

Friday 4 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

MER “Heads Up” News

Celebrating Community, Achievement, and New Beginnings

As we approach the end of term, the past fortnight has been filled with memorable moments, exciting opportunities, and a strong sense of community here at Maiden Erlegh Reading.

Year 6 Transition Day – A Warm Welcome

We were delighted to welcome our future Year 7 students for their Transition Day last week. The day was a huge success, with students engaging enthusiastically in a range of activities designed to help them feel confident and excited about joining us in September. Following this exciting day, we hosted a Year 6 Family BBQ which was very well attended. It was a lovely opportunity for families to connect with one another and with staff. The evening concluded with an information session where parents and students had the chance to meet our new Headteacher, Mr Grantham, who will be taking the helm in September.



Year 8 Progress Evening

Thank you to all the families who attended our virtual Year 8 Progress Evening. It was a valuable opportunity for parents and carers to speak with subject teachers and gain insight into their child’s progress and next steps.



Sports Day – Adapted but Amazing

Despite the high temperatures, our Sports Day went ahead in an amended format to ensure everyone's safety. The spirit, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm on display were fantastic, and we're proud of all who took part.

Alumni Event – A Long-Awaited Reunion

We were thrilled to host our first ever alumni event for the Class of 2020. Due to the pandemic, they missed out on a proper farewell, so it was incredibly special to welcome them back, hear about their journeys, and celebrate their achievements since leaving us. We are building up an excellent database of our alumni now to be able to record their successes – we are trying to reach out to everyone so if you know someone who was a student at MER please do encourage them to get in touch with us so we can reach out to them for future such occasions.



Year 10 Visit to Oxford University

A group of our Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to visit Oxford University where they were shown around by one of our ex-students, who is now studying there. The trip was both inspiring and informative, giving our students a glimpse into university life and encouraging them to aim high in their future aspirations.

Year 10 Art Exhibition Visit – Creativity on Display

Another enriching experience for our Year 10 students was their recent visit to Maiden Erlegh School to view the annual Art Exhibition. The trip offered a fantastic opportunity to explore the creative talents of students across the Trust and to gain inspiration for their own artistic journeys. A huge thank you to the Art Department for organising and facilitating this visit – it was a truly inspiring afternoon.



Looking Ahead

Prom Night!

We're all looking forward to celebrating with our Year 11 students at their prom tonight. It promises to be a wonderful evening and a fitting way to mark the end of their time at Maiden Erlegh Reading.

Cultural Diversity Day – Thursday 10 July: Students are invited to dress as their cultural hero and take part in a vibrant day of celebration and learning. More details can be found in [the letter here](#) that was first shared with parents last month.

Summer Arts Showcase – Thursday 17 July at 5pm: Join us for an evening of music, drama, and visual arts celebrating the incredible talents of our students.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Will Graham

Headteacher

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading

