



# The Pulse

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## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

And so, we come to the end of another academic year! 2022-23 seems to have raced by; with so much to reflect on and to be proud of. In September we were celebrating our first set of externally assessed GCSE results; putting MER at the top of the tree for EBAAC entries amongst Reading's maintained schools and in the top 20% nationally for progress and value added. Since then, our school has stayed true to its core values of: providing as many opportunities as possible for our students; celebrating our diversity; and ensuring every student has access to a curriculum that will maximise their chances of success.

Our enrichment programme has provided such a wide range of opportunities for every student in every year group to grow and flourish as young people; only recently, 38 of our Year 10 students succeeded in passing the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and 12 of our cadets immersed themselves in the annual CCF residential week, with the MER team winning the esteemed obstacle course race in the process. In the penultimate week of term, the MER activities week allowed every student to engage with a range of different experiences thanks to the wonderful planning and organisation by Vicky Rogeon and Dadri-Ann Williams. This, combined with Beckie Davies masterminding our Pastoral day, we were able to run a very different four days in school, with a huge number of external speakers visiting MER to work with our students. On top of that, we had a magnificent Arts event during activities week, with a range of musical and drama performances, as well as a wonderful display of art, photography and a variety of design and technology pieces. The quality of work on display was very impressive, it was also so nice to see parents and families in the building, to

witness some of the great work that our students can produce, with the support our talented and committed staff.



Our partnership with parents and with the local community has taken a step forward this year; we have had more parents than ever visit the school for a whole series of events. The formation of our first ever PTA has created a much needed connection with our parent body and we look forward to strengthening this further in the next academic year.

We were pleased to be able to mark the end of the year with a staff celebration at the Oscars ceremony on Friday 14 July. The evening gave us the opportunity to thank staff for their commitment and dedication across the school year, we acknowledged the special achievements and contributions of many with a variety of Oscar nominations and awards and we also took the opportunity to say goodbye to several colleagues who will be leaving us for pastures new in September. A feature of the leaving speeches for me was the acknowledgement of how much our staff care for our students and how hard they all work to support them.

We now look forward to a much-needed break before we return, first for the GCSE results in August, and then for the start of the next academic year in September. Whatever your plans for the summer holiday, I wish you all a very restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming you back to school in six weeks' time.

Mr Graham

## CALENDAR

5 September	<b>YEAR 7 ONLY</b> START OF TERM
6 September	<b>ALL STUDENTS (ALL YEARS)</b> START OF TERM
12 September	Year 7 Information Evening
13 September	Year 9 Information Evening
14 September	Year 11 Information Evening
19 September	Year 10 Information Evening
21 September	Year 8 Information Evening
5 October	Open Morning
6 October	MET Future Destination Fair
12 & 19 October	Open Morning



Our very own Rose was interviewed by BBC Berkshire as a delegate for Mind at the Youth in Mind Conference.

Rose and all nine delegates from our school are working diligently to ensure that youth mental health issues are being respected and treated with the seriousness they deserve.

Ms Headley

**YOUTH**  
in mind



## French Institute Trip

What a "fantastique day" we all had!

Bravo to all year 9 and 10 students who attended the trip to the beautiful French Institute in London on the 8 of June.

The MER students made us very proud behaving impeccably throughout the day.

On arrival at the Institute we were welcomed by the French staff who gave us a tour of the impressive building and facilities there, inviting us to savour the imposing "mediathèque" where the largest

collections of French items in the UK is kept ranging from books to films to newspapers and comics.

We, then studied in French immersion style, a highly rated French film called "Fahim" inspired by a true story interpreted by the famous "Assad Ahmed" and "Gérard Depardieu" while sampling our "pain au chocolat".

*- Fahim Mohammad fled Bangladesh and made his way to France with his father. However, the real struggle only began*

*there and the fear of deportation was always present... In 2017 Fahim became a Chess Master.*

The book has also been translated in multiple languages, including in English under the title "A King in Hiding".

