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Dear Parent/Guardian

Careers Fair - Tuesday 4 February 2020

We are pleased to invite you to the Maiden Erlegh Trust's Annual Careers Fair to be held at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Earley, RG6 7HS. This will be held in the Sixth Form Centre and the L and G Blocks on **Tuesday 4 February 2020** between **7.00pm** and **9.00pm**. Entrance will be through the Sixth Form Centre doors.

The Careers Fair helps students to focus on the world of work, to begin to develop their ideas about employment and to make important choices about their futures. The event is for students from Years 7 through to Year 11. Year 8 students will be able to source helpful guidance for their GCSE options, and Year 11 for their A level options, as well as giving guidance on Careers and Further and Higher Education choices for all students, whenever they leave. School leavers who delay thinking about their career choice are likely to miss opportunities. Please reinforce our advice that your child should take advantage of this large gathering of experts.

A large and varied number of representatives attend the Careers Fair, giving students access to information about a full range of educational and occupational opportunities. To cater for all possible careers and destinations, we will have representatives from local colleges, Further Education and Universities, apprenticeship providers, gap year providers and employers from a wide range of different industries – including animal care, clinical research, engineering, electrical & energy, finance, food science, healthcare, media production, uniformed services and many more.

A programme of representatives attending will be available on our website in due course. Students may attend with their parents or unaccompanied. If unaccompanied, we cannot accept responsibility for your child on the journey to and from the site.

For up to date information and details of the representatives, please follow the Careers Department Twitter account @MESCareersDept.

Please note that parking is limited on site and we would recommend car sharing, and parking off site to help alleviate localized congestion. However, please be mindful of our neighbours when parking in the local area.

We hope you can attend this event with your children to speak to industry experts and explore the opportunities available to them so that they take control of their own career destinations.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Buck Assistant Headteacher