career pathways. Activities included a build a boat challenge, the maze of ozobots, psychological diversions, meet the pentester and a phishing excursion. Students were then tasked with purchasing materials, and then building a container to hold an egg.

The event culminated in each group dropping their eggs and prizes were awarded to groups who managed to protect the egg from breaking! Students were also encouraged to discover the diverse career possibilities in these fields by speaking directly with the representatives from Rapid7. I am confident in saying that everyone involved had a smashing day!





## Sports Personality Awards Evening

Last Thursday, saw the 11th annual Sports Personality evening, this year's theme was "Resilience" with over 600 people in attendance, it was a real pleasure to invite two Ex Maiden Erlegh students to be our special guests, Tom Holmes and Tom McIntyre from Reading FC.

During the evening, awards were given out for Effort and Achievement, Team of the Year, Leadership Award, Work in the Community and Nick Stamp just to name a few.

The awards were interlinked with some live acts, Maiden Erlegh's "strictly street crew", a trio of Year 9 students singing Flashlight, a solo dance from the amazing Katie (8M3) and not forgetting the staff video "the Floss".

It was now down to the final few awards. The runner ups for Sports Personality went to the hard working Dan (11M2) and Fleur (9LK). Finally the big one, Sports Personality itself, was awarded to Heather (10E1) for her continuous effort and achievement across a range of sports.

Well done everyone, what a great night!



## Year 12 Future Pathways Day

Year 12 students participated in an exciting event to help them make informed choices and decisions about their future at post 18.

Visitors from the Higher Education sector, including universities and apprenticeships visited school on Wednesday 18 July to offer advice and guidance to students at a time when it is so important that they consider their future options. The day will involve a carousel of talks and presentations from ASK (Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge), Reading University, Project Trust and tutors on writing a personal statement for University applications. Students participated in a skills for life session including the relevant transferable and employability skills required for future destination routes. A mock assessment centre was set up to show students what an Assessment Centre is, why employers use them and what could happen when they attend one.

Students also listened to a presentation from Reading University on a day in the life of a University student to explain the challenges of University life, and a presentation by Project Trust about the importance of making a gap year meaningful.

The day also included a Personal Statements session to help students to start thinking about how to plan, structure and what to include in a strong personal statement for University applications. We believe that this is an excellent way for Year 12 to start focusing seriously on what their particular future pathway may be.



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# PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION - THINKING ABOUT FAITH

## *Maiden Erlegh's First Interfaith Conference*

On Monday 9 July, our Year 9 students took part in Maiden Erlegh School's first Interfaith Conference. Students heard the views of five representatives from some of our local faith or secular communities. In attendance was Vikas Srivastava, a Hinduism representative, Anne Yousuf representing her Muslim views, Reverend Philip Hobday from the Church, Earley St Peter's, Dr Anthony Lewis, a member of the Windsor Humanist society and Sukhdev Bansal from the Sikh community.



Students listened to the panel's diverse views on a range of philosophical and ethical questions that they are studying at GCSE level including: Is there life after death? Why is there evil and suffering? Should euthanasia be legalised in the UK? What are your views on Capital Punishment?

Then students also had an opportunity to ask their own questions about the different beliefs and perspectives the panel held. Questions included analysing our speaker's views on homosexuality, exploring the acceptability of abortion in their belief systems and questioning whether politics and religion should ever mix. The panel were exceptional at sharing their own viewpoints and students showed maturity, respect and high levels of engagement with these very challenging topics.

Thank you to all of the staff who supported, promoted and helped run the event. Also, thank you to one of our governors, Mrs Lindsey Bowden who also was in attendance. Well done to Year 9, who represented our school so well and last but not least, a massive thank you to all of the members of the panel who gave up their time to educate us about their different beliefs.



## *Guru Puja Celebrations at the Reading Hindu Temple*

Mr Genest and I had the pleasure of attending the Guru Puja Celebrations at Reading festival on Friday 6 July. This is a celebration to thank teachers and we felt very privileged to be invited. The Sanskrit root of the very word Gu-ru implies one who removes darkness. Hindus are encouraged to try to make the best of what their teacher has to offer with humility and trust. Guru helps them to start a true quest for knowledge which stays with them for rest of their life.

