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41345

What might this number be?

Year 7	42385
Year 10	41345
Year 8	35721
Year 9	33534
Year 11	28538

Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday 14th October 2025



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Welcome

Miss Ryan – Head of Year 10

Year 9

- 3 down... 2 to go!



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Reminder: Year 7 Parents' Dreams for their children

“ To realise she is smart and to do her very best”

“ That my son will be given the support and direction that he desires”

“ Enjoy and seek learning. Meet and interact with people from diverse backgrounds and beliefs. Find their calling- do something they like and apply themselves”

“ She loves to sing but she's very shy, maybe she will change in secondary. I do really love to listen to her, but she can be whatever she wants to be.”

“ Doctor”



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Key Staff

Miss Ryan – Head of Year 10

Mr Grantham – Headteacher

Miss Davies – Assistant Headteacher
– Safeguarding (also oversees Y10)

Ms Benham – SENCO



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Meet the tutors

- HoY – Miss Ryan
- 10G1 – Miss Murray/Mr Brown
- 10G2 – Mr Tomsett
- 10P1 – Mr Selby/Dr Diriyai
- 10P2 – Mr Brazil/Ms Jordan
- 10T1 – Miss Amin
- 10T2 – Mr Ifalade

What do our students say about us?



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“Things I like about MER... There are a lot of encouraging students from years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 7”

“My favourite thing about MER is the way we get to be independent.”

“I like the positive environment”

“The students are really kind and helpful, a y11 helped me find my class.”

“The best thing about year 7 is that you are taught new things.”

“The teachers are really kind and caring”

“It has lots of opportunities for us and it makes me excited for what is next..”

“The school is tidy and clean, and the teachers are kind”

“The rules are fair”

How do we ensure your child is making progress?

Experienced, highly qualified staff

Teaching students to reflect and improve and take responsibility to progress

Regular assessment (with regular feedback to parents)

Identifying areas for improvement

Support where necessary





Teacher /parent contact

- Phone calls
- Progress meetings

Google
Classroom



Student messages

ClassCharts – info to follow!



How do we
communicate
with you?

Website:

www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk



Twitter/X: @MESReading

Plan ahead: Seating Plans and effective behaviour management will help keep pupils and staff safe

Save teachers time & reduce workload with our data rich seating plans. Improve pupil behaviour with our fast and effective behaviour management.

I'M A SECONDARY SCHOOL

I'M A PRIMARY SCHOOL



Log in

Teacher

Parent

Student

Enter your email:

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Email address

Confirm your email:

Retype your email address

I already have an account

I don't have an account yet

Parent access code (supplied by school):

Access code

Your name:

Your name

Choose password:

Choose password



[What makes a strong password?](#)

Retype chosen password:

Retype chosen password



By clicking the Log in button, you agree to our [Privacy Policy](#)

Remember me

Log in

Class Charts Parents

I don't have a code

I am sorry but we cannot help with this and you will need to ask your school to provide you with a new code

I cannot log in

Please check you are using the correct email address. If you have forgotten your password then you can use the password reset feature.

I still need help

For security reasons we are unable to help with parent accounts, please contact your school for help with your account.

Quick Start Parents guide

For additional information about Class Charts, please check out our Quick Start guide for parents. [Click here](#)



Attendance Procedures

- **Reporting your child's absence**

This needs to be done by 9am each morning. You can report an absence via the following;

- Via Classcharts – select the "absences" tab and "report new absence"
- Attendance Line – 01189 668 065 select the option to report your child's absence.
- Email – merattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org

Please state the child's name, tutor group and a detailed reason for absence in the voicemail/email.

If your child is absent and you do not communicate this to us, you will receive a text message asking for a reason for the unexplained absence.

- **Requesting leave for medical appointments**

We ask that all medical appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible. We do understand that may not always be the case. Please send an email to merattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org with the evidence of medical appointment (email of appointment or photo of letter) at least 24hrs before the day of the appointment.



Why it matters – lateness = lost learning



Lost Learning
=
Reduction in
Achievement &
Wellbeing



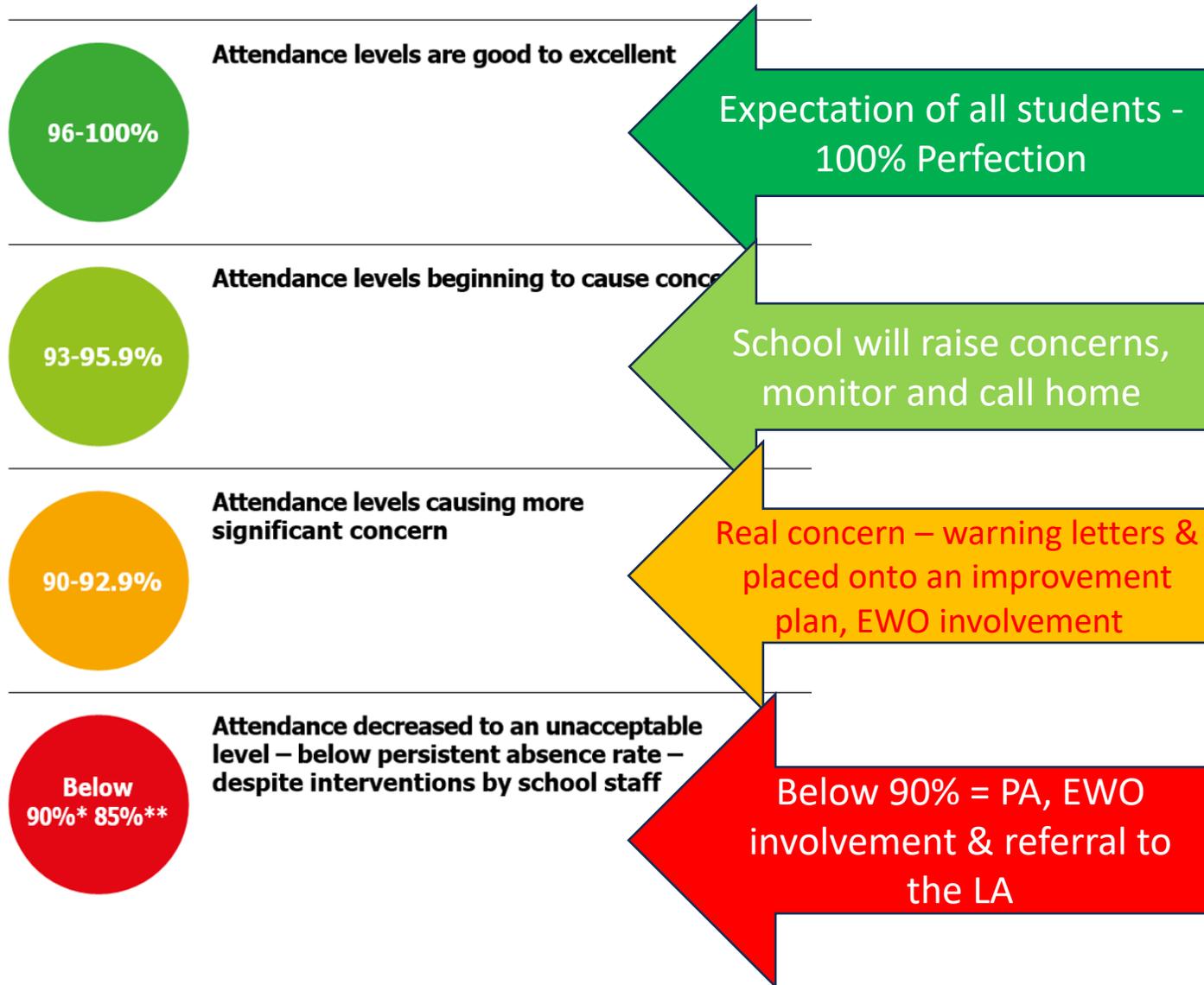
Lateness to School

- Students who are **NOT** past the school gates by **8:38** are **LATE TO SCHOOL** - these students will be asked to attend a **late to school detention** that day after school
- **What happens at the gate?**
 - Students will be met by a member of staff who will record students' arrival and give them a slip for – it will also remind them of the late to school detention
 - **What happens in detention?**
 - Students will have an opportunity to speak to staff, seek support where necessary and understand why being on time matters
- **What happens if I forget or don't make it?**
 - This detention will be escalated to 45 minutes the next day
- **What if I have made it past the gates and onto school site by 8:40 but I arrive in tutor a minute late?**
 - You are to follow the late to lesson process, a late mark will be recorded in the register along with the number of minutes late you are – the lateness time will count against your lateness to lessons that day

