



ThePulse

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FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the first edition of The Pulse in the 2022-23 academic year. Our first 7 weeks of the new school year have been incredibly busy and exciting. Students and staff have returned from their summer holidays with a spring in their step and have settled so well back into the rhythm of school life.

The foundations for our strong start to the term were the fantastic GCSE results for 2022. This was our first year group to sit externally assessed examinations and the outcomes they achieved were testament to their hard work, as well as to the excellent teaching and support they received from our staff throughout their journey at MER. Credit should also be given to parents and carers for the support and guidance provided for their children to achieve so well.

Whilst academic work and examination results are very important, the personal development of every student is, I believe, equally important. That is why we pride ourselves at MER on providing such a wide range of enrichment opportunities.

You will read in The Pulse about many exciting events and opportunities that have taken place, or will be taking place, this term including work with Imperial College, University of Southampton, the BioBakes competition, our Reading Ambassadors programme, Institute of Physics competition and much, much more. The school's termly extra-curricular clubs programme has an incredible range of opportunities for all age groups and our dream is that every student is involved in at least one activity every term, whilst our Performing Arts department has already started planning for our end of year school production.

One of our key priorities for this year is to make stronger connections with our parents/carers and community. Attendance at a number of our parents' evenings this

term has been encouraging; in September we hosted prospective families at our annual Open Evening with over 200 families attending; following that we held a series of Information Evenings for parents in each year group, which have been equally popular.

The importance of attending cannot be underestimated in terms of the positive impact this can have in helping to support your child to achieve and succeed; we have been delighted with the level of engagement so far this year.

We have also had a number of parents who have expressed an interest in establishing and supporting our first ever Parents' Association. This is another exciting initiative which, once it has been formed, will make a significant impact on the range of resources and equipment that our students can access, through the fund-raising events that are organised. This will also provide an opportunity for our parents and carers to learn more about the work the school is doing and will help to build stronger and more powerful connections and relationships between school and home.

Finally, I'm delighted to announce that our School Streets initiative will now be extended so that from Monday 7th November, Crescent Road will be closed to vehicles from 14:45-15:30pm.

I hope you all have a good half term. Good luck to Year 10 who will be revising for their Religious Studies Pre-Public Exam and to Year 11 who will be working hard to prepare for their full suite of Pre-Public Exams which will begin Monday 31st October.

Best wishes,
Will Graham



CALENDAR

21 October - 31 October	HALF TERM
1 to 4 November	Year 11 - Mock Exams
10th November	Years 7 & 8 Harry Potter Studios
16 November	Ski Information Evening
23 November	Cultural Diversity Day

Alter Ego – Year 8

On Monday 3rd October we were grateful to welcome the return of Alter Ego. Alter Ego have delivered some incredibly thought-provoking performances for our students in the past on topics such as County Lines.



This year we were lucky enough to have them deliver a performance to Year 8 on sexism, sexual harassment and sexual violence. This was a brilliant and thought-provoking performance and a great opportunity to educate our young people on the impact that words or actions could have on people. The Year 8 students engaged with this amazingly, asking some brilliant questions. Our guests were really impressed with them, as was I.
Miss B Davies



STAFF VACANCIES

All our vacancies can be found on the Maiden Erleigh Trust website **HERE** or on the TES website **HERE**.



Imperial College London Medical Summer School

Imperial College
London

Imperial College London Medical Summer School has been an experience I am not about to forget.

I travelled from Reading to London by train and went to the amphitheatre where we met the people in our groups as well as our mentors for the week.

Our mentors were medical students to whom we were free to ask any questions we had about medicine.

My group's mentor began some icebreakers to help us learn each other's names and we had an introductory talk as well as timetables for the week. We had lunch from the canteen with vouchers that our mentors distributed.

We had different talks throughout the week about the BMAT and UCAT exams as well as a taster of different careers in the medical field. Psychiatrists, doctors, paediatrics, dentists, physiologists as well as surgeons working in robotics came to visit us and kindly explained their jobs and how studying medicine didn't necessarily mean being a doctor, emphasizing that there were much better means of earning money than studying medicine.

