



ThePulse

Opportunity, Diversity & Success For All

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Pulse. Maiden Erleigh School in Reading is a busy place at the moment with our staff working very hard to support the progress and achievement of our students....and safe to say it is going very well ! Incredibly, in excess of 55000 house points have been awarded across the school in the last half term. That translates to thousands of opportunities where students have chosen the right thing and exhibited the right behaviour. These are our diligent and conscientious students who have embraced the Maiden Erleigh School in



Reading DREAM (Determination, Respect, Excellence, Attitude, Maturity). You can see for yourself on the classcharts app how many house points your child has and many of you will have received postcards and even letters congratulating your child. Every Friday I look forward to meeting with nominated students for "Hot choc with the head" and it is a real privilege to talk to these switched on and hardworking students. These are just some examples of our approach to praise and reward. We try to



work to a 5:1 ratio of praise to sanction as we know that praise and encouragement is so much more effective than sanctions and punishment. We want to spot students doing the right thing and reward this and, in doing so, encourage positive personal

growth and development.

One of the highlights of the last half term was our "Think Ahead day". We took the opportunity to collapse the regular timetable for a day focussed on thinking and learning skills and "looking ahead". We welcomed the Happy Puzzle company to work with year 7 and Year 9 on Maths and problem solving skills, while year 8 had the opportunity to experience a range of taster-lessons ahead of the option choice process which is now in full swing. Year 10 had a significant focus on their forthcoming week of work experience and we welcomed over 40 visitors from local companies and businesses to conduct full mock interviews (with full written feedback) to prepare our Year 11 students for life beyond Maiden Erleigh School in Reading. For me, Think Ahead Day was a wonderful summary of the aims of our curriculum: developing independent learners, exposing students to rich knowledge and learning and preparing them for their next steps in education and, training, and ultimately the world of work.

The final examination run-in for Year 11 is in full swing and I must acknowledge the hard work and extreme focus of so many of our senior year group but also the staff in supporting our year 11s to fulfil their potential and achieve success. There are not many more weeks to go but perhaps these are the most important. Keep going Year 11!

May I wish you all a happy and restful break over half term.



CALENDAR

17 to 21 Feb	HALF TERM
27 Feb	Year 8 Progress Meeting
2 to 6 March	PPE2 Year 10 RS only
3 to 6 March	Tirabad Trip
10 March	Year 10 Museum of Rural Life Trip
17 March	Scholastic Book Fair
17 March	French Institute London Trip
18 March	Year 9 Vaccinations
19 March	Year 10 Progress Meeting
20 March	Year 8 Vision My Future Day (STEAM)
23 to 27 March	Careers Week
23 to 27 March	PPE2 Year 11 (CORE) in lessons
30 March to 3 April	PPE2 Year 11 (NON CORE) in lessons

HOUSE POINT TOTALS

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
27,160	25,340	25,787	21,499	15,187

School council

Lots of good discussions and topics were brought up in this month's School Council meeting, including the following:

Litter – how can we keep our school tidy and be responsible for our planet?

Bins – upping the amount we have around the school to be able to easily dispose of rubbish

The big puddle – Y11 have gathered signatures and written a letter to be posted to the local council to request the big puddle outside the school be looked at.

International evening fundraiser – as such a diverse school, it was suggested that we have an international evening to celebrate the diversity and sample some foods from different cultures. If you're interested in helping, please speak to your School Council rep.

Black trainers being worn – the pros and cons

Ambassadors

A great group of ambassadors assisted in the smooth running of the Year 8 options evening, as well as having lots of knowledgeable students assisting in giving information about each subject.