Attendance Matters - MER Traffic Lights of Concern



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Extra-curricular Activities

MONDAY

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO
Basketball – Reading Rockets	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Y10 & Y11
Basketball	Snack 1 12.35	Sports Hall	KS3 Students
Eco-Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	203	All welcome
Homework club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	21b	All welcome

TUESDAY

Chess Club	Break Time	1 st Floor Break Out	All welcome
Art Cafe	3.15pm – 4.30pm	207	All welcome
Girl football	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Field	Y10 & Y11
Rugby	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Field	Y7 & Y8
Basketball	Snack 2 1:35	Sports Hall	Y10 & Y11
Homework club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	21b	All welcome
Singing Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm	044	Y7, Y8 & Y9
Maths Revision & Homework Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm	118	All welcome



Extra-curricular Activities

WEDNESDAY

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO
Chess Club	Break Time	1 st Floor Break Out	All welcome
Art Café	3.15pm – 4.30pm	207	All welcome
Band / Music Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm	044	All welcome
Basketball - Reading Rockets	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Y8 & Y9
Homework club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	21b	All welcome
Girls football Year 8/9	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Field	Y8 & Y9
Basketball	Snack 2 1.10	Sports Hall	KS4 Students
STEM Club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	217	All welcome
Biology Revision	3.15pm – 4.00pm	213	Y11
Drama, dance and wellbeing	3.15pm – 4.00pm	072	Y8, Y9 & Y10
Maths Revision & Homework Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm	118	All welcome

THURSDAY

Chess Club	Break Time	1 st Floor Break Out	All welcome
Handball GCSE	3.15pm – 4.10pm	Sports Hall	Y10 & Y11
Basketball	Snack 1 12.35	Sports Hall	KS3 Students
Art Cafe	3.15pm – 4.30pm	207	All welcome
Homework club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	21b	All welcome
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Line ups



Students to enter the main hall once the school gates are open



Students to line up in correct uniform (including lanyards) in alphabetical order in tutor groups



This allows HOY's and Senior leaders to give key messages to all students and ensure uniform and routines are followed

Uniform Check

- Blazer
- Shirt – Tucked in
- Tie
- Lanyard
- Trousers/Skirt
- School Shoes – No trainers
- Stud earrings only



Equipment Check

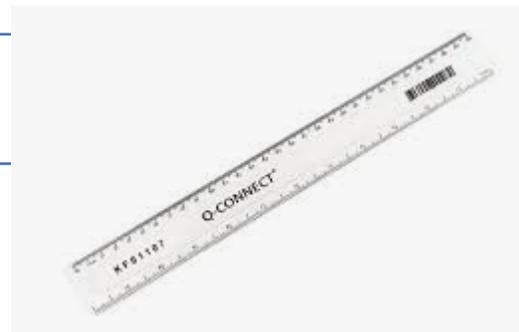
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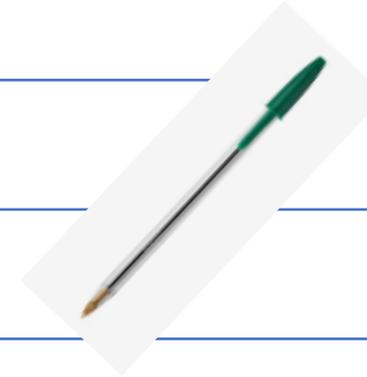
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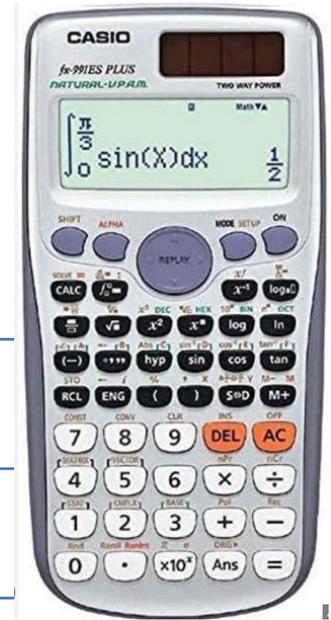
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Rubber



Calculator



Green Pen



Highlighters



Rewards



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- Dream points
- Tutee of the week
- Golden tickets
- Postcards home
- HOY award
- Pizza parties



ParentPay



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- “Cashless school”
- Payments for school lunches/ trips/ equipment etc.
- Please note, the parentpay shop is where you can purchase lockers. The link can be found on our school website.