We also had some practical activities like using an infrared camera, and naming bones in the body using skeletons.

We had some free time everyday in our accommodation, and evening activities after 8pm such as a film night, a pizza night and a board games night.

We had breakfast at 8am and were back to our accommodation for the night at

10pm with lights out at 11pm.

As it was a residential summer school, we each had a single en-suite room and we also had the choice of a single or mixed gender level.

The people coming were from diverse backgrounds and they all had an interest in medicine. People with prayer requirements were allowed to pray on time when they needed to and had a quiet space to all pray together.

The visitors also gave an insight into what studying at university would be like and encouraged us to get into it, but to consider that it would need a lot of hard work and dedication.

During the week we worked with the people in our groups on a case study, experiencing problem based learning (PBL) that is commonly used at ICL. The teachers encouraged us to make our own diagnostics based on symptoms. At the end of the week each group gave a presentation on their case study, using creative means such as a rap and a roleplay of a doctor with his patient.

Memti was also used to allow us to make suggestions and give our opinions and answers when asked questions.

Overall, this summer school was an unforgettable experience, and allowed me to meet very motivated and dedicated people.

Sajida, former year 11 student

Year 11

Year 11 students have had a great start to the year. The year was kick-started on 22nd September when parents were invited to share key information as to how they could help their child during this critical year. Information about examinations, careers and key dates were shared. A link to this can be found on the website.

On Friday the 7th October, Year 11 had a football player (Scott Davies) come into school and shared his experience about gambling and how this affected his life. This was a great life lesson and very motivational listening how he turned his life around.

It is that time of year when Year 11 students need to start thinking about their future and career choices. To help students explore these different options, Year 11 students attended a Careers fair at Maiden Erlegh School. Here students had the opportunity to talk to several different Colleges, Universities and Careers Advisors.

Mr Gaddu



Year 9

Year 9 have had a great start to the year and have shown great maturity starting their GCSEs. Students have got fully stuck into their new subjects and are relishing the opportunity to build on their learning.

This term has also seen the Year 9 students getting involved in various extra-curricular and enrichment activities to further their own personal development.

Over 30 students have enrolled with the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and are engaging brilliantly with the programme. Year 9 Information Evening was a great success with parents meeting with their child's tutor to find out what the students will be focusing on this year.

Mr Bandy



National Cipher Challenge

Year 7, 8 and 9 Silver and Gold programme students created a Julius Caesar Cipher Wheel for decrypting encrypted message in after-school Cipher Challenge Club conducted by Mrs Neethirajan and Miss

Solomon. Every week students will be learning a decrypting skill for competing in National Cipher Challenge conducted by University of Southampton.



Year 10

Year 10 have had a strong start to the academic year with students focusing well on the year ahead.

Parents and carers were invited to join us for Information Evening on 4th October where we provided an outline of the year ahead and gave key reminders with regards to expectations and standards. Visitors at Information Evening included Charlie Fellows and Julia Hallam from EBP (The Education Business Partnership) who delivered direction around Work Experience, set to take place w/c 19th June. Curriculum Leads and Tutors were also in attendance to support families with queries - both academic and pastoral. Feedback from families was very positive and encouraging with regards to the support given to students overall.

Our cohort motto for the academic year is '#ownit'. The Year 10 Tutor Team are working collectively to instil a sense of responsibility and ownership within the students. At this stage in their journey, we are confident that promoting this mentality and approach to their academic life will offer greater opportunities and open doors to success.

Mrs Cotton

Own it!



Do you know who invented Caesar Cipher?

Cracking riddles, fiendish challenges and unscrambling codes- all using your maths and computing skills!!!

Google Classroom code
bgauplp



NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE

For year 7, 8 & 9 Silver and Gold programme students..

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Interested students sign up by writing their name on the sheet **outside the Maths office by 23rd SEPTEMBER.**
- Challenge session run on Thursday (once in two weeks)

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS!!