During the festival we saw the Diya lighting ceremony, some amazing dancing including Bharatnatyam, a dance of devotion and a very impressive dance from our very own Maiden Erlegh Student, Gargi Bhide. We received very thoughtful gifts, had a guided tour of the Hindu Temple and were offered some delicious food to finish the evening.

Thank you to the Reading Hindu temple for their hospitality and to Mr Ramesh Mepa and Mr Vikas Srivastava for the invitation.



## From the Head of Years

### Year 7

What a year! I cannot believe where the time has gone and how much the students have achieved. I am incredibly proud of the way they have embraced life at Maiden Erlegh School, the high standards for presentation and conduct they hold for themselves, and the progress they have made both holistically and academically. In particular, the sporting success of students has been a highlight, as have recognising their efforts in contributions to school life. The students are well and truly part of the Maiden Erlegh community and I am excited to watch them develop further as they move on through the school and we welcome new year groups, setting a precedent for the kind of young adults they can aspire to be. Next year, we will be focussing on ensuring students are Key Stage 4 ready and working hard on developing independence and resilience. The demands of Key Stage 4 are noteworthy and it is important they start to consider now what they can do to ensure they are truly ready for it. I hope they all have a wonderful summer break (they deserve it), stay safe and recharge themselves ready for a new year of new challenges when we welcome them back as Year 8, in September.

### Year 8

This year has flown past. We have had a huge amount of success both in and out of school; our year group's sports teams have been exceptional this year and I cannot wait to see what else they are capable of. Our Wonder Wall is filled with a variety of successes outside school all of which I am extremely proud to see and know about. We have had many celebration events this year, I only wish I could have more of these as there is so much to celebrate with this year group. I am looking forward to spending another year with the year group and working with our parents to achieve even more success. I am especially looking forward to see how their resilience builds and how their first year of their new GCSE options pans out. It will be lovely to see them enjoying these new and different lessons and enjoying success in things they have not tried before. I say it every year, I think it's really important that everyone tries something new and going into Year 9 there will be a lot of new things to try. I look forward to continuing all this hard work with you all and celebrating what will be another fantastic year. Have a wonderful summer holiday!

### Year 9

This year has been the start of their GCSE journey, they are now honing the skills and techniques they will need and are working really hard. They have approached the recent assessment week and science exams in a very mature manner which has received a lot of praise from staff. They have contributed well to the whole life of the school, including supporting sporting fixtures, music and drama performance and volunteering to help at parents evenings. They are now maturing into the role models we would wish to for our younger students and hope that they keep up the good work in Year 10. Mrs Bendall is sad to leave the year group as Head of Year, but will be watching from her new role in the school. They have moved to Miss Grindey a very experienced Head of Year who has just guided her students through the GCSE examination process. She is looking forwards to getting to know each and every one of them. In the short time she has worked with them they have shown themselves to be mature and aspiring.

We wish you all have a very restful summer and come back to really start to progress towards your end goals.

### Year 10

Again the Year 10 students have proved themselves to be a year group full of talent. There have been some fantastic performances on the sporting field both for the school and representing clubs outside of school. Some students have even managed to compete on the national and international stage. We have enjoyed celebrating these achievement and I am confident more will follow in Year 11. The year group has also shown their talents in the performing arts field and again I am amazed by the talent within the year group. I look forward to entering Year 11 but am also aware how important this year will be. We aim to make every student as prepared as possible for their examination and look forward to celebrating with them at the Year 11 prom. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to making year 11 even more successful than the previous year.

### Year 11

What a year it has been for year 11. From September they have worked tirelessly, whilst still maintain their good humour. They have got involved and taken every opportunity to progress and further themselves. Due to this each and every student in the year now has a post 16 place for next year. During their exams they were well prepared, with the right mix of nerves and confidence – this is down to their exceptional preparation. The prom finished off the year perfectly and I look forward to celebrating their results with you all in August.

