



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL IN READING

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### MER “Heads Up” News

#### Y11 Pre-Public Exams (PPEs)

We have reached the end of the first week of Y11 PPEs and I am pleased to say that they are going well. The students, for the most part, are on time, ready to go, with the correct equipment, which is fantastic to see. PPEs are such an important way to get the students comfortable and confident with the exams procedure – not just the format of the different subject papers, but also the line ups, need for quiet and other such JCQ regulations that we have to adhere to. I am pleased to say that the students are improving with this all the time.

Can I encourage you to visit our [Parent Pay Shop](#) to purchase **Year 11 - CGP GCSE revision books** - various GCSE revision books are available to purchase at a much-reduced price.

#### Y9 GCSE Subject Information Evening

The Year 9 GCSE Options process is in full swing, it was fantastic to see so many of you at MER for our information evening on Thursday. I hope you found the opportunity to speak to teachers and current GCSE students a very useful experience in helping your son/daughter make informed choices about their options for the next two academic years. We look forward to meeting with our Year 9 students for their 1-1 meetings over the next few weeks, where we will be able to offer further advice and guidance on making those choices.



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## Lost Property

When lost items are found they are sent to student services. If the item is **NAMED** then Mrs Banga will kindly arrange for it to be returned to the student. However, the vast majority of items/uniform that are handed in are not named which means we cannot return it to its owner. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are **NAMED**.

Items that are not named are put into the Lost Property box – this is located in front of student services. Students are free to go and have a look in there and if they find an item that belongs to them, take it. Whilst we do hope that none of our MER students will take something that doesn't belong to them, there is no way of being able to prove one way or the other whether something belongs to them, so we will take their word for it (obviously this doesn't count for a high value items, which we do ask for proof of ownership for). The only way to ensure that lost property ends up being returned to your child is to ensure that it is **NAMED** clearly.

PE Bags (as well as kit) should also be clearly labelled with the student's full name – any PE items, including trainers, that are un-named and unclaimed are taken to the PE department for them to utilise as spare kit. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Attendance

Just a reminder that Attendance Matters – our current percentage stands at 92.8. National average is 92.0 so we are slightly above average which we are really pleased with, but we always aim for the top so improvements can definitely be made.

## Safeguarding Newsletter

Our latest Safeguarding Newsletter is out and can be found [here](#). Previous editions can also be found on our website [here](#).

## Maiden Erlegh Community Arts programme

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Maiden Erlegh Community Arts programme that are run by Maiden Erlegh Trust and based out of Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road.



Community Arts  
Maiden Erleigh School  
Workshops & Courses Spring 2025

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Saturday Artist Workshops - Adults (18+)

	<b>Charcoal &amp; Ink: Winter Landscapes</b> Explore the subtle, almost monochrome palettes of the winter landscape in this seasonal workshop. Experiment with different types of charcoal, inks, pastels, and a variety of tools to explore creative mark-making, working on different grounds, using resists, bleach, spritzing & spattering. No experience needed in this fun and informal workshop....just a big apron and a willingness to get messy!
11 Jan	10:00-16:00 £62* Code:CIWL
	<b>A Pile of Pebbles: Paint &amp; Print</b> Who can resist picking up a pebble and holding it in your hand to admire its colours, textures and patterns. In this fun workshop we will explore a variety of ways to work with pebbles as your inspiration using beautiful subtle colour mixes (with some neat shortcuts to creating a soft muted palette).
8 Feb	10:00-16:00 £62* Code:PPP
	<b>Beginner's Screen Printing with Berkshire Printmakers</b> Get to grips with a squeegee. Silkscreen printing workshop is suitable for absolute beginners' and a refresher for those with some screen-printing experience. Berkshire Printmakers will take you step by step how to: make paper stencils, mix opaque and translucent inks and combine these with plain and patterned photoscreens to make your own multilayered prints.
1 March	10:00-16:00 £78* Code:BSF
	<b>Flower Meadow: Acrylics &amp; Mixed Media</b> A fun day creating a lively and colourful image based on the theme of flower meadows, using a variety of painting and simple printing techniques. A relaxed creative workshop - no experience necessary (and you don't need to be able to draw!)
22 Mar	10:00-16:00 £62* Code:FM
	<b>Open access printmaking</b> An opportunity for printmakers with experience to independently develop their skills. We have a large A1 size press, inks and tools available for use on the day. Dry point etching, lino printing, mono printing & collagraph, can all be done in our studio classrooms.
25 Jan	13:45-17:15 £24* Code:OAJ
15 Feb	13:45-17:15 £24* Code:OAF
15 Mar	13:45-17:15 £24* Code:OAM

Full event details plus booking forms or links are online.

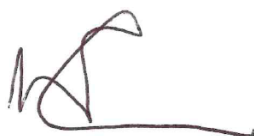
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\* extra materials cost payable to tutor on the day see course description.

Further information on this can be found here [Maiden Erleigh School - Workshops & Courses](#)

Best wishes



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