If you are worried, who
can you talk to?



HOW TO REPORT BULLYING

To report an instance of harassment, intimidation or bullying of any kind in school please report any concerns via ClassCharts and this will be shared with the relevant Head of Year to investigate.

REACH OUT AND LET US HELP

NEED HELP?

Who can I speak to?

CHILD PROTECTION/SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Find us at the Safeguarding Hub
in rooms 129 & 131



Miss Davies
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ellis
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Denton
Safeguarding & Outreach Worker

WIDER SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mrs Harvey
Assistant Head: Behavioural & Culture



Ms Benham
Assistant Head: Wellbeing



Miss Ryan
Head of Year 9



Mr Sparks
Head of Year 10



Mrs Cotton
Head of Year 11



Mr Graham
Headteacher



Mrs Gibbs
Deputy Head



Mr Hood
Deputy Head



Miss Hancock
Safeguarding Lead

Teacher, Tutor, TA ... ANYONE!



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Are you having trouble with finances?

Issues with housing?

Struggling with your teens behaviour?

Worries over yours or your
teens emotional health?

Do you feel like you need support
but don't know where to turn?



THEN COME ALONG TO AN **OUTREACH DROP IN SESSION!**

MER Safeguarding and Outreach Worker Louise Denton will be offering drop in sessions for parents and carers on the **first Monday of every month** between **9.30am and 10.30am**. If you would like to book a slot and have a chat and a cuppa, please email me at: l.denton@maidenerleghtrust.org or call reception on: **01189 668 065** and ask for Louise Denton.

**First Monday of every month
9:30 - 10:30am**

6th October

3rd November

1st December

5th January

2nd February

2nd March

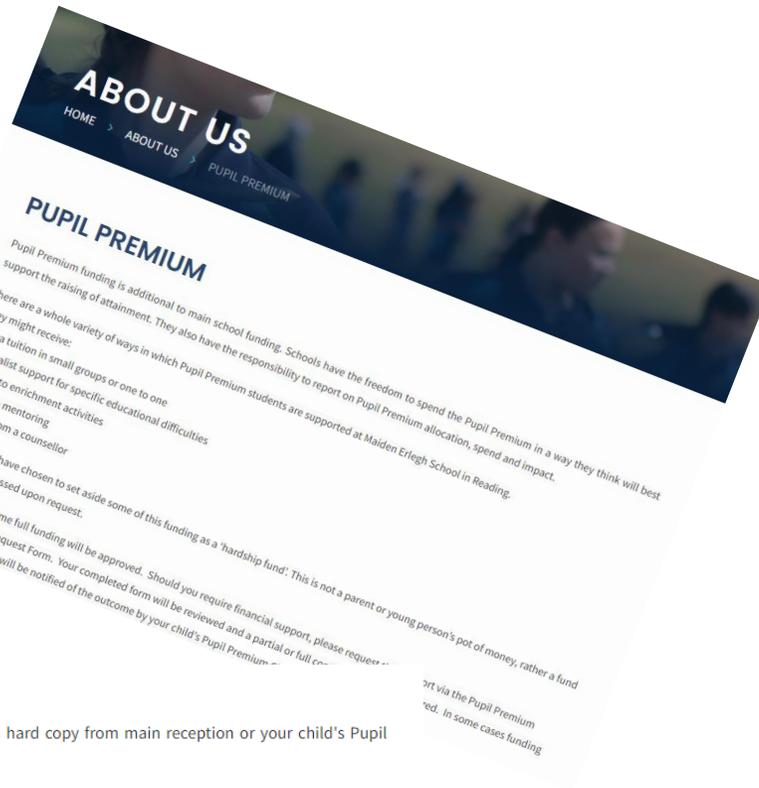
13th April

4th May

1st June

6th July





PUPIL PREMIUM CORRESPONDENCE

Our Pupil Premium Financial Support Request form is listed below and also available as a hard copy from main reception or your child's Pupil Premium Champion.

