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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Maiden Erlegh School in Reading are moving to a three-Year Key Stage 3**

I wanted to write to you to explain my decision to move to a three-year Key Stage 3 from September 2024.

At present, Maiden Erlegh School in Reading operates a two-year Key Stage 3. Students choose their GCSE options at the beginning of the spring term of year 8 and start their GCSEs in Year 9.

From September 2024, we will move to a three-year Key Stage 3, which will mean that students who are currently in Year 7, will choose their GCSE options in the spring term of Year 9 and start their GCSEs in Year 10.

The main reason for making this change is to allow our students to study **all** the subjects that they start in Year 7 for a year longer. We believe this will provide our students with the broad and balanced foundation that they need to have the best chances of success at GCSE and beyond.

Please contact the school office at [MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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