In the afternoon, we sat comfortably in our cinema chairs and watched the entire film with English subtitles to support us.

How inspiring!  
Ms Bourienne





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# Open Event

Thursday 28 September  
5.30pm until 7.30pm

**Presentations are in the main  
School Hall at 5.30pm and 7.00pm.**

This event will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit the school, talk to students, staff and subject leaders.

There will be lots to do and see including:

- Presentation by the Headteacher
- Presentation by student leaders
- Hands-on activities
- Subject information
- Enrichment information
- Tours of the school led by students

Children are encouraged to attend!

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## Booking Required

If you are interested in reserving a place please visit our website to complete the booking form.



[Reserve a place](#)



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## Geography Field Trip

Year 10 Geography students went on their Geography fieldtrip to Lyndhurst and Milford On Sea to investigate the impact of tourism in Lyndhurst and the effectiveness of coastal defences at Milford On Sea. The students were impeccably behaved and enjoyed the experience of discovering geography first-hand.

Year 9 students also completed a practice investigation at Reading Station earlier this half term and again made the most of the opportunity to investigate geography in real life. They can now look forward to the trip to Lyndhurst and Milford On Sea which they will complete next year.

## Non-uniform day

Friday 9 June

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading had a non-uniform day to raise money for **OUR** Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Together we have raised  
**£600!**

*Amazing efforts and everyone looked brilliant!*



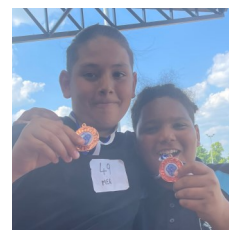
## Year 7

And just like that, the year is almost over! I cannot believe we have almost finished year 7. We have had a great year settling into Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. Highlights for me include seeing the y7 helpers at transition day, watching my wonderful year group smash sports day and athletics at Palmer Park and hearing about all of the amazing things year 7 get up to outside of school. We have mathematicians, ballroom dancers, footballer, chess players, musicians and

many more in our talented year group! I cannot wait to start the year 8 journey with my year group and look forward to seeing them become role models for the incoming year 7s.

Pictured – Nicolas and Ke-Shai the bronze medallists at athletics!

Miss Ryan



## Best of Books Week

From 19 - 23 June students had the opportunity to engage in a programme of activities that promoted reading. With competitions and events held throughout the week, there were many ways in which they could get involved.



### Monday

All students had a wonderful opportunity to visit the **Book Fair** and browse the latest fiction and non-fiction books for sale. Many students took the chance to purchase the wide range of new releases available.

### Tuesday

While the book fair continued for a second day, year 7 students were privileged to hear author **Matt Killeen** speak about his book, 'Orphan, Monster, Spy'. Students were fascinated to hear how the hero, Sarah, fought against injustice in Nazi Germany. As several students had read the book, they were delighted to have their copies signed after the talk. Matt enjoyed speaking with our well-informed reading ambassadors after his presentations.



### Wednesday

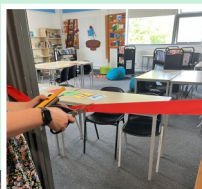
The school was privileged to welcome **Bali Rai**, one of Britain's most successful writers, to speak to year 8 and 9 on topics of equality, diversity and



multiculturalism. As students have read his work, 'The Colour of Humanity' in class, they found his speech particularly powerful and entertaining. Bali's work is published in many different languages, and he is often travelling to meet his many audiences, so our reading ambassadors were pleased to be able speak to him for an extended period about his body of work.

### Thursday

Following the completion of the new mural, and our library catalogue moving online, we were delighted to relaunch our **library space**. Students are enjoying the new range of non-fiction books available, from science and technology, to banking, philosophy and biography. Enthusiastic librarians have now been trained to scan books in and out. Reading ambassadors, librarians and mural painters were all welcomed to the official celebration.