National competition with prizes!!

Breakout Book Event 17th-21st October

A celebratory atmosphere was created as students were given the opportunity to take books away with them for half-term. The event, hosted by the English Department, was extremely popular with all year groups, and was even decorated with extraordinary bunting containing reviews made by the students themselves.

Mrs Lutton



So you want to be a Doctor Club BioBakes

Our 'So you want to be a Doctor Club' has kicked off the year with BioBakes. This activity is a cross-departmental venture kindly hosted and supported by Mrs McCarthy in Food Technology, with additional Science input and support from Dr Davies and Mr James.

Students have been busy designing and making cakes based on anything to do with physiology. So far the projects have included lungs, brains, spleens, viruses and



2021 Winning Entries

blood cells. This is a national competition run by The Physiological Society, with a Kenwood Compact Mixer available as first prize. More importantly though, it is an opportunity for students to get creative and bring science to life! Students also have the opportunity to complete the project at



home and submit their entry online. They must remember to include the official submission slip in their entry photos in order for it to be eligible. The deadline for the competition is the 30th October.

Mrs Rugeon

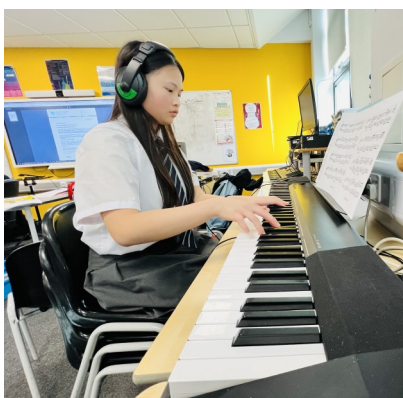
[#BioBakes - The Physiological Society \(physoc.org\)](#)



Music Update

Things have got off to a flying start in the Music Department this year. Year 7 have been learning how to read music and many are getting really confident about reading music accurately and playing simple melodies. I have been particularly impressed by Year 8, who are giving their first performances of the year in lesson time, where they have been playing a piece of music from China. GCSE classes have equally made an excellent start and I am excited about how each class will progress as they make their way towards GCSE. The photographs on this page are from the Year 9 class lessons.

Both the school band and choir have begun rehearsals after school (Wednesdays and Fridays respectively) and both have started to take shape, but new members are always welcome. I am looking forward to launching the school



musical with the Drama Department sometime soon as well. Lessons with Berkshire Maestros have been running for a few weeks now, but there are still some vacancies for lessons: see the 'Berkshire Maestros' letter on the website for information on fees and how to apply.

Mr Butchers

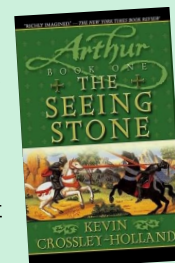
Reading Ambassadors

This half-term we started recruiting Reading Ambassadors throughout the school community. A Reading Ambassador is someone who loves to read, reads different genres and authors, enjoys sharing books and stories with others, and is someone who is also creative. Once in role, Reading Ambassadors will work towards promoting reading and reading for enjoyment across the school. They will do this by organising and promoting a range of themed activities and events. One of the first activities they have been involved in is the 'Breakout Books' event. Later on in the term, they will be inviting guest speakers into school, organising competitions and recommending books to their peers. Students meet at the Reading Leaders' Club on Tuesday afternoons to co-ordinate their activities.

Reading Ambassador Recommended Reads:

Arthur: The Seeing Stone by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Krishna writes: This story is about a squire called Arthur de Caldicot. He's the second son and page of Sir John de Caldicot and he lives in the manor house at Caldicot. In the year 1199 he is waiting to hear what his father's plans are for his future. Is he to be betrothed to his cousin Grace of Gortanore? Or is he to be a priest and bookman? Merlin gives the seeing stone to him on his thirteenth birthday. At first Arthur doesn't know what to make of his gift, but he begins to see images in the shiny black surface.



Furthermoor by Darren Simpson

Seher recommends: Bren escapes the real world as it is a difficult place with a bully at school and the loss of his sister. Fabulous writing! It's fascinating!



