



01 October 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Open Evening**

This has been another excellent week with a particular highlight being our open evening on Tuesday. Despite some very heavy rain and a distinct lack of petrol in the local filling stations we managed to attract over 200 families on site and looking around the school. The overwhelming feedback was of great positivity and delight that the school has improved so much in such a short space of time. The evening was made more special by the large number of student guides and ambassadors that we had helping us out. They looked great and spoke about the school with great passion and enthusiasm and we are incredibly proud of how well they represented the school.

### **Homework Club!!!**

Thank you for your support regarding homework and making sure it gets done. For those students who are struggling to complete homework our new Homework club launches next week and will run for an hour after school from Tuesday to Thursday in the library. There will be staff on hand to support your son/daughter in completing their work. In the next few days Heads of Year will be contacting some parents where we think this attendance is absolutely necessary.

For anyone who has not done so please download the Satchel One/ Show My Homework App onto your phone and the SIMS Parent App. These will allow you to track homework and therefore support your children in managing their workload and upcoming tasks. Similarly, the Parent App will allow you to celebrate the successes when house points are awarded and in addition discuss any sanctions that may have been accrued each day.

Google Classroom [googleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:googleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Sims App email [meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

SMHW login issues via tutor

Parentpay email [meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

### **Careers Evening**

Our Careers Evening is being held in school on Tuesday 5 October from 5 until 7pm. The event will see stalls from all the local colleges and Sixth Forms along with a good range of employers. Whilst the event is targeted at Year 10 and 11 everyone is welcome to attend and talk to the exhibitors.

### **Happy Puzzle Company**

On Monday we welcomed the Happy Puzzle Company into school, and they worked with Year 7, 8 and 9 on solving mathematical puzzles as a team. It was an interesting insight into some students and how effectively their brains can solve 3-D problems and which students were better at working in teams. The day for me was a good learning tool for the students as we all know that designers, engineers and inventors always must experiment and fail before they eventually achieve success - for many of our students it was good for them to get used to this unfamiliar feeling!

### **Governor vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy on governing body. If anyone is interested in becoming part of a lovely group of people that perform an invaluable service, please can you e-mail [hwhite1@maidenerleghttrust.org](mailto:hwhite1@maidenerleghttrust.org) for more details of the role and the commitment involved.

### **MP**

Next week we have the pleasure of welcoming our local MP John Howell to the school to visit and see the improvements we have made. I look forward to his company and showing him around.

My staff member of the week this week goes to Miss Gardner for her amazing dance shows during our Open Evening. They gave our visitors the Wow factor. However, all staff have played their part in this very successful event, and I am very proud of their communal input in our successes.

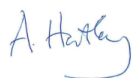
My students of the week are Harriot, Akshaye and Samuel who were all just sensational in their speeches to parents on Tuesday evening.

Please click on the links below if you wish to leave any feedback

Have a great weekend.

Take care and stay safe

Best wishes



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