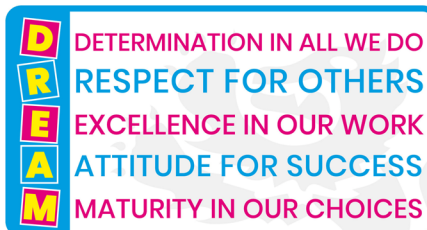
### Friday

To close 'Best of Books Week', teachers were thrilled to bring current events from their subject area into the classroom in a project called '**My Subject in the News**'. In going beyond the syllabus, and reading articles from a real-world context, this has helped students discover the significance of what they're learning. After a busy week, students felt empowered and inspired.

## Young Minds and Reading Youth Council representatives from Y10

Two of our year 10 Senior Student Leaders have also been appointed to roles within our local community. We would like to congratulate Afra for being appointed to the Young Minds panel for Reading, while Wajahat has both been appointed to the Young Minds panel and the Reading Youth Council. We are incredibly proud of both of them for their achievements and look forward to seeing the difference they make both within school and in the local community.

Mr Tomsett



## Pride Awareness Day



Huge thank you to everyone who supported our Pride Awareness Day, we raised a grand total of :

**£78.33p**



Fantastic artwork by Mr Bish

## Enrichment Week

MER hosted a range of different activities and providers during the recent Enrichment week, particularly from Wednesday 12 July to Friday 14 July.



### Wild Science

On Wednesday 12 July, the year 7 students had some unusual visitors. These included a python, bearded dragon, guinea pig, giant cockroach, millipede, frog, and African land snail. There was also a tarantula exoskeleton to students to take a look at! The session was led by Jessica from Wild Science who spoke to our students about the various adaptations that the animals have that enable them to thrive in their natural habitats. Our facilitator Jessica was impressed by all the students great questions! The session really seemed to spark their interest and curiosity!



### The Rubber Band Car Challenge

Our year 10 students took part in a Smallpeice Trust activity last Friday, in which students are challenged to make a model car that is powered by a rubber band. We had support for this activity from Quotient Sciences, who have given prizes for the winners. Students worked well in their teams and focused hard.

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Noah & Henry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Raul, Nainika & Klayton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Dylan, Oskar & Prajwal



## Enrichment Week



### HealthReach

On Friday 14 July, the HealthReach team from the University of Reading popped by to deliver 5 sessions for our year 10 students on the theme 'It's not just doctors and nurses'. The workshop was designed to highlight the variety of roles within the NHS, and to make it clear to students that there are lots of patient facing and non-patient facing roles that they can explore. Students worked in teams to match up roles and responsibilities and complete a selection of different tasks.



