

Friday 1 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

MER “Heads Up” News

As you know, last Friday school was closed to students for an Inset day. That day was our annual Maiden Erlegh Trust conference which was hosted here at MER. It really was a great day with the whole of the Trust staff joining us; it took a little adjustment to get used to seeing our atrium full of adults! Several MER staff ran training sessions on a wide variety of subjects. I was so proud of the excellent representation that MER had at this event, and I am sure that all the new skills and tips that were picked up by staff attending these talks will filter through into classrooms, and into general practice of all staff, in good time.

Having our students in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment ready to learn is important to us. With that in mind, please remember that the new Stevenson's Shop is now open and based in Chatham Place in Reading, where you can purchase any of our MER branded uniform items. We will also be launching a second-hand uniform shop soon, so if your child has grown out of any branded items, we would be very grateful if you could wash them and bring them into school for us to have in the second-hand shop. More information and on the opening times for our MER uniform shop will follow shortly.

As we approach the summer exams, some of our year 11s are working very hard on their practical NEA's (coursework) – coming up next week we have another day of food tech practical's and also some time for the Design technology students to do their practical work as well; these pieces play an important part in the student's overall grade, so it is vital that they treat these with the importance they deserve.


Mr Hibbins, who is in charge of our enrichment programme, has updated the schedule for this half term, [you can find that here](#); please do ask your child to have a look at it if they do not currently do any after school clubs, there literally is something for everyone!

Last week we had year 10 Progress Evening, we do hope that you found that useful if you participated. Progress Evenings are such an important part of your child's development, and they are a useful 3-way conversations between teacher, child and parent, so please do find the time to participate when it is your child's turn. Year 7 Progress Evening goes live tonight, details came out in the weekly comms on Wednesday and can also [be found here](#).

Finally, we have our annual ex-Year 11 GCSE presentation evening at MER on Tuesday 5th March. We are looking forward to welcoming back our students to celebrate their achievements last year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, it really is time for the rain to stop now, after all, spring is officially upon us

Best wishes,



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