If you believe you should have Free School Meals, please click [here](#) for more information

BERKSHIRE MAESTROS PUPIL PREMIUM FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FORM

PDF FILE

PUPIL PREMIUM FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FORM

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Support with contributions towards uniform, accessing education e.g. food tech practicals, trips etc.

Data Collection Point (DCP)

- There are three DCP's throughout the academic year for year 10
- This is a report given to all pupils regarding their process and behaviour for learning in each of their subjects
- These allow students to review each term and create achievable goals for the next term
- The first DCP will be accessible to parents on 19th November

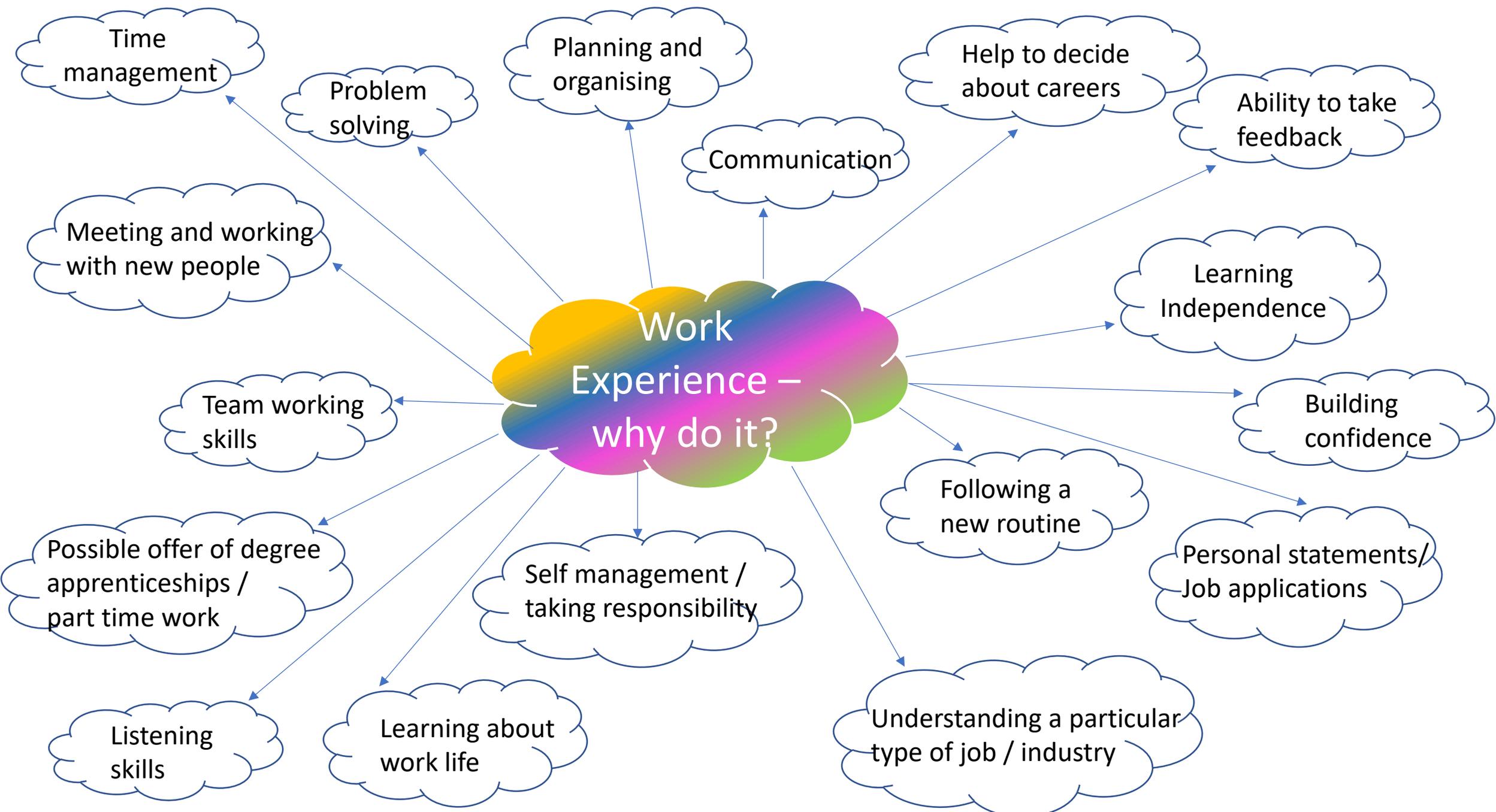
How is my child doing at school?

