



8 September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Welcome back to Year 11 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading – The Journey Continues...**

Firstly, I would like to say a massive congratulations on the Religious Studies results, once again I am so incredibly proud of the hard work that the year group have demonstrated and the results highlight this!

At the start of year 10 I introduced the tag line “the journey continues” for the year group, I chose this as I feel that the year group has had quite a journey throughout their time at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, particularly since the start of year 9, so to me it felt fitting and continues to be so as we enter year 11 and we reach the most important stage.

Year 11 have one year left, and in reality, that is only around 9 months in school before they leave us! I am excited to help them continue through year 11 and meet the challenges set for them. I am not going to pretend that it will be an easy journey for students, but I am sure it will be rewarding for them come August 2022. Whilst we all hope that year 11 will be able to sit their GCSE examinations as normal to allow them to truly demonstrate how hard they have worked, the ongoing Covid situation means we just do not know at this stage. As such, I would encourage all students to be working as hard as they can throughout the year, and in particular in the upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in November. This is an opportunity for them to demonstrate what they know so far and for them to use these to target areas for development moving forward. We will have support for students to prepare for these; our first half term of PSMSC is around exam preparation and we also have Elevate Education coming in for another session with students, following the success of their session last academic year. I encourage students to prepare early and fully engage with all support offered, and ask for your support in encouraging this. It is never too early to start preparing!

Over this year we will be focusing on Post-16 destinations for our students and having regular conversations with them regarding this. I would encourage you to also do this with your child and attend open days/evenings at local colleges and sixth forms to help decide on the best options. Sixth form and college websites are very useful and provide a lot of information to aid this decision. I will be speaking about this in further detail on the information evening, including information on apprenticeships.

We have had some changes to our tutor team this year and as such I would like to share our tutor team with you. Your child’s form tutor is your first point of contact within the school. I would also like to introduce Ms D Headley who will be taking on the role of Assistant Head of Year 11 for this academic year. She will be leading on our destinations work with the year group and will also be an additional point of contact, working closely with myself and leading the year group in my absence.

Tutor Group	Form Tutor
11G1	Mr J Murphy
11G2	Miss H Williams
11P1	Mr J Tomsett
11P2	Miss E Jordan and Mrs A Aldridge-Gibbons
11T1	Mr M Butchers
11T2	Ms D Headley

### Uniform

School blazers are compulsory items. These may be removed during lessons with permission from the teacher. The PE changing rooms are now open, please ensure your child wears full school uniform every day as they will be able to change for PE lessons. All students must use the school lockers, the annual hire charge can be paid [here](#).

I am aware that the past two years have been very challenging and whilst I have been very proud of how the year group have handled these challenges, I know that it has not been easy. I would like to thank students, and yourselves, for the perseverance shown during this time. I would also like to remind you that I, and the school, are here to support students should they need it. If you, or your child, feel they may need any extra support then please do not hesitate to contact me, or your child's form tutor.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some key dates for year 11 for the coming year. These are detailed below and further information will be sent nearer the time:

- Information Evening - 23 September 2021;
- In school "work experience" (postponed from Year 10) - 27 and 28 September 2021;
- PPE1a – 8 November – 19 November 2021;
- PPE1b – 13 December – 15 December 2021;
- Parents' Evening - 20 January 2022;
- PPE2 – 28 February – 9 March 2022.

In addition to this, I am also starting to look into some exciting things to end year 11's journey with Maiden Erlegh School in Reading such as a yearbook, hoodies and, excitingly, the year 11 prom. You will receive further information on these as the year progresses.

As we approach the end of our journey together, I am confident year 11 will continue to make me proud and I am looking forward to supporting them through this final leg of the journey!

Should you have any questions please contact your child's form tutor, via the school reception.

Yours sincerely



**Miss B Davies**  
Head of Year 11