Are you interested in learning a musical instrument?

We currently offer lessons in the following instruments:

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| • Drums | • Violin | • Flute |
| • Piano/keyboard | • Trumpet/trombone | • Saxophone |
| • Guitar | • Singing | • Clarinet |

Sign up at www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk or see **Mr Butchers** for more information.



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Train To Teach Information Evening

Thursday 24 November 2022

18.00 – 19.00

Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road Earley, RG6 7HS

Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching?

If so, our Train to Teach event is the perfect opportunity for you to learn all you need to know about teacher training and how to apply. You will find out about routes into teaching, funding and SEND opportunities.

Maiden Erlegh Institute offers training places at a variety of primary and secondary schools in **Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell.**

We work with the University of Reading to provide high quality training and support. Pass rates are high and our schools often retain trainees through to ECT and beyond.

You could train at:

- Maiden Erlegh School
- Maiden Erlegh School in Reading
- Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge
- Reading School
- UTC Reading
- Kendrick School
- Blessed Hugh Faringdon School
- John Madejski School
- Great Hollands Primary School
- Easthampstead Park Community School

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Black History Month 2022

There has been much going on at Maiden Erlegh School this Black History Month.

This year the school kitchen will be including dishes from African and Caribbean culture.

Each department will be preparing Do Now starter activities featuring leaders/chief contributors from the BIPOC community in their subject areas.

This year the senior students will be involved in giving assemblies and working with students in lower years understand the importance of BHM. The senior students, with the help of Mr Tomsett, Mr Mitchel and myself, will be looking to connect with our sister schools to design an Anti-Racism Charter and a Diversity and Inclusion Charter.

Ms Headley



Institute of Physics Competition

Last year, we encouraged students to participate in a competition run by the Institute of Physics. The competition involved answering the question 'what's the point of physics?'. First prize was £1000.

Three students from our school took part in the competition, which received over 200 entries from schools nationwide. Akindu was shortlisted with his poetic answer to the problem:

To those who are obsessed with science
And those with the Physics Alliance
Let me answer your Question
What is the point of Physics?

Physics help us to understand astronomy
Which allows us to develop the economy
Without it rockets wouldn't go up high
And the astronauts inside would surely die

Reading all these boring articles
What you don't know, is they're made
of particles
Without Physics we would never know
If they sing, cling or even grow

Physics is science's master
As with a little help from maths it can
predict a natural disaster
From hurricanes to torrential rain
Even a droplet you see stored in the drain
Physics helps us to understand how the
universe behaves
Studies sound, light and airwaves
I hope this answers your question
What is the point of physics?



Excellent work Akindu! The judges were very impressed and sent him a copy of their own book as a token of appreciation.

The competition may run again later this academic year and we hope to have more students giving it a go. *Mrs Rogeon*

Year 7

Year 7 - what a fantastic start to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading you have made.

The first half term has been action-packed, and I'm looking forward to seeing the hard work continue into the rest of the year.

Year 7 have settled really well and have worked hard to learn the MER way.

We've already had dozens of students reach 100 DREAM points which is outstanding, and 5 lots of 'tutee of the week' - my personal highlight of the week.

Fixtures are starting and I can't wait to see how well Year 7 represent our school. Lots of students are getting involved with extra-curricular clubs and I can't wait to see what next half-term holds.

Well done for making a great start year 7!

Miss Ryan

Year 8

I have been so proud of how you have come back to school and settled straight back into Year 8.

The one thing I have noticed so far this year, is how smart you look. You wear your uniform with pride and I hope this will continue through the rest of the year.

This year we have lots of exciting things to look forward to and I cannot wait to share all of your successes.

I am looking forward to continuing working with you - continuing to DREAM and uphold the MER way.

For the first half term, you have made me an incredibly proud head of year (to the best year group).

Have a lovely half term.

Miss Hancock

Enrichment

Term 1 has been action-packed at Maiden Erlegh Reading, with the students participating in over **280hrs of enrichment in the first 7 days** of the launch of the new enrichment programme!

