

1 November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Y8 - 11 - 2023 Reading Schools' Climate Conference - Friday 8 December 2023

I am delighted once again to offer students at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading the opportunity to take part in the 10<sup>th</sup> InterClimate Network Reading Schools' Climate Conference, taking place in the Council Chambers at Reading Civic Offices.

We have been lucky enough to secure two teams representing two countries (TBC) at the conference and need **eight students** from Years 8 - 11 to represent our school. This is a fantastic opportunity for any student with an interest in climate change science, politics or public speaking.

Date: Friday 8 December 2023  
Visit to: Council Chambers, Reading Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading RG1 2LU  
Cost: Free of charge  
Year group: Years 8 - 11  
Arriving at: 9.00 am sharp  
Departure time: 2.30 pm  
Dress code: School Uniform  
Transport: Students will make their own way to and from the venue  
Food and Drink: Packed lunch required. Water will be available.  
Trip leader: Mr Tomsett

### Conference agenda and summary

<b>09:00</b>	<b>Schools arrive at Reading Civic Offices</b>
<b>09:00 to 09:25 - Registration</b>	Registration and settling in
<b>9:25 - Technical practice</b>	Students to be seated in their teams to test microphones
<b>09:30 - Welcome and opening speeches</b>	The Mayor of Reading – Cllr Tony Page - will open proceedings
<b>09.40 - Part 1: Global Negotiations</b> 1.1 Progress since Paris 2015 1.2 Raising global ambition 1.3 Actions and resolutions	<b>Part 1</b> of the conference will be <b>run as if students are taking part in global negotiations at COP28 in Dubai</b> . Schools will each bring two country teams comprising four students each. Each team is asked to prepare their delegation's (short) opening speech, about one minute in length. They will represent their country's views and address key questions to then negotiate and propose climate resolutions that will be taken to a vote by the whole conference.
<b>12:20 - Lunch</b>	Students to bring their own food.

<b>12:40 - Part 2: Local Action</b> 2.1 Climate Question Time 2.2 Pledges for climate action in school	<b>Part 2</b> brings the issues close to home so that young people can have a say about climate action in their local area. In a ' <b>Climate Question Time</b> ', local decision-makers will make short contributions and young people will be invited to put forward their questions and contributions to the panel.  The session will end with pledges for actions from the students, including ways to make the most difference in school. <b>The students will be supported to think about future engagement with local climate action through Reading Climate Change Partnership</b>
<b>14:20 to 14:30</b>	Conference wrap up and close

As part of the conference, some parts of the sessions will be recorded. Students without photographic permissions will not participate in this section.

There is no payment for this trip, but there are only **eight spaces available**. If you wish for your child to attend the conference, then **please complete this [Google Form](#) by Friday 10 November**. Within the form there is a request for an application statement from your child. If the trip is oversubscribed, this statement will be used to assess applicant's interest and help us decide on the final eight students. You will be sent a letter confirming if your child has a place on the trip.

***Students who participate in this event will be required to commit to preparing for the conference after school in advance of the event on Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 November from 3:15-4:15pm. Your child must be available on both days.***

Please note that representing the school on a trip, fixture, or at an event is a privilege and we reserve the right to withdraw that privilege for students who are persistently late to school or lessons, do not follow our uniform or behaviour policies or bring the school into disrepute in any way.

Please address any questions regarding this trip to me through the school reception.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Tomsett  
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Coordinator for higher ability and gifted learner provision

## Parent Agreement

I confirm I have read this information letter and agree to my child participating. I understand that I am responsible for ensuring:

- That my child arrives on time and gets home safely.
- The school has current and accurate contact information.  
Please email [MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) if your child's contact information has changed.
- The school has accurate medical information.  
Please email [MERstudentservices@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:MERstudentservices@maidenerleghtrust.org) if your child's medical information has changed.
- If your child requires any medication e.g. an inhaler, this must be brought on the trip or your child will not be allowed to attend.
- My child has appropriate clothing and food for the trip.
- I also understand that it is my child's responsibility to make up for any missed classes or homework and to do so at an appropriate standard. I will support them to do this.
- I understand that my child's place is dependent upon them having an excellent behaviour record until the trip, with no disciplinary appointments or sanctions. Failure to meet this may result in my child's place being revoked.
- I agree to the remote supervision of my child.