



30 September 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Year 11 – Post 16 Destinations Update

Assemblies

This half term we have been working towards preparing students for their destination after Year 11. So far, we have delivered assemblies with:

- Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road
- The Royal Air Force (RAF)
- Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE)
- Anna Finlason (our careers advisor)

In the next few weeks, we will be hosting assemblies with:

- Highdown Secondary School, Emmer Green
- The Wren School, Reading
- The Piggot C of E School, Wargrave
- The Bulmershe School, Woodley
- Reading College
- Windsor College

These assemblies are design to ensure that your child makes an informed choice on what pathway they might like to take and help them choose their destination before the end of Year 11.



Year 11 Tutor Update

During tutor time we will be looking at writing a CV which can be used for upcoming applications and interviews. Please help your child recall past events that may be included in their CV – this could be volunteering, a lead part in a school play, work experience, captaining a team etc.

This week we will start to look at revision for our upcoming PPEs. Our Head Boy has created a useful PowerPoint that shows various techniques and tricks for revision.

I will be posting a PowerPoint weekly, detailing upcoming revision sessions along with the tutor schedule. Students can access this is on both Classcharts and Google Classroom. You can access the PowerPoint on Classcharts.

PPE (Pre-Public Examinations)

Students in Year 11 will be sitting their PPEs from Monday 03 November 2025.

These exams are a vital opportunity to demonstrate accumulated knowledge and an understanding of topics in preparation for the final GCSEs. It is imperative that students take these exams as seriously as they would their real examinations. Should the school be asked to provide Centre Grades for students, these PPEs will form part of the evidence-based grades awarded to students.

Students will be expected to follow all rules and expectations put in place for the running of examinations. Failure to do so may be seen as committing a malpractice offense.

Students must take responsibility for having their own equipment on their person and having all other belongings put away in their own lockers. No watches or mobile phones can be taken into the exam and should also be placed in their locker or left at home. The school will not take responsibility for items students have not stored away. All equipment brought in by students should be in a clear, plain pencil case. We will not be providing spare equipment to students should they not have this themselves.

Each student will require the following items:

- Black pen (including spares)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Scientific Calculator (recommended Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator/Casio fx85GTX Scientific Calculator)
- Protractor and compass (for Mathematics)



Afternoon exams may finish earlier than the normal school day, but students will be supervised in the Atrium until 3.10pm. They will not be dismissed from school early.

These exams are a key opportunity for students to assess their own progress and understanding of the subjects they are studying.

Core Subject Exams

A copy of the core subject exam timetable will be released to students on Classcharts and the Year 11 Google Classroom noticeboard. These examinations will be sat in the Sports Hall in exam conditions.

Options Subject Exams

Examinations for Options Subjects will be hosted within class. Departments will inform you and students directly when these assessments will take place.

During October half term, we encourage students to rest after a long and challenging term but urge them to organise a revision timetable (if they do not already have one in place) and be proactive in their exam preparation.

Every student should routinely complete practice papers, organise target areas for revision and review study materials from lessons and Google Classroom.

Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming PPEs please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance via email at meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Wishing your child the very best in their examinations.

Yours sincerely



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