So You Want To Be A Doctor

is once again proving to be popular amongst our budding scientists with this term's project 'Bio-Bakes', where students are designing and baking models from the human anatomy. We look forward to seeing their baking in the coming weeks! Some of our strongest mathematicians started the **Cipher Challenge**, where they will be working towards cracking a code set by Southampton University!

Boxing Coach, Liam Aloway, is back at the **MER Boxing Academy** with a packed club



on a Thursday afterschool. He says the students are a massive credit to the school and have put in an incredible effort this term! Although term 2 is already fully booked, keep watching out for the Daily Notices in December for availability for 2023!

With **CCF, School Band, Rugby practice, football fixtures, recreational basketball at lunch, Choir, Reading Leaders** (the list goes on...) what's been really impressive is the number of students that squeeze time into their week to visit **Homework Club!** A whopping **120 students** have attended this term, which is a great sign of the time and effort students are putting into their work across the school! Well done MER!



Interhouse:

With the new House roles soon being appointed, Ms Bruna and Miss Wildman look forward to introducing the new House Captains, their Vices and Representatives in the coming weeks. This is an exciting time as we see students stepping up to assist in running competitions and events across the school and representing the 3 Houses at MER; **Griffin**, **Triton** and **Phoenix**.

Next term will mark the start of two new Interhouse Challenges – the Year 7 Tie-off...involving students racing to tie their ties in the fastest time possible, and the Co-Curricular Challenge, where the Houses will go head-to-head in a race to complete the most enrichment hours across the school... **MAY THE BEST HOUSE WIN!**

Miss Wildman



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Time	Staff	Area
Monday	Basketball	Snack 1	Miss Wildman	Sports hall
	Homework Club	3:15pm - 3:55pm	Miss Lenox & Mr Dawson	21B
	Girls Rugby (all years)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Miss Phillips	Field
	Piano lessons with Berkshire Maestros*	Booking only	External coach	044
			Miss Wildman	Sports Hall
Tuesday	Basketball	Snack 2 only	Miss Lenox & Mr Dawson	21B
	Homework Club	3:15pm - 3:55pm	Mrs Jay	123
	Maths Challenge	3:15pm - 4:15pm Week 1	Mrs Roberts & Miss Phillips	Field
	Girls Football (Year 7, 8 & 9)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Mr Hibbins	Field
	Boys Rugby (Year 7)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Mrs Thompson-Delpheche	107
	Debating Club	3:15pm-4pm	Mrs Ragoon	
	Triple/ Higher Combined Chemistry (Year 11)		Mr Hibbins	Sports Hall
Wednesday	Basketball	Snack 1	Miss Lenox & Mr Dawson	21B
	Homework Club	3:15 - 3:55pm	Mrs Ragoon	Science
	So you want to be a Doctor...?	3:15 - 4:15pm	Miss Phillips	Field
	Boys Rugby (Year 8)	3:15 - 4:15pm	Mr Hibbins	Field
	Boys Rugby (Year 10 & 11)	3:15 - 4:15pm	Mr Hibbins	Field
	Girls Football (Year 10 & 11)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Miss Wildman	Sports Hall
	JustDance	3:15 - 4:15pm	Mr Butchers	044
	School Band		Miss Phillips	Sports Hall
Thursday	Basketball	Snack 2	Miss Lenox & Mr Dawson	21B
	Homework Club	3:15pm - 3:55pm	Miss Wildman	Home/ Away
	Girls Football fixtures (Year 10 & 11)	3:15pm - 6pm	Mrs Roberts	MUGA
	Girls Netball (Year 7, 8 & 9)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Mr Bandy	Field
	Boys Rugby (Year 9)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Mrs Jay & Miss Solomon	123
	Cipher Challenge (Silver Programme only)	3:15pm - 4:15pm Week 2	Mrs Edwards	113
	MER News (Year 7, 8 & 9)	3:15pm-3:45pm	External coach	Sports Hall
	MER Boxing Club**	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Mr Greener and external coach	MUGA
	Combined Cadet Force	3:30pm - 5pm		
			Miss Bruna	101
Friday	Linguascope Champions (Spanish & French) (Year 7 & 8)	3:15pm - 3:45pm	External coach	044
	Guitar and Drum lessons with Berkshire Maestros*	Bookings only		216
	Foundation Chemistry Revision (Year 11)	3:15pm-4pm	Mrs Ragoon	MUGA
	Girls Netball (Year 10 & 11)	3:15pm-4:15pm	Mrs Roberts	044
	Choir	3:15pm-3:45pm	Mr Butchers	

