



22 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 11, 12 and 13 – MET Future Destinations Fair – Friday 6 October 2023

We are excited to invite all students from Years 11, 12 and 13 to the Maiden Erlegh Trust Future Destinations Fair.

This will be held in the Sports Hall at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Earley RG6 7HS, on Friday 6 October during the school day. All students from Year 11 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading will be expected to attend and will be leaving at 1.30pm, escorted by staff, for a 2.00pm arrival. The event will end at 2.45pm. Students will be dismissed from Maiden Erlegh School at 2.55pm and will be required to make their own way home.

As part of our Careers Education strategy, we have arranged for students to have direct access to post-16 and post-18 guidance, support and information to support young people in making key decisions about their future career journey and to help them to think through the different options available to them.

A schedule for the day will be shared with students, as well as an online directory of representatives, so that they can prepare themselves with questions to ask the universities, colleges, training providers, apprenticeship experts, armed forces, and others, about their future destination.

To support students in Years 12 and 13, we have invited a large number of universities, apprenticeship and training providers and gap year representatives so that students can think through their options in preparation for when they leave Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form.

To support students in Year 11, we have invited a number of local colleges and also representatives from Sixth Forms so that students can gain the relevant information so that they feel fully informed about making appropriate decisions for life after Year 11. Students will also have access to the universities and apprenticeship and training providers if they wish during their allocated time.

Research tells us that students who delay thinking about their career choices and options are likely to miss opportunities. We wish for all students to understand the options available at different transition points so that they feel empowered and knowledgeable so that they take control of their own career destinations.

Please kindly reinforce our advice that your child should take full advantage of this large gathering of experts and to consider all of the different routes available. We also suggest that having a back-up plan would be a sensible approach. Later in the academic year, we will also be inviting students to our annual Employment Fair, which will be designed to complement this Education Fair. Should you have any questions, please email me via mesoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Yours sincerely

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