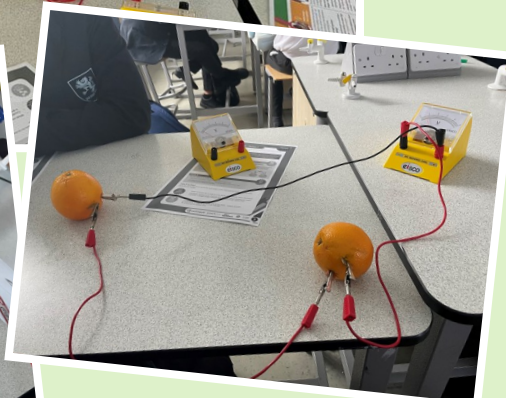
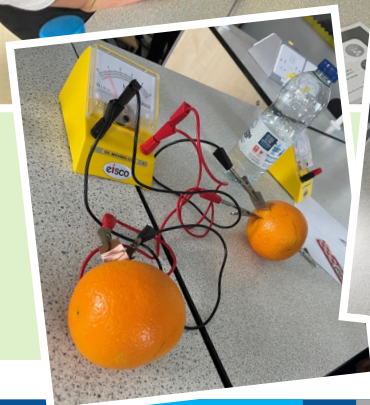
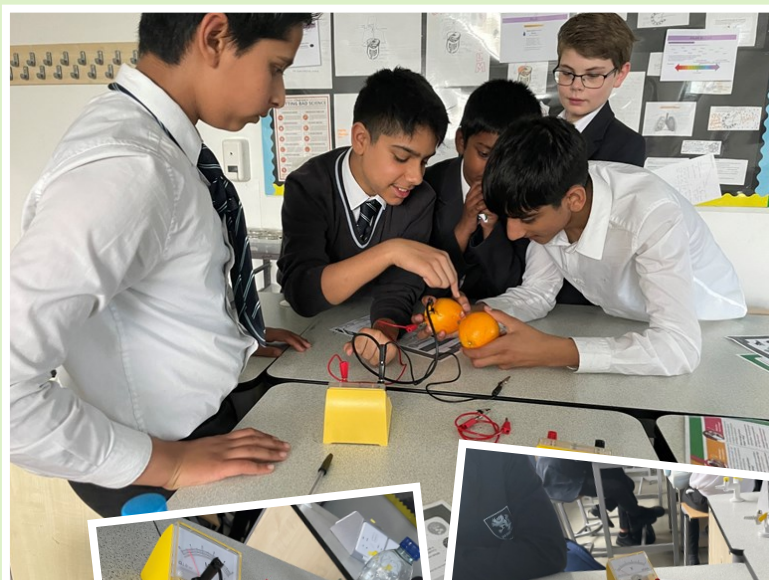
*I found the health reach lesson very intriguing and memorable as I learnt that in the NHS there are many different roles within the hospital which all play a part to help patients and doctors alike. Finding out what mine and my peers, blood pressure and heart rate is, was very interesting as many people had varied results some of which were almost exceeding the average heart rate. Overall, I am genuinely thankful for this experience that has been given to me as it has helped me to possibly think about taking a career in health towards to the near future.*

Wajahat year 10



### Geobus

On Friday 14 July our year 7 students all took part in a virtual workshop led by University College London's Geobus team. The team are part of the Outreach section of the University and run sessions that will increase engagement with key science topics. The workshops complement the curriculum, whilst giving a great insight into the breadth of Earth science as a subject. In this way, they are seeking to reach out to the next generation of Earth scientists by instilling in them a spark of curiosity and wonder for the world around them. All students seemed to love the 3D glasses sent to us by UCL for the session!



## Enrichment Week Winchester Science Centre Trip

On Wednesday 12 July 47 year 8 students visited the science centre in Winchester.

Once we got the coach journey there done, we split into two groups, rotating around the activities.

My group started by exploring the upstairs exhibits. The huge ear exhibit was popular, where they had fun crawling through the ear canal. There were lots of exhibits relating to sound. A giant guitar was also popular. The students' favourite here was the voice changer.

Next we went to see the downstairs exhibits which were mostly themed around space exploration. The students enjoyed having the freedom to explore these exhibits themselves as the centre is well-contained, safe and only open to schools in term-time.

Next we all met up for our session on coding called Explore: Bots. The students had a brief session of instruction followed by time to code the little robot cars to move and flash their lights. They used a Crumble to code the bots. Our students were



students on this trip and see their enthusiasm for science and technology.

I thoroughly recommend a visit here in the holidays if you want somewhere to go to fill a day!

[https://  
www.winchestersciencecentre.org/](https://www.winchestersciencecentre.org/)

Dr Davies

fantastic at this and the centre staff commented that they were very quick to pick up the coding and the best group they had had on this session! This made the staff very proud of them!

After lunch, the final session was a planetarium show. A lot of the students

had never been to a planetarium before and they really enjoyed the sensation of floating as we took a tour of our solar system, and beyond to look at the Milky Way Galaxy.

It was a pleasure to take such lovely



# MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST

If you are interested in any of these roles, please email Vicky Boatman, Clerk to the Board of Trustees via [governors@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto: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](#)

### 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](#)

### 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.



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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## Arts Festival

The Arts Festival on the 12 of July was an opportunity for students to present some of the highest quality arts work to parents, staff and students. The event comprised a number of different components and allowed visitors to see the depth and breadth of the Arts at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

In the main hall, four subjects displayed coursework that has been submitted for GCSE. Art, Photography, Product Design and Food and Nutrition work was all on display and the main hall felt like it had been transformed into a professional art gallery.