* Paid service, speak to Mr Butchers, Head of Music for details. **Paid termly membership via ParentPay, speak to Miss Wildman for details.
Academic support is available to students via appointments afterschool and can be arranged through the class teacher.

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If you are interested in any of these roles, please email Vicky Boatman, Clerk to the Board of Trustees via governors@maidenerleghtrust.org

THERE ARE
TYPICALLY FIVE
LAB MEETINGS PER
YEAR PLUS THREE
TRAINING
SESSIONS TO
SUPPORT
DEVELOPMENT.

BE PART OF OUR GOVERNANCE TEAM OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

OUR LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Local Advisory Boards (LABs) are crucial elements of our work with schools and communities.

LAB members (Governors) are key partners to both the school and the Trust and help secure the best possible education for all learners, and best possible working environment for staff, in line with our Vision and Ethos.

The role description and person specification for Local Advisory Board Members can be found [HERE](#)

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN A ROLE?

We have a variety of Local Advisory Board Member openings available across our schools. There are also Chair of the Local Advisory Board opportunities available, to provide effective leadership to the LAB.

We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in these roles. Experience of school governance or related fields would be helpful but is NOT essential as we would provide training.

CHAIR OF THE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Chair of the Local Advisory Board provides leadership to the LAB and ensures that LAB members fulfil their functions for the proper governance and ethical leadership of the school.

The Chair facilitates the Local Advisory Board, working as a team to challenge, support and contribute to the effective leadership of the school.

The role description and person specification for the Chair of the Local Advisory Board can be found [HERE](#)



Maiden Erlegh Trust is committed to safeguarding, the principles of equality and the celebration of diversity and would want all new LAB members to share these commitments.



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Food Technology



Termly Food Journal – September to October

It has been an exciting and busy time in Food this term. All students have produced wonderful, creative practical work across all year groups.

Year 7: Food Technology

Students have explored and experienced how to work in the food room focussing on hygiene and safety practices as well as understanding how to use a range of unit equipment. For some, this has been an extremely new experience so well done on embracing the need to be part of a team.

The practical opportunities have included:

- Knife skills challenge – carrot/potato (bridge and claw technique)
- Sensory taste testing – coleslaw



Next term, look forward to developing your practical skills in making pasta salad in a Jar, chicken nuggets and chicken/vegetable curry

Year 8: Food Technology

Students continue to explore and experience how to work hygienically and safely in the food room, using more specialist unit equipment. Everyone has been extremely enthusiastic working as a team, demonstrating a range of complex practical skills.



The practical opportunities have included:

- Making fresh pasta – using the pasta machine, team work, cooking fresh pasta, combining with tomato sauce to create a one portion meal.
- Southern-style chicken and sweet potato wedges – using the oven, meat and vegetable preparation, using a meat probe, flavours and textures

Next term, look forward to making macaroni cheese and pasties.



Year 9: GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition – Eduqas

This exciting course encourages students to learn about food in its widest sense as well as developing a wide range of food preparation skills. Students have shown a keen interest and are now starting to develop and demonstrate an individual flair for flavours, textures and overall presentation techniques.

The practical opportunities have included:

- Food styling presentation plates – restaurant standard
- Shaped bread rolls – making bread dough, kneading and shaping
- Pizza – making bread dough base, developing toppings and flavour
- Stir fry – using hob and wok, vegetable and meat preparation



Next term, students look forward to developing a range of sweet and savoury practical skill/outcomes linked to the theory and commodities content.



