



# Maiden Erlegh School NEWSBLAST



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**OPPORTUNITY, DIVERSITY & SUCCESS FOR ALL**

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## From the Headteacher



I should like to welcome everyone back to school, staff and students, and especially all those who are new. Our new students have made a fabulous impression and are already working hard.

I must repeat how proud I am of the students who took exams this summer, and the staff who taught and supported them. They did so well, and with such different and more challenging exams. The progress of the year groups was excellent, and boys, girls, and disadvantaged all made excellent progress overall. Well done to everyone again.

Over the next couple of weeks, I have the privilege of seeing all the students in assemblies and talking to them about a number of things, but all of which boil down to some basics:

1. Do your best, no one expects perfection but doing the minimum will not lead to strong progress in these “terminal exams” (and will lead to greater pressure at exam times).
2. Be the best person you can be – be kind, thoughtful and respectful of others, and yourself.
3. Seize the day – take up the opportunities on offer here, push yourself out of your comfort zone a little (who knows what you might discover and what new friends you might make).

All is summed up, one way or another, by our two mottos: “opportunity, diversity and success for all” and “qui veut peut” (which I see as having a “can-do” attitude).

We are also having a bit of a litter-awareness drive. Young people generally are very environmentally aware and students are keen for us to work on “green” issues. On site we have little litter and our students are very good at using bins out and about, where they are available, but a small handful are still dropping litter and this has upset some of our neighbours. Please could you remind your child that they should bin their litter or take it home.

What I see every day is the overwhelming majority of students living up to these mottos and modelling how wonderful young people are to other students in school, visitors and to members of the public. They are a credit to you as parents.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

## CALENDAR

24 September	Year 6 Open Morning 9am-11am
25 September	Year 6 Open Morning 9am-11am
26 September	European Day of Languages
27 September	Year 9 In Harms Way Theatre Production
27 September	Year 11 Information Evening
28 September	Year 10 Artists Workshops
1 October	Years 10, 12 & 13 Drama Workshops
2 October	Year Council Meeting
2 October	Year 9 Gold Programme Launch Evening
4 October	National Poetry Day
4 October	Year 7 Silver Programme Launch Evening
9 October	Maths Puzzle Day
9 October	Year 10 Information Evening
11 October	Sixth Form Open Evening

## 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

Mary Davies



From September we have a new Designated Safeguarding Lead and if you have a concern you can contact Mrs Stephanie Bendall on:

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

We work as a safeguarding team, consisting of 7 trained members of staff in this field of expertise and one of us will be available to support and advise you.

## Community Arts News Autumn 2018

THE  
PEACOCK  
GALLERY

We have the following classes coming up in the autumn term for adults Saturdays 10am until 4pm.

- 13 Oct - Introduction to watercolour – learn how to paint in watercolour
- 20 Oct - Transfer, paint and print – printing and mixed media
- 17 Nov - Paper cloth and make your own notebook
- 24 Nov - Printing for Christmas
- 8 Dec - Winter cyanotypes

We run Art attack classes for Years 4 to Year 9 on Saturday mornings.

The Peacock Gallery will be having an exhibition of paintings by Linda Saul from 22 Sept to 11 Oct.

Please check out our [website](#) for further information or call or email the community arts office in the school at [communityarts@maidenerleghschool.co.uk](mailto:communityarts@maidenerleghschool.co.uk).



### PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

As you will be aware parking around school is very limited. We would ask parents only to use their car to pick up or drop off students if absolutely necessary and, if they do have to come to the area at peak times to be mindful of other vehicles and the large numbers of children (from Maiden Erlegh and other schools) who are walking home at that time.

### Top Tips!



We like to pass on top tips we receive. Recently some of our parents have told us about an App they have been using by

OurPact (although we are sure there are other reputable brands out there!) which is a parent control app for the iPhone, iPad and Android. The free part of the app, helps you to schedule family activities, block apps on phones and ipads and control the amount of screen time that children are getting, just a simple press of a button. It is very simple to set up and rather than asking for a phone to be handed over as part of a sanction at home, avoid the conflict and just block the apps! You decide when the apps work and when they don't and could be a handy tool when it is homework time too.

<https://ourpact.com/>



Our school nurses have a Facebook page and Instagram which is updated regularly with new health messages and posts.



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**Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust**

## Left To Their Own Devices? – Confident Parenting in a World of Screens

You may be interested in an upcoming event organised by Care for the Family. The event will include:



- Ways to positively engage with your children’s digital habits.
- Insights into the impact of the most popular social media tools.
- Practical tips on how to manage screen time.
- Ideas about how to nurture online resilience within your family.