### Sixth Form

The last half term has been a busy time for Year 12 with hustings and elections for the senior team. There were over 35 applications from students for the posts of equalities, extra-curricular and cohesion. The hustings were extremely well attended and the students gave eloquent and at times impassioned speeches as to why they should be considered for the post. Year 12 have also been put through their paces with their end of year assessments and students demonstrated a mature approach to these.

Year 12 also welcomed the incoming Year 12 for September 2018 this half term. The new year group attended subject seminars for their chosen A levels as well as learning about the necessary skills they will need at KS5.

The school said a fond farewell to Year 13 this half term, the student senior team organised a memorable and emotional last assembly for their peers. We look forward to seeing them again for results on the 16 August and for KS5 Presentation evening on 11 September.



## Year 7 MFL Spelling Bee 2018

If you are travelling to a French, German or Spanish-speaking country this summer, you need look no further than Mariam (French), Natalia (German) and Gemma (Spanish) to help you translate menus and order food.

These dedicated and talented linguists along with other competitors practised 60 items of food and drink vocabulary for 3 weeks and they competed in the grand final on Monday 25th June. The winning students were the quickest to recognise and spell the vocabulary. Congratulations to all 3 of you and to all those who took part in the competition.



## Chinese Visitors

On Monday 18 June, eight Chinese teachers of English joined us for a few days. Their visit to Maiden Erlegh formed part of a wider experience and had two purposes: to help the teachers to find out more about English schools, and to provide them with an opportunity to improve their own English skills.

The visitors spent two days finding out about the school and they visited a number of lessons across Year 7 and 8. They saw everything from science to PE. On the third day their lesson visits included Year 12 classes and they were asked to deliver cultural sessions and Mandarin lessons to younger students.

The cultural sessions were fun and allowed our students to practise using chopsticks, make bracelets and learn about dragon boats and the other festivals; our students were introduced to Chi-Pao (popular Chinese dress) and learnt a traditional dance associated with; they did 'double happiness' paper cutting, a traditional activity to celebrate marriage; Tai Chi was introduced in PE lessons.

Our students learnt to count in Mandarin and found out about the development of Chinese pictograms. They had a go at reproducing some of the pictograms themselves.

One of our visitors had this to say about their visit:

*'This experience is valuable and unforgettable. I learned a lot of differences between the two education systems. The students are lovely and the teachers are friendly and professional.'*

## Loddon Explorer Scouts

Congratulations to Loddon Explorer Scouts who successfully completed the 3 Peaks Challenge climbing Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowdon, in grueling temperatures!

Stephen from 9E3 was part of this exciting experience and was with the fastest group from his unit and completed Ben Nevis in 3 hours 31 minutes, Scarfell Pike 2hrs 29 minutes and to the top of Snowdon in 1 hour 31 minutes where the race finished.

The total time being 18 hours and 31 minutes giving them the gold award - what a fantastic achievement!



## Spare Uniform

A plea from the Inclusion Team – we would love to relieve any of our Year 11s of their griffin ties as our stock of spares for those who have temporarily lost or forgotten their own. Additionally, any uniform skirts that are outgrown and/or surplus to requirements would be gratefully received. If you have either a tie or skirt to donate, please hand it to reception who will make sure it is put to good use.



## Term Dates 2018-2019

### Autumn Term

5 September - 19 October 2018

**\*\*HALF TERM\*\***

29 October - 20 December 2018

Professional Development Days -  
(school closed to students)  
Mon 3 & Tue 4 September 2018  
Thursday 15 November 2018

### Spring Term

7 January - 15 February 2019

**\*\*HALF TERM\*\***

25 February - 5 April 2019

Professional Development Days -  
(school closed to students)  
Wednesday 23 January 2019

### Summer Term

23 April - 24 May 2019  
(Bank Holiday 6 May 2019)

**\*\*HALF TERM\*\***

3 June - 24 July 2019

Professional Development Days -  
(school closed to students)  
Thursday 4 July 2019

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