



26 April 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

RAF STAAR Project

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading Science Department is delighted to be able to offer an opportunity to work alongside the RAF with their STAAR (Summer Time Advance Aerospace Residency) Project.

STAAR is a project run by RAF Crosford, consisting of six tasks that students complete weekly. Once the work has been completed, it is submitted to RAF Crosford, where their judges will evaluate all work submitted from schools entering the program.

The prize for the top four school entries is a three-day residential (COVID-restrictions permitting) at RAF Crosford. The three-day immersive and hands-on residential is like no other. Students will stay at the RAF Crosford base and experience a series of courses and activities delivered by the RAF Museum, RAF STEM Ambassadors and other aerospace industrial experts.

Sessions for the completion of work will then run on the following days:

- Wednesday 12 May 2021
- Wednesday 19 May 2021
- Wednesday 2 June 2021
- Wednesday 9 June 2021
- Wednesday 16 June 2021
- Wednesday 23 June 2021
- Friday 25 June 2021

All work will need to be submitted by each team by the 26 of June 2021. Students will be given details of how to submit work in the first session.

The program only allows for 20 students, so if there is more interest than spaces, students will be randomly selected. If your child is interested could they please inform either Miss Hawes or Mr Fowler of the science department no later than **Wednesday 5 May 2021**.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Hawes
Teacher of Science

Mr C Fowler
Teacher of Science