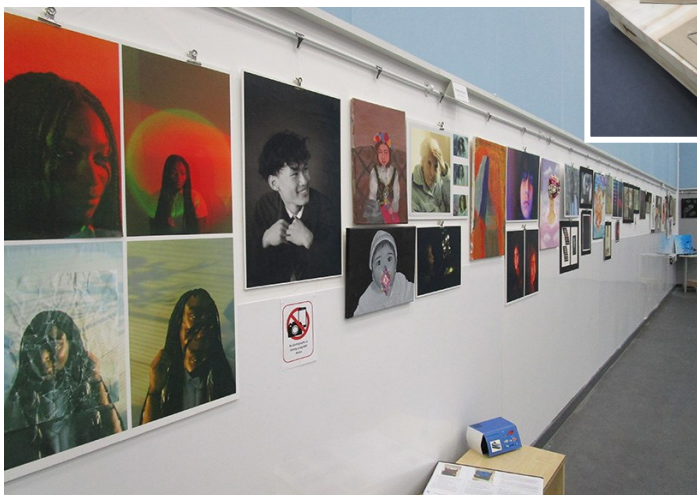
In the atrium, there was a short music concert comprising music as diverse as Mozart, The Beatles and much more. Students from a range of year

groups were represented within these performances and the quality of the performances were excellent.

In the drama studio, year 10 students performed their devised pieces for a practice before their assessment. Year 7 students also performed some shorter scripted pieces and visitors enjoyed the range and breadth of the genres.

This was a fantastic event and a fitting round off to all of the work that has occurred in the Arts this year.

*Mr Butchers*



## Year 11 Prom

I was delighted to organise the Class of 2023 Leavers' Prom which took place on Friday June 30 2023 at the Stadium Conference Rooms. It was a fantastic evening. The students looked amazing and they partied relentlessly.

May I also take this opportunity to thank every member of staff who took the time to help me with the organisation, especially Maryam and Anne in the office. I would also like to thank staff members who came in to support and Mrs Jordan and Mr Bish for taking as many photographs as humanly possible.

Ms Headley





# 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@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:merlettings@maidenerleghtrust.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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## Transition Day

On Wednesday 28 June we had our transition day for the Year 6 students joining us in September. It was great to see so many new faces with us. There was a variety of activities during the day, with getting to know you tasks in their new tutor groups and some taster lessons. All students left with a goodie bag and a summer challenge to earn those early DREAM points! On this day we had some

excellent student helpers from Year 7 and Year 10 who were a credit to MER!

We ended the day with our Parent Information Evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending as we shared some helpful information with them on the day.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September!

*Miss Davies*



## Year 8

Can you believe we are at the end of the year already!

**Level Year 7** ✓ **DONE**

**Level Year 8** ✓ **DONE**

**3 Years to go**

You have done an amazing job this year – together as a team we have held our standards high and celebrated how amazing we are.

**SO Level Year 9.....**

- Fresh uniform and fresh equipment - please make sure you have these **READY** for the first day back
- Lessons - you have your new lessons from your option choices
- New timetables, new groups, new teachers
- A **GOOD** opportunity for a fresh start

We have a very special year group, and I am very proud to be your head of year. As you know I will not be your head of year next year, Mr Sparks will be taking over but you will always hold a special place in my heart. I am excited to see what the future holds for you and will be checking in regularly.

You know you are the best and we are showing this day to day. Now you can continue that into Year 9.

Have a fantastic summer – **behave**, stay safe and relax!

*Miss Hancock*

## Student leadership successes from 2022/23

Having led student voice this year, I have been incredibly proud of the successes and achievements of our Senior Student Leadership Group (SSLG), the school council, peer mentors, and the house representatives who have been coordinated by Miss Bruna.