Year 10: GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition – Eduqas

Y10 continue to develop key practical skills in preparation for Y11 focus on learning about food commodities fruits and vegetables

The practical opportunities have included:

- Pineapple upside down cake
- Spicy tomato soup – using the hob, oven and blender
- Jam or lemon curd – using the hob, preserving fruit, sterilising jars



The Great British Bake Off - 2022

Have you been watching the series on, every Tuesday on Chanel 4?



The Great British Bake Off is the ultimate baking battle where passionate amateur baking fans compete to be crowned the UK's Best Amateur Baker. The twelve contestants are all united in their aim to prove their baking skills and impress judges Paul Hollywood and Prue Leith.

Is there a Bake Off in you! Try out the technical challenges and send in your photographed result. Look out for the technical challenge recipes either on the website or posted in the window outside the Food Department 006.

Languages Week

– OUR LANGUAGES MATTER!

Why?

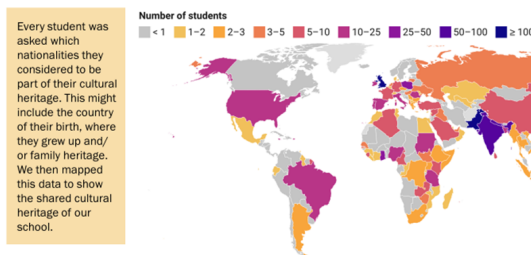
Every year on 26th September, we celebrate European Day of Languages. The aims of this celebration are:

- To alert the public to the importance of language learning, diversity and the range of languages learned in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding
- To promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe
- To encourage lifelong language learning in and out of school

Wall of Languages, created by MER students and Open Evening visitors.



Cultural heritage of students at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading 2021-22



Our Language is a key part of our culture – our identity. It defines us! Given how privileged we are in MER to have an immensely rich cultural and linguistic diversity (a sample of this can be seen in the map above and the images below), we decided to turn this celebration into LANGUAGES WEEK and acknowledge the variety of languages and cultures we have in MER and around the whole world.



How did we celebrate?

- 1. Photo competition:** we encouraged students to unleash and combine their artistic skills using a camera with their passion for languages and compete against Maiden Erlegh School and Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge in our first cross-trust languages competition. The Headteachers from the schools involved will choose the winner, which will be announced by the end of term.
- 2. Lunch time:** Students experienced food from different places.
- 3. Celebrate our languages – Register routine:** Throughout the week, students answered the register in a different language or spoke in a different language and collected plenty of dream points.
- 4. Assemblies:** all year groups had assemblies about languages week and were asked to reflect on MER's diversity.
- 5. Teacher competition:** teachers were put on a languages report, and students gave them points every time they spoke another language. The winner was....Mr Greener!
- 6. Year 7 competition:** year 7s were tasked with finding out what languages their teachers speak and the winner was...Harshil (7P2), who got 10 DREAM POINTS for #TeamPhoenix and hot chocolate with the headteacher. Well done, Harshil!

#Team Griffin



#Team Phoenix



#Team Triton





ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FACILITIES TO HIRE?

We welcome enquiries about the private use of our facilities. If you would like to come and see what facilities we have to offer, please arrange a visit via Reception or contact us by emailing merlettings@maidenerlegthrust.org

A full list of our facilities and hire charges can be found on our website or by contacting our school Business Manager.



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MUSIC STUDIO – MAIN SCHOOL HALL – DINING AREA – ATRIUM – MULTI USE
GAMES AREA (MUGA) – CLASSROOMS – MEETING ROOMS

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Spanish Integration Project – 1st edition!



