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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Class Charts Communication App**

Last year, Maiden Erlegh Trust embarked on a process to secure a new management information system ('MIS'), the system which manages all elements of student data, staff data and records. 'Bromcom' was chosen as the new MIS system and the change was necessary to address some of the technical and functional challenges faced by schools within the Trust. The move to 'Bromcom' has successfully addressed many of these challenges.

When we embarked on this journey, we as a school moved away from using 'Classcharts' as a student and parent communication tool due to the two platforms of 'Bromcom' and 'Classcharts' not working in conjunction with each other. I am pleased to say this is now not the case.

As a school, we have now been able to secure a trial of using 'Classcharts' as the key communication tool across our school, but also with students and parents through the use of the 'Classcharts' app. Therefore, next week we will be rolling out logins for students to access the app as follows:

- Monday 6 February – years 11 & 10;
- Tuesday 7 February – years 9 & 8;
- Wednesday 8 February – Year 7.

On the dates specified, students will have access to Wi-Fi in school allowing them to download and then log into this app with a unique login. Students should therefore ensure that they bring their smart phones to school if they have one, allowing them to login. Students who do not have access to a smart phone will be given a laptop to access the app.

Please note that 'ClassCharts' is not a replacement for the 'Bromcom' App. Progress reports will still be sent via 'Bromcom' (which also shows attendance and other areas of your child's progress). We will use both platforms during the trial period, understanding the strengths of both and ultimately ensure that we are able to communicate with students and parents effectively. We will keep you updated regularly throughout the trial period in terms of any developments or changes to communication methods.

We will look to roll out the 'Classcharts' app to parents in the week beginning 27 February. More detail will follow regarding this after half term.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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