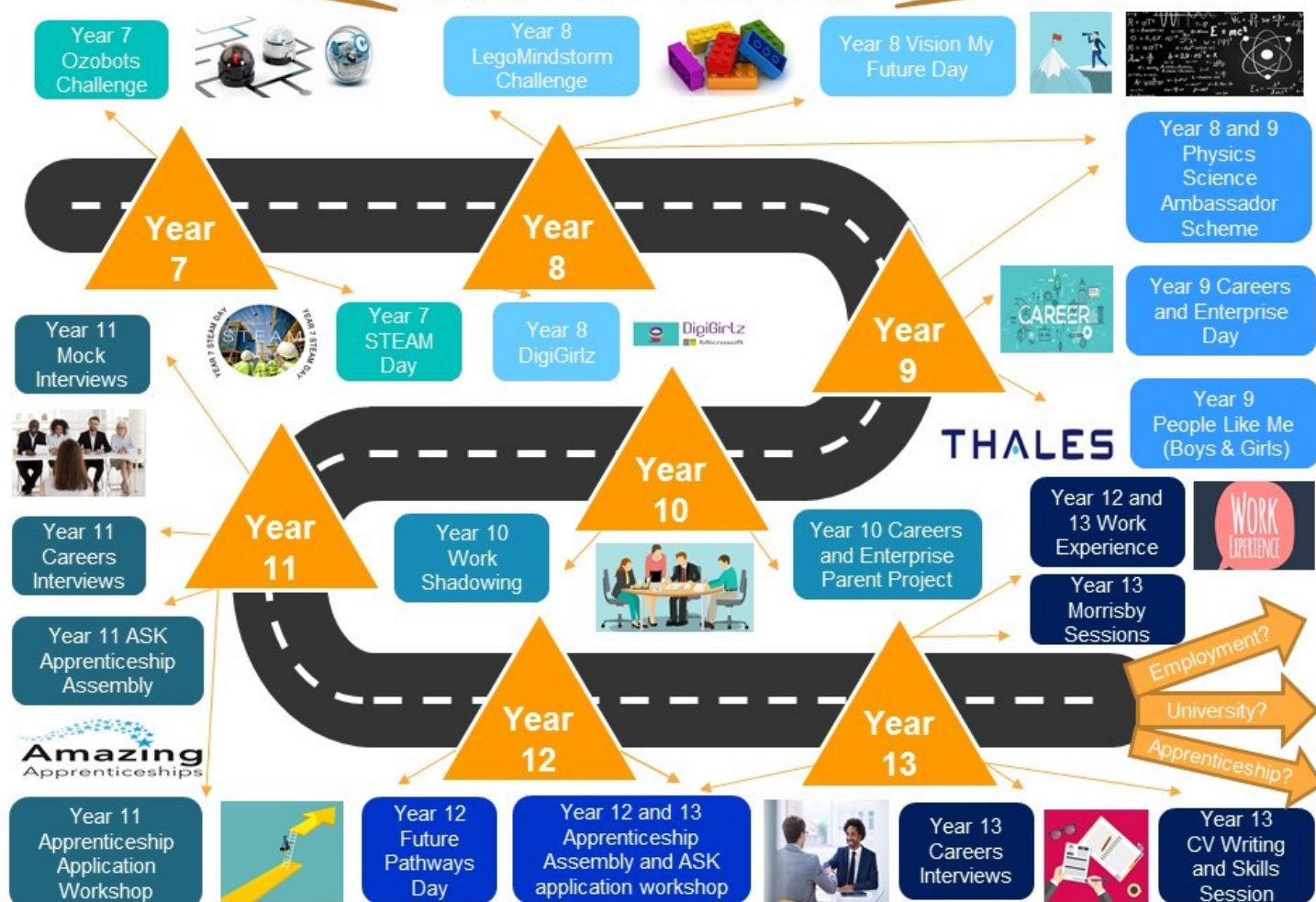
Senior ambassadors and SSLG

Fahouaz and Damini thanked the senior ambassadors and the senior student leadership group (SSLG) for their hard work and assistance last term. They were also able to bring up new topics such as duty rotas, more specific roles for the duties and how else the senior ambassadors can help out.

Where will it take you?

MAIDEN ERLEGH SCHOOL IN READING CAREERS ROADMAP

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MAIDEN ERLEGH
TRUST

Trustee (Non-Executive Director) Openings on the Maiden Erlegh Trust Board

Maiden Erlegh Trust seeks three Trustees to join the Board with particular interest and expertise in (a) Primary education or school improvement, (b) Special/Alternative Provision (c) Human Resources.

Trustees are both charity trustees and company directors of the academy trust; the role is to hold to account the executive and senior leadership team. The Board of Trustees manages the business of the academy trust and may exercise all the powers of the trust. The Trustees ensure compliance with the trust's charitable objects and with company and charity law.

The Trust Board are responsible for maintaining stability during a period of rapid growth and the management of a dynamic structure. The role also includes contributing to financial planning for sustainability and growth, and holding the CEO/CFO to account. Applicants will serve as non-executive directors of the Trust Board with the opportunity to fulfil the role as Trust Strategic Lead and/or sit on an Interim Transition Board of a special measures school.

Interested parties do not need to be parents of children at any school within Maiden Erlegh Trust. Board meetings are held in Reading.

If you, or someone you know, are interested, please write to **Mrs V Boatman** (Clerk to the Board of Trustees) at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road Earley, RG6 7HS or email

trustees@maidenerleghtrust.org.

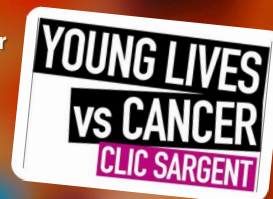
Closing date is

Monday 24th February 2020.

