

## Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge

At Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge we welcomed back Year 10's on Tuesday 13 June and have enjoyed seeing their faces once again. It has been reassuring to see how hard so many of them have been working since March 20 when we first locked down. We have also enjoyed having our key worker and vulnerable students in school since we returned on site on 1 June. We have had around 30 students each day with all of them getting an extra lesson of science, technology, art, PE, drama or dance each day. It has been wonderful to see the students getting "stuck in" to each of these lessons and we are proud to support our community with this provision. Our Year 9 groups began their GCSE provision on 8 June and we hope these lessons will give the students a start on the next stage of their educational journey. Fingers crossed we can welcome back more students onto site very soon.

## Maiden Erlegh School

At Maiden Erlegh School we have welcomed Year 10 and 12 students and started our new online Foundation provision with voice-over PowerPoint presentations. The fun events also continue of course:

Since lockdown:

- Easter Egg creative competition
- MFL tongue twister competition
- Geography dingbats challenge
- PE fixtures with other schools
- English reading challenge
- Wellbeing yoga challenge

Since May half term:

- MFL map house competition
- Virtual Sports Day – over 500 entries!
- Drama Competition
- Wellbeing yoga challenge
- Year 12 virtual work experience
- Student democracy: the Senior Team has been appointed, we are looking at applications for House Captains in Years 9 and 10 and House Captains in Year 12.

Between now and the end of term:

- Year 9 Virtual Careers Inspiration Day – Friday 19 June
- Year 10 Virtual Work Experience Day – Wednesday 15 July
- 'Wear it your own way' uniform day on Friday 3 July to raise money for JAC and First Days
- Year 7 Virtual STEAM Day – Monday 6 July
- Final House Points leader board shared with students by end of July and first winners crowned
- House Ambassadors celebration emails for students in each year group with the most house points.

## Hamilton School

Hamilton School opened the site again on 1 June and we are delighted to welcome back some of our students and most of our staff. All students are receiving educational support online, 6 are attending school and some students are also accessing alternative provision (eg: fishing and Autoskills). All students in Years 7 to 10 now have IT access and hard copy packs are available for those who request them. We are also providing some 1:1 afternoon tutorials and therapy assessments in addition to 3 pastoral calls per week for those students not attending the site.

We are particularly pleased with the impact of our online food lessons with Miranda, staffed in the kitchen by Scott and (this week) Sue. The students are making lunch every day for themselves and others. "Having their teacher there on a laptop doesn't phase them one iota!" (*The jerk chicken was a crowd pleaser*).

## Maiden Erlegh School in Reading

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading has lots to celebrate too:

- The Year 10 students in school this week have been exemplary in following the new school rules and ensuring that their time in school is safe and productive. Many have said how pleased they are to be back – and we have been delighted to see them.
- Numbers for our special key worker provision have been growing and, as a result, we have had to open further classrooms. Students attending have a wonderful work ethic and are hugely supportive of one another.
- Our very creative (indeed wacky) virtual house competitions continue to be well supported (this week the task has been to design a jigsaw and devise tongue twister in another language!)
- Shaaswatha in Year 9 has won the national competition (run by Royal Crown Derby) to design a new mug to celebrate and raise money for frontline services. 1000s of mugs with her design will now go into production. We are very proud of her!
- We hosted special "virtual" assemblies for all year groups exploring racism in light of the killing of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement.
- We have a team from Year 9 representing the school in the Teentech (innovation award) finals. This is the third year in a row that the school has reached the finals of this national competition. Well done!
- A huge number of students are participating in our Virtual Sports week.

## Great Hollands Primary School

At Great Hollands Primary School, we have been amazed by the range of learning activities the children have been getting up to. Alongside their home learning tasks, we have been hearing about some of our young people's accomplishments during lockdown:

- There have been medals earned by a couple of students, one for running 50 miles (not all in one go!) and one for completing a cycling challenge covering over 50 miles.
- We have heard about some children who have had stories published in a book and many others who have been developing their creative skills.
- The children have also been sharing with us some amazing artwork using all different types of media, including one prize winning art entry into the Lexicon Bracknell's recent 'Under the Sea' competition!

- Across the school, the children have been spending some of their time learning new things including knitting, baking, helping with DIY and decorating, planting vegetables and gardening.
- We have even had emails about watching caterpillars become butterflies, making a wormery and hatching chicks in an incubator!