

Monday 21 July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

MER “Heads Up” News

Celebrating Achievement, Creativity, and New Chapters

As we reach the end of another vibrant and successful year at Maiden Erlegh Reading, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights that have brought our school community together in recent weeks.

Intra-Trust Sports Week – Team Spirit Across Schools

This term saw the launch of our first ever Intra-Trust Sports Week, where students from across the Maiden Erlegh Trust came together in a celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and friendly competition. It was a joy to see our students collaborating with peers from other Trust schools, forging new friendships and showing great sportsmanship throughout.



Year 10 – GCSE Component 1 Completed

A huge well done to our Year 10 students who have now completed Component 1 of their GCSE coursework. Their dedication and focus have been commendable, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity and effort they have shown in this important milestone.

Year 7 Zoology Day – Adapted for the Heat

Despite the soaring temperatures, our Year 7 students still enjoyed a fascinating Zoology Day. Activities were adapted to ensure everyone’s comfort and safety, and the students remained enthusiastic and curious throughout. A big thank you to the staff who made the day both educational and enjoyable under challenging conditions.



Cultural Hero Day – A Celebration of Identity

Our Cultural Hero Day was a truly inspiring event. Students and staff alike embraced the opportunity to celebrate their heritage and role models through vibrant clothing, delicious food, and thoughtful discussions. The school was alive with colour, pride, and a deep sense of community.



Year 7 Champions of Enterprise Day – Exploring Future Pathways

Our Year 7 students took part in an inspiring Champions of Enterprise Day, where they explored a wide range of career possibilities and developed key employability skills. It was fantastic to see their curiosity and ambition come to life throughout the day.

Summer Arts Showcase and Awards Evening

Our Summer Arts Showcase was a stunning celebration of our students' talents in music, drama, and visual arts. The evening was made even more special by our annual Awards Ceremony, where we recognised the achievements and contributions of students across all year groups. Thank you to everyone who joined us – it was a truly memorable evening.

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

As many of you know, this marks my final term as Headteacher at Maiden Erlegh Reading. It has been an absolute privilege to lead this incredible school and to work alongside such dedicated staff, inspiring students, and supportive families. Thank you for the trust and encouragement you have shown me over the years. I am delighted to be handing over to Mr Matt Grantham (pictured), who I know will bring great energy, vision, and care to the role. I wish him every success as he begins this exciting new chapter with you all.



As I bring the year to a close, I would like to draw your attention to [this letter here](#) that has also been sent out today, containing information for the end of this term and the start of next academic year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you and your families a restful and joyful summer break.

Best wishes



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