- Y10 parents' information evening – 18th June
- Email meroffice@maidenerlegghtrust.org with the subject title 'FAO Miss Ryan – Maths'
- Classcharts updates (behaviour/attendance/homework)
- DCP – 19th November
- Your child's tutor will NOT be able to answer questions on individual progress today

Year 10 Work Experience

- Students in year 10 will be going out on Work Experience w/c **15th June 2026**
- Students are encouraged to source their **Own Placement**
- ALL students to select 4 job choices using the Link 2 system
- Full guidelines on how to use Link 2 will be sent into school for each student





Work Experience Options

Route One

Own Placement

- Student/Parent/Guardian find an Own Placement using their own contacts
- Student to ask their contact/the employer to complete an Own Placement form- to be returned to the EBP via school

Route Two

EBP sourced placements

- EBP will source placements for the school
- Students will access the jobs using the Link 2 system to select available jobs
- EBP will use Link 2 to allocate students to chosen jobs

The EBP will carry out pre-placement checks and issue placement descriptions



How to find your own work experience placement

Think About Your Interests

- Use personal contacts, family and friends
- What jobs/industries sound exciting?
- List local companies you can get to

Research Potential Employers

- Use Google, business directories, or local shops/offices
- Check company websites for information and contact details



How to find your own work experience placement

Make Contact

- Email, phone, or visit in person
- Explain you are a student looking for work experience
- Give the employer your age and placement dates

Get Confirmation

- Before a placement is agreed, ask if the company has **Employers' Liability Insurance** (to cover you if anything goes wrong)
- If the employer agrees to a work experience placement, they need to complete and sign the Own Placement form. You will need your parent/carer to sign this form and then return it to EBP via school



Please bear in mind when considering placements for 2026:

- **Hybrid working** – staff not in the office all week, eg **IT/Computing, Finance and Legal Services**
- **Sports shops** do not offer work experience to Year 10 students
- **Football clubs** generally only train in the evening and weekends and do not offer work experience
- Most **Vets** like students to approach them directly for work experience so try and get an Own Placement if you are interested in that field
- **Dental Practices, Doctors and Hospitals** generally do not take Year 10 students for work experience
- **Building and Construction** is difficult to source work experience in due to the high-risk nature of the work
- Industries such as **Engineering, Manufacturing/Production and Performing Arts** often have their own work experience programme running at times to suit them



During and after the placement

- Have realistic expectations regarding tasks and workloads. For example, you will not be able to cut hair at a salon without appropriate qualifications
- After the placement, students are asked to complete an online, anonymous survey which helps EBP and the employer to make improvements/changes for the future



Can you help?

- EBP are always looking for companies to support in a wide range of industries
- Could YOUR company offer work experience placements?



GCSEs

- First PPE will be Citizenship
- Students will enter the sports hall (like they do for their GCSEs)
- Students are having an assembly tomorrow to explain this process

Next steps

- Sixth form?
 - College?
 - Apprenticeship?
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- Starting in the summer term, every student will have an appointment with our careers advisor Mrs Finlason.
 - Starting in the first term of Y11, we will have local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship offers coming into assemblies.
 - We will ensure students are aware of open evenings, applications and deadlines.



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The Gold Programme

Our programme for higher ability students at Maiden Erlegh School in
Reading

Mr Tomsett

Coordinator for higher ability and gifted student provision



Criteria for invitation

At the beginning of Year 7, any student who has secured an average Key Stage 2 scaled score equivalent to the top 10% of the cohort in any of their core Key Stage 2 subjects is invited to join the Silver Programme. This will last the entirety of the Foundation/Key Stage 3 phase.

Any student who performs in the top 10% of their cohort across the core subjects who is not on the Silver Programme at data collection points 2, 4 and 5 will be invited on to the Silver Programme.

At the end of the Foundation/Key Stage 3 phase, students who have followed the Silver Programme will automatically matriculate onto the Gold Programme (for students in Key Stage 4).

In Key Stage 4, any student who performs in the top 10% of their cohort across the core subjects who is not on the Gold Programme at data collection points 2 and 3 will also be invited to join.