Charity team Bake Sale

The charity team organised a cake sale to take place on February 4th World Cancer day, in order to raise money for CLIC Sargent who help young people with cancer. We raised a fantastic **£168.50**.

A huge thank you in particular goes to Aiden in Y11 for being such a great help in serving customers.



Geographer of the half term

Well done to the following students for winning geographer of the half term for the second half term. This award recognises that these students have put in a huge amount of effort and perseverance in geography lessons and their teachers have nominated them to receive this award in recognition of this.

YEAR 7

Ahmed
Gustav
Sanjana
Aparajita

YEAR 10

Anas
Deeraj
Jasmina

YEAR 8

Rakan
Emily

YEAR 11

Ali
Trishna
Katy

YEAR 9

Finley
Daniel
Jessica
Priyal



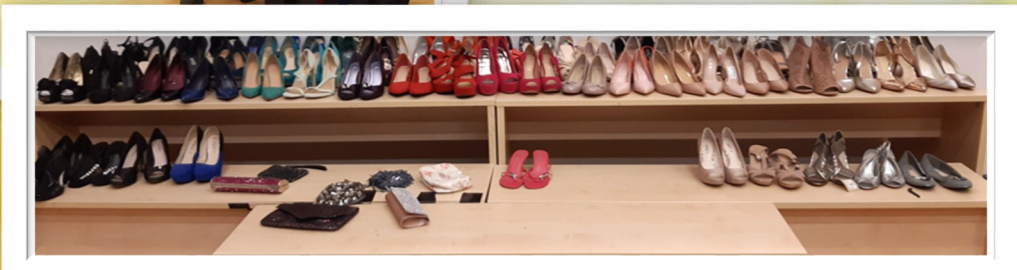
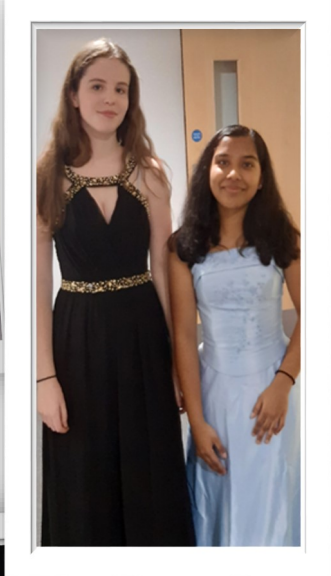
Prom Shop

Prom Fever has hit Year 11

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading held the first Prom Shop on Wednesday 22nd January. Students were invited to browse and try on the dresses, suits and shoes kindly donated by the local community.

It was an amazing night and the students looked stunning in some of the dresses.

The shop will be held again after Easter ☺



Think Ahead Day 2020

The whole school followed activities to help them with thinking skills or their future careers on Think Ahead Day, 2020. Year 7 worked with the Happy Puzzle Company to improve their thinking skills and problem solving, including code breaking and vedic squares. Year 8 had 30 minute tasters of possible option subjects like Health and Social Care, iMedia, Economics and Photography. Year 9 also worked on thinking skills to help them with their GCSE courses – including memory skills, revision techniques and how to do online research. Year 10 will be undertaking work experience towards the end of the year and their sessions were to help prepare for this – how to dress for work,

what are customer service skills, what are health and safety issues at work and interview preparation. All Year 11 students experienced a one-to one interview with a business volunteer to help prepare for work or college interviews. They were given individual feedback on how they could improve. They also looked at wellbeing around exam preparation and made healthy smoothies to help with energy and concentration when the exams are in full swing. The day was very much enjoyed by all with students enjoying the practical activities most of all.



Trust-wide Training Conference (pic)



On Wednesday 29th January, all five schools in the Maiden Erlegh Trust paused the normal school week for a joint training day. Well over 400 staff (including support and central services teams) gathered together for a day of inspiration and high quality professional development and training. We heard a fascinating keynote address all about the future challenges of the workplace and how schools are well place to make the necessary changes to ensure we are effectively preparing young people for a very different future. We were also reminded of the core vision and values of our growing trust and how we are looking, in each school to embody Opportunity, Diversity and Success. Over 50 training and development sessions were also delivered by experts in the field and staff enjoyed the opportunity to network and enhance collaborative relationships across the trust.

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Year 10 PPE Results

Year 10 came back after Christmas and launched straight into their PPE week. Year 10 took these exams with such maturity and, as Head of Year, I was beaming at how well they conducted themselves. A lot of hard work went into the build-up and duration of the week. During the week the Year 10s have behaved admirably, they have taken this very stressful week in their stride and made their teachers very proud.

