



**MAIDEN ERLEGH**  
SCHOOL IN READING

**Welcome to your LAST Information Evening at MER!**

**YOU MADE IT!**

Mr Grantham

Headteacher

Miss Hancock

Temp Head of Year 11

# Key Staff

Miss Hancock – Temp HOY 11

Mrs Cotton – Head of Year 11

Mr Grantham – Headteacher

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

Ms Benham – SENCO



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# Meet the tutors

- 11G1 – Mrs Taylor/ Ms Nemeth
- 11G2 – Mr Mitchel
- 11P1 – Mrs Roberts
- 11P2 – Mr Blakeway
- 11T1 – Miss Hancock
- 11T2 – Mr Wheeler/ Miss Murphy

# How do we ensure your child is making progress?

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Experienced, highly qualified staff

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Teaching students to reflect and improve and take responsibility to progress

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Regular assessment (with regular feedback to parents)

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Identifying areas for improvement

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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](http://www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk)



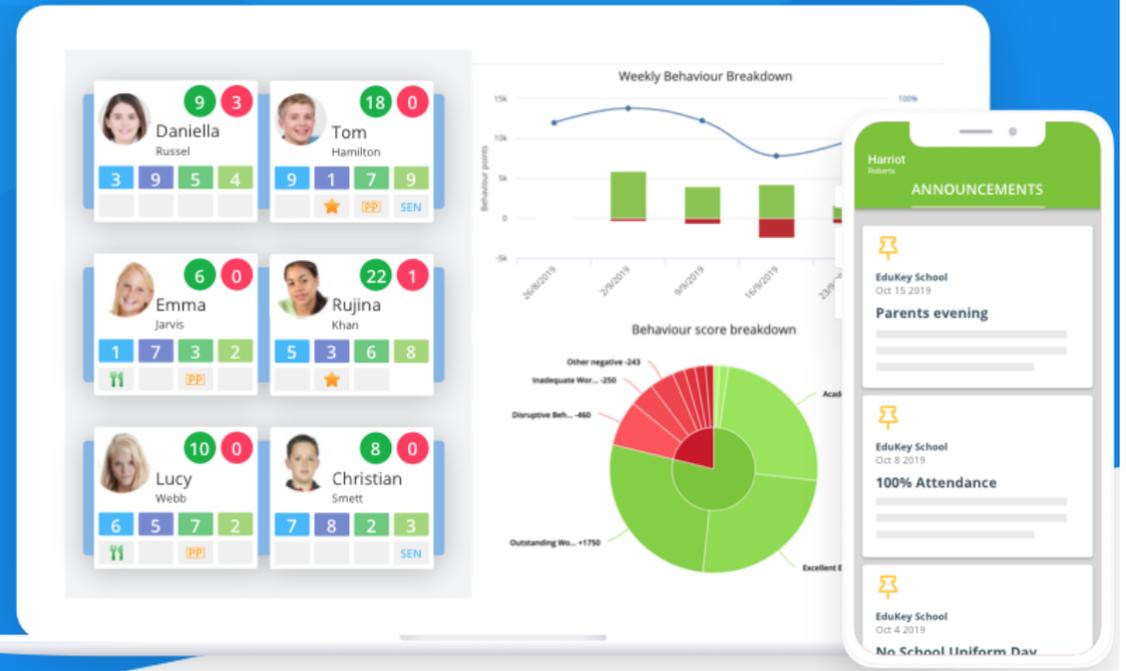
Twitter/X: @MESReading

# 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





# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

# Equipment Check

Pen



Pencil

Ruler

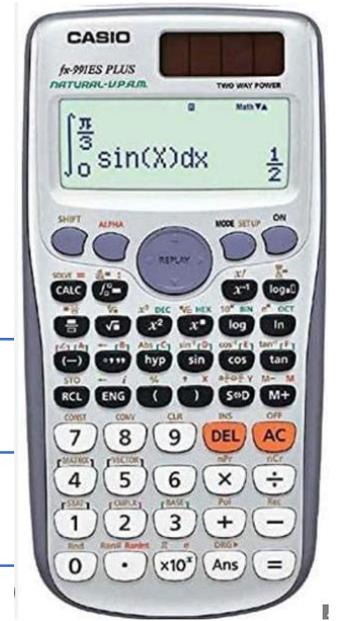
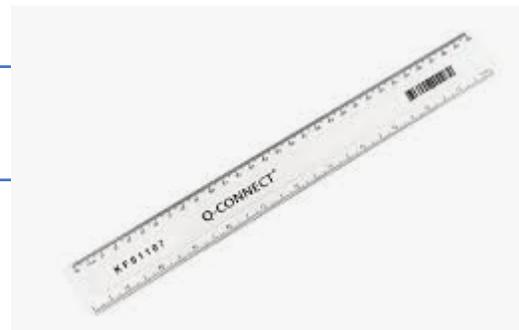
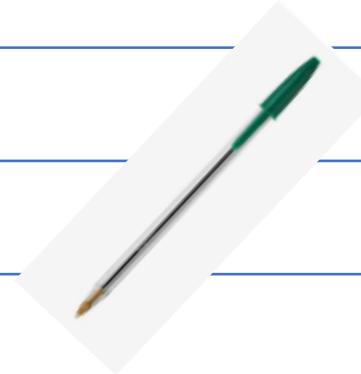
Rubber