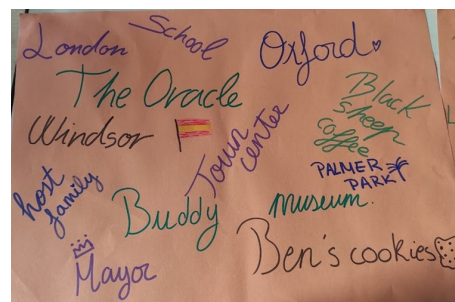
September was a very exciting month for our Spanish students in Year 9, 10 and 11 as we received 10 visitors from Spain who stayed with us from 19th September to 7th October. The 10 Spanish students came for 3 weeks thanks to a scholarship they received from the Spanish government in order to do a linguistic and cultural immersion in what we called an Integration Project.

Our 10 visitors really enjoyed their UK experience: they stayed with local families, visited different places in the area, adapted really well to the school (and were very sad to leave MER), and they even visited the mayor of Reading to talk to her about their town in Spain and their



experiences in the UK. Here are some of their impressions of the UK:

MER was very privileged to be chosen as their host school in the UK, giving our students a fantastic opportunity to practise their Spanish, attend enrichment activities and make friends from a different country. After an application and selection process to act as a 'British buddy', our visitors were buddied up with MER students and attended their lessons with them. At the end of the school day, there were several activities every week for the students and their buddies to have fun and practise their language skills.



Thank you to all MER students who supported our visitors during their stay – they were very impressed with the MER hospitality! Special thanks to all of those who acted as buddies and took the responsibility to guide and support our visitors more closely. We can't wait for the 2nd edition of the Spanish Integration Project next year.

Buddies: Soham, Adan, Leanne, Simra, Polina, Harriet, Barona, Kavya, Ahmed, Tawheed, Iva, Lilia, Thomas, Carmine, Charlotte, Sofia, Marika, Helena, Sara, Audrey

Sports Results/Fixtures



GIRLS U16 FOOTBALL:

Played 8, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 4

MER 0-4 MEW

MER 1-0 The Abbey

MER 0-0 Little Heath School

MER 1-2 Holme Grange

MER 3-0 Prospect

MER 0-2 Denefield

MER 0-0 Blessed Hugh Farrington

MER 0-2 Bohunt School

GIRLS U14 FOOTBALL:

Played 2, Lost 2

MER 0-6 Bulmershe School

MER 0-2 Blessed Hugh Farrington

Still to play:

MER v Reading Girls School

MER v Little Heath School

MER v Denefield

MER v Bohunt School

MER v MEW

MER v The Abbey School

BOYS U12 RUGBY:

Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2

MER 30-25 Bohunt School

MER 20-0 The Wren

MER 20-25 St Crispin's School

MER 10-15 Forest School

Still to play:

MER v MEW

MER v Reading School

BOYS U13 RUGBY:

Played 4, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 1

MER 10-50 Bohunt School

MER 20-0 Willink School

MER 20-0 Emmbrook School

MER 20-20 Reading School

Still to play:

MER v Piggott School

MER v Little Heath School

BOYS U14 RUGBY:

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5

MER 0-20 Holme Grange

MER 0-20 Denefield School

MER 15-20 Forest School

MER 7-31 St Crispin's School

MER 0-27 Bohunt School

MER 19-10 Piggott School

Still to play:

MER v Willink School

MER v Reading School

LEAGUE TABLE/FIXTURES

Links:

[Football - http://www.rsfafootball.co.uk/](http://www.rsfafootball.co.uk/)

[Rugby - http://www.rsfarugby.co.uk/](http://www.rsfarugby.co.uk/)



Sports News

A strong start to the sports season with a high attendance in extra-curricular training sessions. The students have used these sessions to hone their skills ready to compete against other schools.



The U16 girls gave a great account of themselves in what was a tough round of fixtures. Some notable performances from Nadia, Emma and Lucia.



The Year 8 boys are looking to bounce back with a win after a tough first fixture.

Huge congratulations to all students that have represented MER so far.

Mr Hibbins



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Facilities Hire

Our fantastic school facilities are available for hire to the general public. For information on lettings for the next academic year please contact the school.

TERM DATES

Autumn

1 September -
21 October 2022

31 October -
16 December 2022

CPD Day

1 September 2022
2 September 2022

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