On 7th February students were given the

all-important results. We had a mixture of feelings, cheers of joy and moans of disappointment. But whatever the feeling was we know as a group what we need to do to improve. If it was cheers of joy, they know they need to bottle that feeling and keep pushing themselves further. If it was moans of disappointment, I asked them to remember the feeling. They needed to remember how they felt and make sure they used this to drive themselves forward in their own studies.

Overall, we are incredibly proud of the mature and sensible approach the year group has shown. Now we are planning for the remainder of the year, focusing on what we can do to be better and to learn more!

I am proud to be the Head of Year 10 and I know the next 18 months holds a lot of exciting and interesting challenges for us as a group.

Miss Hancock



HOUSE UPDATE

Now that Springtime is almost upon us, the competition between our three houses is about to kick into gear!

Students have been applying for – and in some cases interviewing, for House Leadership Posts. Some of the Griffin House Vice-Captains have already begun to put some plans into place which will be revealed to students in the coming weeks.

There are a number of events in the pipeline. The House 'Let's Dance' competition is on it's way and should hopefully be a more impressive display than dressing up Mr Murphy, Miss McElhinney and the eventual 'winner' Mr Galvin as Christmas Trees in the final assembly of 2019!

If any student has a good idea for a House Competition, they should go and see their House Representatives who are itching to devise ways of seeing their House comes out on top!



To our fantastic parents –

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We invite you to consider becoming part of the school's Local Advisory Body (LAB). We currently have two parent vacancies and it is vital that there is a clear parent voice on the LAB.

Within the Maiden Erlegh Trust structure, LABs play an absolutely crucial role in supporting and reviewing every aspect of school life. The LAB is made up of a number of volunteers who give some of their time to attend LAB meetings (4-5 times a year) and, occasionally, to visit the school to see it in action and to discuss particular aspect of the running of the school with a school leader.

We are especially keen to hear from parents with a particular interest in ensuring that we are delivering the very highest standards of education including a great curriculum with strong outcome and results. We are also looking for a LAB member who might have an interest to "champion" the links that the school has with the wider community.

We believe having a strong LAB is critical to the effective guidance, support and oversight of the school. It is also a varied, interesting and provides a thoroughly fulfilling opportunity to volunteer and make a

very real contribution to the ongoing success of the school and to our wider local community.

No prior experience of school governance or LAB membership is necessary and **full training will be provided.**

So, please look out for the formal letter and do consider applying. Your child's school really does need you!

If you would like to discuss LAB membership further then we would be very happy to do so. Please contact either of us via the school office and we would be very happy to have a conversation with you or invite you into school. We can also put you in touch with other LAB member to find out more about the role.

Thank you for taking your time to consider this.



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PROFESSIONALS:

- Call 0118 937 6545 and ask to speak to someone from SOURCE or you can use the Children's Single Point of Access (CSPoA) referral form on our website (www.brighterfuturesforchildren.org)

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- Email source@brighterfuturesforchildren.org

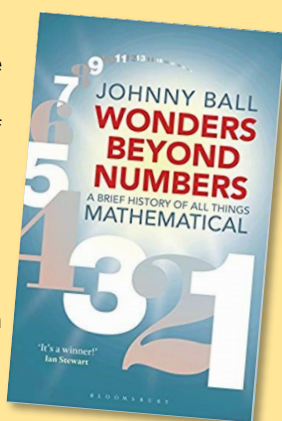
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Wonder Beyond Numbers

As part of the NSPCC World Number Day sixty Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to go to Madejski Stadium to take part in the Wonder Beyond Numbers Mathematics Conference. This was a talk delivered by former childrens' entertainer Johnny Ball (which was especially exciting for Miss Hind and Miss Kent who were reliving their childhood!). It focused on the different maths in the world, and the mathematicians that came up with them. They also learnt a few maths tricks that can be implemented in lessons, such as Egyptian Multiplication and different division methods. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to see how maths has impacted the world for thousands of years and hopefully inspired the students to think about how they can view maths, and the wider world, in a different light!



Miss B Davies



MAIDEN ERLEGH
TRUST

TEACHER & SUPPORT STAFF RECRUITMENT EVENT

Tuesday 25 February 2020
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading
Presentation by Mary Davies (Trust CEO) at 4:30pm



If you're an experienced teacher, NQT or someone considering a move into teaching, come and talk to us at our Recruitment Event.

We are also looking for support staff to join our Schools.

For further information or to register your interest please email:
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TERM DATES

Spring

6 January -
14 February 2020

24 February -
3 April 2020



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