Scientific Calculator

Green Pen

Highlighters

ALL maths equipment



# Important Dates

PPE 2 runs from 26th Jan to 6th Feb.

GCSE MFL and Art/Photography exams will be run between 20th April and 1st May.

GCSE written exams will run from 5th May to 17th June (+ contingency day of 24th June)

Parents Evening 8th January

# Next steps

- Sixth form?
- College?
- Apprenticeship?
  
- Every student will have an appointment with our careers advisor Mrs Finlason.
- We have been having local sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship offers coming into assemblies.
- We will ensure students are aware of open evenings, applications and deadlines.

# Mental Health

# What is mental health?

## **Mental Health:**

- It's about how we feel, think and behave
- It affects how we handle stress, relate to others, make choices, and think about ourselves



# Why is mental health important

- Good mental health helps us learn, grow, and build positive relationships.
- Poor mental health can make daily life more difficult.
- Looking after our mental health is as important as looking after our body.

# Statistics

- In 2023 one in five young people aged 8-25 had a probable mental health condition
- The number of young people referred to emergency healthcare rose 10% from 2023 to 2024
- In school we had over 200 reports linked in some way to mental health

**IT'S OKAY!**

- \* to be less than perfect
- \* to not be okay
- \* to have bad days
- \* to make mistakes
- \* to be yourself
- \* to do what's best for you

# Different types of mental health problems

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Eating problems
- OCD
- Bipolar disorder
- Personality disorders
- PTSD



**Remember: having a mental health problem doesn't mean there's anything wrong with us.**

# Potential triggers

- Friendship issues
- Anxiety or low mood
- Social media pressure
- Family issues
- Self-esteem
- Traumatic events
- **Stress about exams**

# Techniques to help your son/daughter

The following may help them to improve your mental wellbeing:

- Help them plan a schedule of revision
- Make sure they take a break
- Give them a quiet revision space
- Make sure they have everything they need to revise – books, paper etc
- Make sure they talk about their worries without judgement
- Get them to be physically active
- Be in the present – focus on the now!
- Go to sleep at a good time
- Healthy/balanced diet – make sure they eat!
- Plan things to look forward to
- Be their mum/dad/guardian - not their tutor/teacher

# Safeguarding Team



Miss Davies  
Assistant Headteacher  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs Ellis  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs Harvey  
Assistant Headteacher  
**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



Miss Denton  
**Safeguarding and  
Outreach Worker**

# Wider



**Mrs Gibbs**

DHT



**Mr Hood**

DHT



**Mrs Redrup**

AHT



**Mrs Benham**

AHT - SENDCO



**Mrs Cotton**

HOY11



**Miss Ryan**

HOY10



**Mr Bone**

Pastoral Manager



**Miss Hancock**

CL Computing



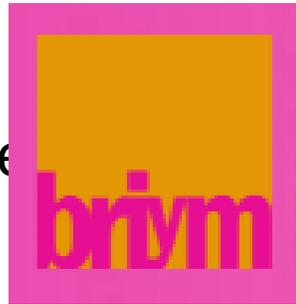
**HOW TO REPORT BULLYING**

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**

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- Ambassadors
- Report a concern
- BRIYM (over 13 can refer without parental consent)
- Friends/Family
- NSPCC – 0808 800 5000
- Childline – 0800 1111 also an online 1-2-1 with a counsellor through website
- Police – 999 or 101
- Shout – mental health support if in crisis – text SHOUT to 85258



Mr Mitchell

Head of History

Over to you .....

Out in the atrium are the Head of Department.

This is an opportunity for you to find out information about the GCSEs your son/daughter will be sitting.

Please feel free to go around the stalls and ask subject specific questions