Care for the Family are a Christian charity. Information can be found here: <https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/LTOD-brochure-WEB2.pdf>

## Adult Education

Wokingham Adult Education deliver courses throughout the year covering basic elements of spoken, written and reading English.

These courses are suitable for learners who would like to improve their every day use of English for work, home or use in social settings. They are also suitable for people who want to progress on to get a qualification.

The sessions are very interactive with lots of opportunities to speak, write, listen and read English around topics that interest you. Courses will run in Earley, Wokingham and Woodley.

For more details about any of these courses or to apply for a course call: 0118 974 3797 or email:

[adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)



## Courses at The Crescent Centre

The Crescent Learning Centre have some great courses during the autumn term, use the link below to their website for further information.

[earleycrescent.org/wp/courses/](http://earleycrescent.org/wp/courses/)



## Berkshire Teaching School Alliance

### What is a teaching School?

Teaching schools give successful schools like Maiden Erlegh an important role in the training and professional development of new teachers and qualified staff as well as contributing to the raising of standards through school-to-school support and Continuing Professional and Leadership Development. Maiden Erlegh School is a National Teaching School designated by the National College for Teaching & Leadership.

The Berkshire Teaching School (Berkshire TSA) is a teaching school based at Maiden Erlegh School, however we provide teacher training and development at various schools in the Berkshire area.



### How does Berkshire TSA deliver teacher training?

The Berkshire Teaching School Alliance participates in the Schools Direct Programme of school-led training. We work with The University of Reading to deliver training, offering both salaried and unsalaried routes.

You will have one lead school, and will spend time in a second school and gain a substantial amount of school-based experience.

The school direct route leads to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) with the option of studying for a PGCE.

### Where can I train?

Teacher training can take place at Maiden Erlegh School and the following schools.

- Kendrick School
- John Madejski School
- Blessed Hugh Faringdon School
- Reading Girls School
- Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge
- Easthampstead Park School
- UTC Reading
- Maiden Erlegh School in Reading
- Whitelknights Primary School
- Reading School

### How can I apply?

All trainees must hold a undergraduate 2:2 Honours and GCSE Maths C and English C. (Primary trainees also require a GCSE Science C).

All vacancies can be found on <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/ucas-teacher-training-apply-and-track> Provider Berkshire Teaching School Alliance 1Y1

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<http://berkshireteachingschoolalliance.co.uk/>



### Year 12 Art Students

In July some of our Yr12 Art & Design students went into Aldryngton Primary School to lead an afternoons Art workshop with 90 Yr1&2 pupils. In small groups they worked with the 3 classes, delivering a presentation about the work of Henri Matisse. The pupils then spent time drawing leaves from life and sea creatures from images and imagination. They then continued to produce cut outs in coloured paper linked to the cut out work of Matisse. Finally the pupils completed a communal collage of their work to display in each classroom.

Our students learned a lot about themselves and the skills needed to communicate ideas and information to others.

They enjoyed working with the KS1 pupils and some were natural teachers!



### Before and After School

The vast majority of our students recognise that whilst wearing their Maiden Erlegh uniform that they are representing the school.

And for the vast majority of students, their behaviour before and after the school day reflects their pride in their community and school, and for that we thank you and them.

I would ask you to remind your son/daughter about some key areas we have noted to keep them safe:

- When cycling to school, students should always wear a cycle helmet. You may find this you tube video a helpful discussion point: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bU-bMDys4>. It is also in breach of the highway code, to cycle on pavements, as it poses a clear risk to pedestrians (children and adults) who are accessing both Maiden Erlegh School and Aldryngton School.
- When shopping at Tesco please do not stand/sit in groups in the car park or block the entrance, move on quickly so other students and members of the community can access the store.

On occasion we do receive complaints from our community about the behaviour of students outside school. We have a duty to support both the community, and the police, and we take very seriously any actions which will bring the name of the school into disrepute.

I would like to thank you again for your support with this matter.

### Lost Property

Every day, reception collects in a variety of items of lost property. A significant proportion of these have no labels or identifiers on and so it is difficult, indeed impossible in many cases, to return them to their owners. Some of the items will have cost a lot of money (clothing, shoes) and some will be of personal and/or educational value. Please can we ask that bags, clothes, pencil cases, water bottles etc. are labelled as this will ensure that they are more likely to find their way back to their owner.

### Old Academic Journals

**If you have any old journals that you like to donate, we would greatly receive them for our students. Please drop them into reception at a time that suits you.**

### PE Department

Click here to view our latest Sports Bulletin



### Letters for Parents

[www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/letters-for-parents/](http://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/letters-for-parents/)  
Click here to view recent communications



### ParentPay

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