



13 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back Year 9 to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading!

Firstly, I would like to formally introduce myself to you as the new Head of Year 9 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and have been able to recuperate, recharge and re-energise ready for the year ahead. As you are aware, Year 9 is the start of a new exciting journey towards GCSE examinations. When thinking about this journey, it is worth remembering that it is exactly that – a journey. With everyone playing their part, the journey becomes easier and less arduous and at the end we can look back and celebrate. With that being said, my key message is about ‘responsibility’.

Students

Take ownership and be responsible for your learning – this means ensuring you are organised and ready to learn (equipment, uniform, homework), ensuring your punctuality to lesson and taking responsibility for your behaviour in and out of lessons. Be the best version of you!

Parents

To support the school, please support your son/daughter to be prepared ensuring they have the correct uniform, equipment, they arrive to school on time and you are communicating with the school when necessary via meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org. You can also support by asking them how their day has been or what they have learnt and encourage them to take responsibility for extra things they may not have done last year – for example – getting their school uniform ready.

School

We are here to support every step of the way. The GCSE journey for students is rarely a smooth and hiccup-free one. Tutors are here in the first instance to support with any pastoral concerns as are subject teachers for subject concerns (please contact the school office on the above email, or to speak to a member of staff, by calling 0118 966 8065). Naturally, we will ensure that any concerns we have with a student’s progress is communicated to you as early as possible so that support can be implemented. Most importantly – celebrate the successes on the way. Whether that is a great assessment result, achieving house points or a teacher commenting on something positive – let’s celebrate it. This year group has made great progress in their time at secondary school, and I look forward to continuing this, this year.

Please see the Year 9 Tutor Team below: -

9G1	Miss Nemeth
9G2	Mr Conway
9P1	Mr Butchers
9P2	Mr Blakeway
9T1	Miss Burton
9T2	Mrs Nave

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Year 9