



27 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Destinations 2023- 2024

I am introducing myself as Mrs D Headley, and I am the Year 11 Destinations Coordinator. My role in the life of your child this year, is to help to ensure that they have a place in education or training when they have completed their studies at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

As a school we recognise that this is a time of great upheaval and transformation for young people in Year 11. As such we have sought to provide as much help and support for your child as possible.

Please be aware that there is a **GOOGLE CLASSROOM** dedicated to the activity of applying to sixth-form, college and finding training alternatives. Your child will have been given access to this classroom. If they have not yet gained access, the classroom joining code is **k2e4lrx**. Once they have joined the classroom, they will find a plethora of links to schools and colleges with their information about how to apply. This process will begin in earnest from the 1 October 2023 – 20 December 2023.

It is important that you and your child familiarise yourselves with the open dates for visitation and the application deadlines. These will vary from institution-to-institution, and it is imperative that if you are unsure about any aspects of the application process, **you contact the intended school or college directly for further guidance on their particular processes.**

Mrs Cotton – Head of Year 11 along with Mrs Finlason our in-house Careers Advisor have provided a spreadsheet in the Year 11 Notice Board Google Classroom which has all the dates of the Open Days and Open Evenings in various institution which may be of interest. It is also [on the website here](#).

We recommend that your child apply **to 4 places at a minimum**. This is to simply ensure that they are giving themselves as many opportunities as they can to get into the sixth form or colleges of their choice. When they have made their application, they will need to inform their tutor who will record their application.

If you have a child who has accessed SEND or has an ECHP please ensure that you speak to the institution of interest to make sure that the course being applied for has the appropriate level of support for your child so that they are able to access the course content. There have also been alternative correspondence informing you of college and sixth form open events regarding SEND and EHCP.

Please be advised that being a member of the Maiden Erlegh Trust is not a prerequisite to securing a place at Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form. Like all other sixth form providers, they have a separate application process. Should you require more information – please contact them directly or ask your child to access the information on the **Destinations Google Classroom**

Finally, we as a school have been very successful in supporting and helping our students to find places in colleges and sixth forms. It is a part of our mission to make sure that your child is not only well prepared for their next steps, but also have somewhere where they are able to continue their growth as a productive member of society. We thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

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