



03 March 2026

## Welcome to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading – Year 7 Intake 2026!

Dear Parent/Carer

### Congratulations on receiving your offer of a place for your child at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading (MER)!

We are absolutely delighted that your child will be joining our school this coming September and that they, and you, will become part of our wonderful school community. We know that choosing a secondary school is a major decision, and we are thrilled you have chosen MER for this next, exciting chapter of your child's education. The next few years will see them make new friends, discover new opportunities and grow in confidence.

### A Warm Welcome to the MER Family

We understand that moving from primary to secondary school is a huge step—it can feel both exciting and a little nerve-racking. Please rest assured that our dedicated Transition Team, along with your future Form Tutors and Head of Year, are working tirelessly to ensure a smooth, supportive, and positive transition. Over the next few months, we will be in contact with your child's current primary school to ensure that we have the best possible information to enable us to support them.

Our goal is for your child to feel confident, happy, and ready to learn before they even step through our doors in September.

### What Happens Next?

1. **Accept Your Place:** Please ensure you formally accept your offer through your Local Authority's portal by the deadline.
2. **Welcome Information:** We would like to invite you to an information evening on **Monday 23 March at 5:30pm**. This is when we will give you more detailed information, including uniform guidelines, key dates, and how we will collect data for you and your child.
3. **Transition Day:** We are currently planning our Transition Day on **Tuesday 23 June**. We are excited to invite year 6 students that will be joining us in September 2026 for a transition day visit. We will also be hosting a Family BBQ on **Monday 22 June** – we will send more details nearer the time!
4. **Meet The Senior Leadership Team:** All students due to join us in September will be invited to attend a 10-minute meeting with their parents, to be held with a member of the senior leadership team on an afternoon across May and June 2026. This will be an opportunity for us to meet your child and to share information before joining us.



## Keep Updated

Please keep an eye on our school website's dedicated [Transition Page](#) for updates and answers to frequently asked questions.

We will be sharing regular information with you over the final term, this will include our transition bulletin, designed for your child, along with other key information regarding joining us and any other events we will be running prior to September.

We hope that your child enjoys their final few months in year 6 and we cannot wait to meet you all and begin this journey together.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs S Gibbs**

Headteacher

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading