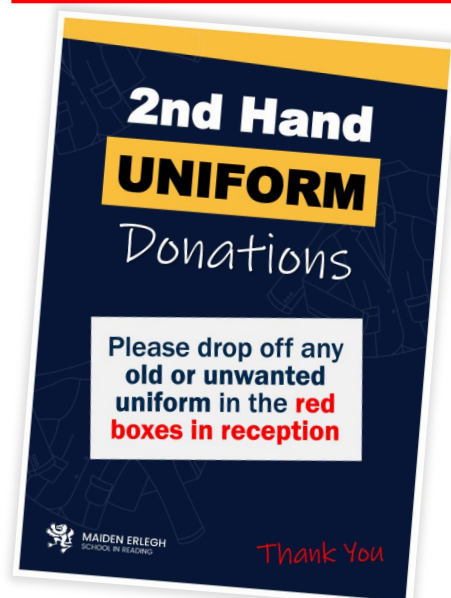
The Year 11 SSLG coordinated two very successful bake sales raising money for charity and the Year 11 prom, helped coordinate cultural diversity day, led numerous assemblies on ranging topics from International Women's Day to Black History Month and supported the younger students to get their voices heard. The new Year 10 SSLG have started with a bang, having already raised money for Activities week by working with Mrs Rogeon to sell ice-pops, while many have attended a day's training with MIND and also attended the Diana Award Anti-bullying training day. In addition, our team of Year 10 Senior Ambassadors and SSLG assisted with Year 6 transition, attending after school transition sessions and helping with the Year 6's on their transition day. I look forward to seeing all their plans unfold in the next academic year as they look to continue to develop and improve the experiences of students at MER.

School council were superb this year at representing the voice of the school and were responsible for changes including the prayer room provision during the month of Ramadan (a first for our school), our non-uniform day which raised significant funds for our PTA, and starting up a school council food group who liaise with the catering team about the food served at break and lunch time. They also helped on numerous occasions to show school visitors around the school and assisted with interviews for staff.

Peer mentors are selected and trained in Year 10 by Miss Lawson-Smith and work with Year 7's to help them to settle in to life at the school. They have worked really hard this year with their mentees and this has helped to settle those students in, as well as forging greater bonds between the year groups.

All of the work done by our students has contributed to developing MER into an environment where students feel they have a say and can make a difference. Thank you to all those students who have gone above and beyond this year to make others feel welcome and heard in our school community

*Mr Tomsett*

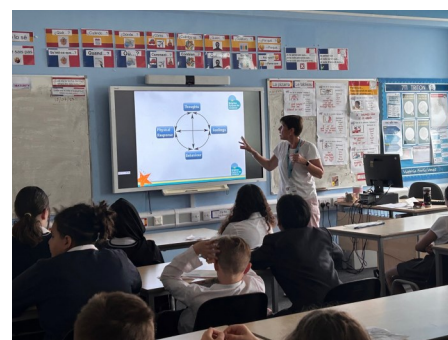
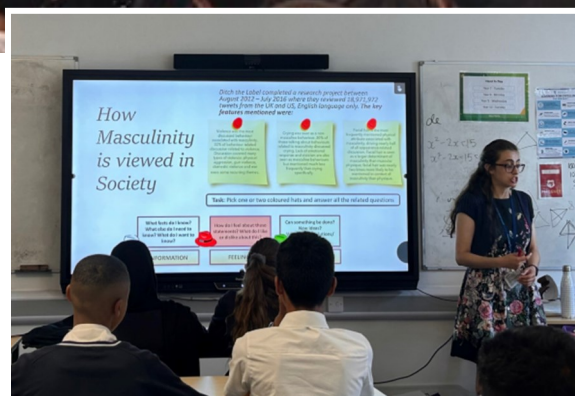




## Pastoral Day

We held our annual Pastoral Day on Tuesday 11 July. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about a variety of different topics such as: healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol awareness, gambling addiction, the impact of violence, Anti-Bullying, impact of misogyny, Road and Water Safety, Mental Health and more! We had sessions delivered by our staff and a number of visitors in. It was a brilliant, insightful day for students with a thank you to our visitors from Epic Risk Management, Stand Against Violence and Brighter Futures for Children.

Miss Davies



## Year 9

This half term we celebrated some of the best and the brightest in the year group with a Head of Year breakfast. Tutors put forward their top two or three students in each group who are consistently showing the MER way and putting their best foot forward. The students were treated to muffins and juice in the atrium having a relaxed morning chatting with their friends and Mrs Langille and discussing plans for the year group. I am looking forward to another breakfast in the Autumn term!

Mrs Langille



L- Julia, Charlize, Heyvis, Tawheed, Laura, Manu  
R- Meenakshi, Lena, SriLakshmi, Simarpreet,  
Haseeb, Amosh

## Year 10

Year 10 have had an exciting year with students undertaking work experience, their first PPEs and GCSE examination for Religion and Philosophy. It has been a pleasure working with the cohort on this journey and I look forward to our next chapter as we embark on their final year at MER. We have lots coming our way, but I am confident that with a positive mindset, we will achieve great things.

Mrs Cotton

# Year 10 Economics Manifesto Documents

The year 10 Economics students have been working to consolidate their knowledge of macro economic policies with respect to real world issues by creating manifesto documents explaining how they would try to alleviate current issues in the UK economy right now using

their knowledge of Fiscal and Monetary Policy. They created summary leaflets to explain their proposals. A couple of impressive examples are illustrated below. Well done year 10!  
Mrs Nave



## New online directory and mental health app for young people

No5 Young Peoples Counselling Service in collaboration with other service providers have devised a searchable database for young people to access the right service.

<https://signposting.no5.org.uk/>

If a young person feels stressed, anxious, sad and they do not know which service provider could help they can use this website, answer a few prompting questions and the site will let them know who is best to give them a helping hand. It is not an answering service to their issues, but rather a signposting database.

Also, you may or may not be aware that Kooth as a service has now been replaced by Tellmi app.

Below is the email we received from Kooth in May.

*"We are really sorry to inform you that from the 19 May Kooth will no longer be available for new registrations within Berkshire West (Reading, West Berkshire and Wokingham). Existing users will be able to continue using the platform until 1 July. From 19 May young people can use a new service called Tellmi for support and to utilise the resources available. The Tellmi App can be downloaded from **Play Store** or **Apple Store**.*

The full service provided by Tellmi, including local signposting and solution focus therapies, will be available from 1 July."

**Vision - Inflation**  
The annual rate of inflation reached 11.1% in October 2022, a 41 year high, before easing in subsequent months. It was 8.7% in April 2023. High inflation affects the affordability of goods and services for households. High inflation erodes the value of wages and hurts economic growth.

The Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) is now forecasting that Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation will fall to 2.9% by the end of 2023.

The traditional response to rising inflation is to **cut up interest rates**. This makes borrowing more expensive, and can mean some people with mortgages see their monthly payments go up. Some saving rates also increase. When people have less money to spend, they buy fewer things, reducing the demand for goods and slowing price rises. Businesses also borrow less, making them less likely to create jobs, and may cut staff.

**Statistics**  
Many people's pay isn't keeping up with rising prices. The average weekly salary in the UK, excluding bonuses, was £577 in May up from £554 in April. But when you take inflation into account, regular pay actually fell by 0.8% in the three months to May compared with the same period the year before.

Unions say wages should reflect the cost of living and many workers have been struck over pay. However, the government argues low pay rises could lead to inflation. High house prices might increase prices as a result.

**Pay not keeping up with inflation**  
Annual wage and price growth, May 2023

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Price	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%
Wage	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: Office for National Statistics

**What we can do**  
After tax year on negative externalities we can use fiscal policies and the tax revenue to work towards a budget deficit to reduce the economy. Increasing spending and decreasing taxes would result in more producer and consumer disposable income which would increase demand and create more and producer spending which would create more job opportunities as businesses invest and grow. Evaluation - with growing revenue businesses may choose to invest in machinery that is favoured by technology instead of labour. To deal with this we could increase prices of machinery that is favoured by businesses in the public sector. This would influence businesses to spend on labour rather than machinery which also requires a lot of expensive management and repairs, even if businesses do choose to take the risk to invest in machinery, this will result in an increase of revenue for the government which would help with the budget deficit.

