

6 January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Think Ahead Day Thursday 16 January 2020

On Thursday 16 January, we will be holding our third annual 'Think Ahead' Day. This is a day when we suspend the usual timetable and different year groups pursue curriculum enrichment activities appropriate for the stage they have reached in their secondary schooling.

- Year 7 will have a Maths Puzzle Day with activities designed to stretch logical and numerical thinking.
- Year 8 will attend options taster lessons to help them with decisions about options subjects.
- Year 9 will pursue lessons in thinking skills and examination skills as they settle into their GCSE courses.
- Year 10 will have a talk on apprenticeships, and then lessons preparing them for the world of work and work experience, which they will undertake later this year.
- Year 11 will undertake various activities to help them prepare for their forthcoming GCSEs and to help them make the transition to the next stage after leaving Maiden Erlegh Reading, whether that is the world of work or transferring to college or sixth form. They will experience a formal interview based on their current CV followed by feedback from volunteer interviewers from industry.

Lunchtime arrangements will be as normal. **Students in years 7-11 should wear school uniform,** and bring their usual writing equipment to school.

I know you will want to support your son/daughter with these activities by encouraging them to make the most of the opportunities on offer. Please do talk to them at the end of the day to find out what they did, and look out for a report of the day in a future edition of The Pulse.

Yours sincerely



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