Schedule 2025/26

ENTER DATE	Day of week AUTOMATIC	Year group	Session name	Person running session	Brief description	Single or Multiple session	Frequency of multiple sessions	Room
10 November 2025	Monday	7	Silver Programme launch event	Mr Tomsett	Parents and students who have been invited to join the Silver Programme will be given an introduction to the programme and a short interactive session on the brain	S - 5:30-6:30pm		106/107
12 November 2025	Wednesday	8,9,10	Philosophy - Do we live in a simulation?	Mr Greener	Philosophical arguments about whether, if we lived in a virtual world, we could ever know!	S		201
18 November 2025	Tuesday	8,9,10,11	Reading Schools' Climate Conference 2024	Mr Tomsett	8 students will represent our school at the climate conference at the Council offices in Reading. They will represent the countries that normally attend a climate conference. They will need to dedicate at least two hours before the conference for research and there will be an application form advertised closer to the time.	S		Trip
18 November 2025	Tuesday	9,10	Lionheart Challenge - competition at Maiden Erlegh School	Mr Tomsett	A day at Maiden Erlegh School completing the Lionheart Challenge - a business and enterprise challenge for higher ability students. Students who applied successfully will have been sent a letter.	S		Maiden Erlegh School
19 November 2025	Wednesday	11	Applying for short term internship with PwC	Mrs Nave/PwC	Opportunity to find out more about the post yr 11 internship with PwC	S		208
04 December 2025	Thursday	7,8,9,10,11	African Art	Mrs Vacy-Ash	A look at African Art and its importance in the 'Art World'	S		119
07 January 2026	Wednesday	10,11	How do we learn and how can this support our revision?	Mr Mitchell	A session looking at academic research regarding how we learn and then a look at practical steps for how to apply that to revision	S		205
13 January 2026	Tuesday	7,8,9,10,11	What is criminology?	Miss Murray	A session on an introduction to criminology- what does it mean, what does it include, what careers can it lead to? Examples of criminology in the news and their everyday lives	S		205
30/9/2026	Friday	11	Pinewood studios Careers day	Mr Wheeler	Pinewood careers opens its doors to schools and allows groups of up to 30 to tour the film studios where Bond, Tom Holland's Spiderman, Disney's Star Wars and many more films have been produced. Those attending can speak to lighting specialists, Prop design, sound specialists and more	S		Trip
23 February 2026	Monday	7,8	Ocean waste solution	Mr Tomsett	Looking at the problem of ocean waste and the potential solutions	S		203
06 May 2026	Wednesday	7,8,9,10,11	Plants and health - herbalism	Miss Hogarth	A session looking into foraging, health benefits of plants and herbs and phytoncides.	S		201
13 May 2026	Wednesday	7,8,9,10,11	Medical and Biological Anthropology	Ms Baxter	A session on the introduction to anthropology as a science and the field of medical anthropology including discussions of real life studies that have had an impact on the medical field.	S		205
01 June 2026	Monday	7,8,9	Maiden Erlegh Independent Project	Mr Tomsett	An independent project investigating their own interest, culminating in a project portfolio including 1500 word essay and presentation evening. More information will follow on this.	M	Every Tuesday for 4 weeks with independent work set each week and over summer.	203
16 June 2026	Tuesday	7,8,9,10,11	What is an Actuary?	Mrs Nave/Lockton Vice President	What is an actuary/what does the job entail/how to I follow this route?	S		208
07 July 2026	Tuesday	7,8,9,10,11	Working with the big 4 accountanc firms - Degree entry and Apprenticeship	Mrs Nave/Speaker from PwC	Working with the big 4 accountanc firms - Degree entry and Apprenticeship	S		208
23 March 2026	Monday	7,8,9,10	The power of communication and its many forms	Mr Hood	How we communicate and the impact this has on others	S		203



Further information

- Google classroom – this contains reminders of sessions and regular posts on external opportunities e.g. University Open days, online courses.
- Website – contains the Higher ability and gifted student policy, the Gold programme schedule and reading materials and activities for each subject
- Contact Mr Tomsett, Coordinator for the Gold Programme

Thank you!



Tutors will be around in the atrium for any general questions.
Please note, we won't be able to discuss individual progress