**OUR MAIN ISSUES**  
Inflation has increased the cost of spending 40% less on interest spending totaling £36 billion between April 2022 and January 2023.

**What we can do**  
Increase income tax for a year to avoid companies going out of business to help pay off government debt and decrease consumer disposable income which would decrease spending and aggregate demand, this would reduce spending and lower their prices to attract inflation. Businesses to lower their prices to attract demand, increase tax levies, no known health impacts, make unattractive to consumers, pay income tax rather than tax for negative externalities. Make unattractive to get jobs - reduce unemployment. Most consumers are leavers with more that if we lower that effect of this negative externality, the future generation of workers would be healthier, which can improve the rate of unemployment in the long run.

**I want paid work but I'm... I don't have for economic activity**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Inflation	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%
Interest Rates	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Source: Office for National Statistics

## Sports Day

Thursday 6 July, a historic day for MER in its first full sports day held on school site. It was a wonderful day and was helped by the weather and the sun managing to stay out for most of the day. We had our long-distance runners competing period 1 in 600m, 800m, 1000m and 1500m. Period 2 was our Javelin throwers, followed by Shot Putters period 3. The students involved did a great job and they were proudly wearing their medals throughout the day. In the afternoon we invited the whole school on to the school field to watch the sprint track events. The students were treated to an opening ceremony where the athletes from Griffin, Phoenix and Triton paraded on to the track and into the athlete's area. We had some notable performances on the day with Emmanuel in Year 10 comfortably winning his 100m race by over 5m and Hanifa in Year 9 collecting FOUR (Yes, FOUR!) gold medals. The PE department organised a brilliant day and it would not have been possible without the help from staff across the school in both admin and teaching capacities. A shout out to Mr Graham for providing commentary on

the PA system on his first MER Sports Day. After a day of hard work and competition, the results were tallied and Phoenix were crowned the 22/23 MER Sports Day winners with 435 points. Triton placed in second with 385 points and Griffin in third with 361 points. A huge round of applause should be given to all athletes who participated. They showed great determination, resilience, etiquette and passion; it was certainly one to remember.



Sports



**U13 Cricket:**

The U13 cricketers had a hard first season of cricket with games against Reading Boys' School, Little Heath School and Theale Green School. In their first game against Reading Boys they were comfortably beaten, however they fought back stronger in both games against Little Heath School and Theale Green School and only lost by a few runs. Congratulations to all students involved in this team.

**U15 Cricket:**

The boys were handed a tricky run of fixtures but only managed to play 2 games due to the wonderfully wet summer weather. They played their first game against Little Heath School and won comfortably, scoring over 80 runs. In their second game they narrowly lost out to Reading Boys with 3 balls to go. Notably in that game Raja hit 49 runs and was very unfortunate to not get his half century. Well done to all of the boys who competed this season.



**Athletics:**

We had a string of success across the local athletics events with our 5 squads picking up over 30 medals. Both the U13 boys and girls qualified for the finals and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their section which was an incredible achievement. We had some standout

performers in Johnson, Deborah, Naomia and Amir from Year 7 stepping up to compete in a Year 8 competition. On top of our local success we also had some success in having 3 athletes qualify for the district competition to represent Reading. Congratulations to Eman (Year 8), Jermaine (Year 8) and Emma (Year 10) for qualifying for the next stage. The district competition was held on a Saturday and Mr Hibbins was at Palmer Park cheering on the MER students. We had some success with Eman placing 2<sup>nd</sup> with a personal best throw, qualifying for the county stages to represent Berkshire, a huge well done to Eman for this achievement.



**Facilities Hire**

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**TERM DATES 2023**

Autumn	5 September - 20 October
	30 October - 20 December
CPD Days	1 September
	4 September
	14 November

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