

Friday 19 January

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **MER “Heads Up” News**

We are now two weeks into the spring term, and it most certainly feels like winter is here! Whilst this half term may be short it is a busy one. We have already had two weeks of Y11 revision corridors, next week the focus will be on independent revision and then PPE2 begins on Monday 29 January for two weeks.

It is important when sitting these exams that the students are as prepared as possible, and this includes making sure they have the correct equipment with them. As a basic they should have a transparent pencil case, black biros, compass, protractor and calculator. Ideally, they should also have some water with them and this needs to be in a transparent, label less bottle please. Thank you for your support as we see these students through their last PPEs before the real exams in the summer!

Sadly, at the end of last term we said goodbye to a few members of staff and wished them well in their future journeys. However, the exciting part of saying goodbye is that we get to say hello to new team members! Starting this term with us we have Mrs Cuffe Davies and Ms Nakimbugwe who have joined us in the computing department, Mrs Gaspar who has joined the MFL department along with Mr Robinson and Mr Newton, whilst we have a new addition to the TA team of Mr Qasim. Finally, Mrs Sibia and Mrs Amole join our support staff team. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Akers who joins us as a trainee in the English department.

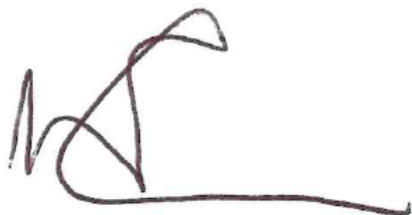
We are having a big push this term on uniform, so please take this weekend as an opportunity to check that your child is kitted correctly – [information can be found on our website here](#). Stevenson's has a new store open in Chatham Place in Reading so you can now visit and take items home with you. We do also have a second hand shop which will be launched officially after February half term, but in the meantime, you can access this resource by making an appointment through reception, or by emailing [meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org).

Whilst I don't want to duplicate the important messages that were sent home as part of our central weekly communications, I would encourage you, if you haven't done so already, to read this document. It has a variety of useful and informative messages, some of which impact on all parents and students, such as the consultation on the updated local authority Travel Plan, whilst others will affect certain groups only such as the upcoming Year 9 immunisations. One of the exciting opportunities that is open to all students in Years 7&8 is the free Reading Rockets Basketball taster session, after school on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, please check the letter to access the link to sign up for this activity.

Finally, I'm pleased to announce that our school production this year will be Aladdin, and the main performance will be held on the evening of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, please save the date!

Wishing you all a safe and (hopefully) slightly warmer weekend!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. Graham', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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