



02 November 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Y9-11 opportunity to take part in Reading’s Climate Conference at the Council Chambers of the Reading Civic Offices Wednesday 10 November, 9:30am to 14:00pm

InterClimate Network is delighted to welcome students from Maiden Erlegh School in Reading to participate in the Reading Climate Conference modelled on COP26 of the United Nations, to take place on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

We have been lucky enough to secure one team to represent the United States of America at the conference and therefore will need three students to represent the school from Years 9, 10 or 11. This is a fantastic opportunity for any students with an interest in climate change science, politics or public speaking.

The conference takes place at the Council Chambers of the Reading Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU and starts at 9:30am. Students should make their own way to the Civic Offices instead of attending school on the day. Students will be released to make their own way home at 2pm, when the conference ends. Students should bring their own lunch with them as food will not be provided.

The conference agenda is as follows:

09:30 <i>Registration and set up</i>	<i>Conference summary</i>
10:00 <i>Welcome and opening speeches</i>	The Mayor of Reading will open proceedings
10:10 Part 1: Global Negotiations 1.1 Progress since Paris 2015 1.2 Raising global ambition 1.3 Actions and resolutions	Part 1 of the conference will be run as if students are taking part in global negotiations at COP26. School teams will be assigned a country and will be asked to prepare their delegation’s (short) opening speech. They will represent their country’s views and address key questions (see COP26 Overview), to then decide a climate resolution that will be taken to COP26.
12:15 <i>Lunch</i>	NB students to prepare their questions for panel
13:00 Part 2: Local Action 2.1 Climate Question Time 2.2 Pledges for climate action	Part 2 brings the issues close to home so that young people can have a say about climate action in their area. In a ‘ Climate Question Time ’, local decision-makers will make short contributions and young people will be invited to put forward their questions and contributions to the panel. The session will end with pledges for actions, including ways to make the most difference in school.
14:00 <i>Close</i>	

As part of the conference, parts of the sessions will be recorded. Any students without photo permissions will not be included in this section.

There is no payment for this trip, but there are only 3 spaces available. **If you wish for your child to attend this trip, then please complete this [Google Form](#), which includes an application statement, to express their interest.** If the trip is oversubscribed, this statement will be used to assess applicants, while participation in the school Eco Committee and behaviour records will also be used as criteria for selection. **The deadline for application is Friday 5 November 9am.**

Students who participate in this event will be required to commit to preparing for the conference after school in advance of the event. The day/(s) for this preparation will be confirmed with the successful applicants and communicated home.

Parent Agreement

I have read the information letter regarding the above named trip and agree to my child participating. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring:

- That my child arrives at the Civic Offices on time and for making arrangements for them to get home at the end of the conference.
- **Staff have up to date and accurate contact and medical details at the time of departure and all relevant medication. Please email MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org or update the information directly via the SIMS Parent App if your child's medical information has changed.**
- My child has appropriate clothing and food for the trip.
- I also understand that it is my child's responsibility to make up for any missed classes or homework and to do so at an appropriate standard. I will support them to do this.

If your child requires any medication e.g. an inhaler, this must be brought on the trip or your child will not be allowed on the trip.

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Please address any questions regarding this trip to me through the school reception.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Tomsett

Curriculum Lead for Geography and Coordinator for higher ability and gifted learner provision

Key Information

Visit to:	Council Chambers of the Reading Civic Offices
Trip leader:	Mr J Tomsett
Year group:	Years 9, 10 or 11
Date:	Wednesday 10 November
Meeting place and time:	Council Chambers of the Reading Civic Offices
Meeting time:	9.30am
End of day:	14.00pm
Transport:	Students make own way there and back
Cost:	£0
Dress code:	School Uniform
Food and Drink:	Packed lunch and a drink