

A broad and balanced curriculum

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge offers a varied curriculum across all Key Stages that is carefully designed to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for their next step. Subject leaders use high quality sequenced programmes of study and a wealth of experience to provide a challenging and stimulating framework which ensures robust knowledge acquisition, deep understanding and sophisticated skills application. What is more, they strive to ensure the curriculum is both interesting and fun. We recognise that the core skills of literacy and numeracy must permeate the whole curriculum and we devote extra time to helping children acquire and develop these essential skills.

Students follow a full programme of physical education and personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural education (PSMSC). They benefit from expert and independent advice and guidance on their choices and career options when leaving school.

Learning and enjoyment beyond the classroom

We believe that it is essential for students to build on what they do in the classroom and to engage in activities which develop their confidence and their personal and social skills. Our students are encouraged to participate in a varied enrichment and extra-curricular programme which includes Music, Drama, Sport and Visual Arts.

Ofsted 2022 quotes:

- “ The curriculum intent is ambitious and challenging. ”
- “ There is a calm and purposeful learning environment across the school. ”
- “ Parents are overwhelmingly complimentary about the school. ”
- “ Teachers use their strong subject knowledge to enthuse pupils and deepen their knowledge. ”
- “ Pupils are well prepared for their future career opportunities. ”
- “ A culture of safeguarding pervades the school. The welfare, well-being and safety of all pupils is a high priority. ”

Applying for a place at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge

Parents of students wishing to apply for a place for their child to join Year 7 at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge in September will be able to do so through the normal admissions process of their local authority. In due course Year 6 parents will receive guidance from their local authority which is usually distributed via primary schools in the autumn term. For full details of our admissions arrangements please visit our website.



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A Maiden Erlegh Trust School

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Welcome to Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge



Thank you for your interest in our wonderful school. We are incredibly proud of the achievements and the improvements that are currently taking place and we hope that reading our school brochure will be the first part of your journey with us. Our OFSTED inspection in May 2022 and our rating of 'Good' has endorsed all our hard work and I hope you will see evidence of this transformation on your visit to our school. From our staff and student communities there is shared pride in our progress and our achievements and an excitement about the future for MECE.

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge is a lovely school to work in. The cheery greetings of 'Morning Sir' as I walk around, the doors held open, the smart children, the strong sense of community amongst the staff and the lovely rural setting all make this a special place to work. I want the school to prepare the students for the next stage of their life and when they leave here, they will be well mannered, well spoken, confident young people with the self-assurance and knowledge for whatever challenges life offers them.

I am keen that from the moment a young person becomes a part of the MECE community they understand our values and our ethos of 'Opportunity, Diversity and Success for All'. I am determined that through sport, performing arts, community activities, more able events or our SEND work each child gets the chance to shine and develop their own interests and specialisms. It is so important that schools give young people the confidence to succeed, progress and grow as individuals and I believe through our curriculum, firm focus on teaching and learning and individual care, each student will be empowered to achieve this.

As a small school we are able to offer the strong values of community, care and support for all of our students. Relationships thrive at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge and the consistent feedback that we receive is that staff will always go the extra mile for their students. We also work closely with our parents and it is a clear focus of our Heads of Year and our pastoral support teams to get to know parents and form relationships as soon as possible. I am also a firm believer that the school should be placed at the heart of the local community and we are involved in a number of different ways with the local primary schools, parish council and other community groups.

I am honoured to be the headteacher of Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. I have taken great pride in the rapid improvements that have already been made since I became Headteacher in January 2020 and I look forward to working with yourselves and your children in the future.

Andy Hartley
Headteacher

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Opportunity

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge is a fully comprehensive secondary school which enables students of all abilities to achieve very high standards within a secure, caring community. Children from a wide range of backgrounds and with a wide range of abilities have access to a high quality education, providing them with secure foundations for work, higher education and adulthood. We know that student learning is surer and faster when schools work in close partnership with families and this is an important characteristic of our school.



Diversity



Students in our school are helped to develop socially as well as academically. We help them to develop into confident young adults, motivated by a strong sense of personal worth and showing consideration for others. Our school community is richly diverse and we see this as a strength. We feel, embrace and celebrate difference, promote acceptance, and teach an understanding of other cultures. We offer a school of equal opportunity where everyone is respected and everyone respects others, so they can realise their potential in a safe and positive environment. It is important that young people develop an understanding of and empathy with the wider world.

Success

We set very high standards of behaviour, promoting traditional courtesy and British values which underpin life-long learning and achievement. Our experience has convinced us that academic success flourishes within an ethos of clear expectations. We foster the desire to learn and a love of learning which will continue into adult life. We prepare students as global citizens in a changing world. Through regular monitoring, students with their parents and teachers will know the progress they are making and what they could do to improve further.



Pastoral care

Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge places the needs of each child right at the heart of what we do. The school is a happy place where children feel secure and cared for. Every student belongs to a mixed ability tutor group which is both diverse and inclusive. Their tutor sees their group every day, seeking to help and support them with any pastoral needs and provides support, advice or just a listening ear.

Home-school partnership

A characteristic of all Maiden Erlegh Trust schools is a commitment to work with parents and carers to support the learning and welfare of children at the school and to be consistent in promoting good behaviour and discipline. We are positive about engaging with parents so that they are aware of how their child is progressing. Regularly updated information on each child's progress and achievement is made available and it is common for teachers to contact home to discuss together with parents and carers how best to support children at the school.

Provision for more able students

At Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, we have created an environment where success, excellence and achievement are encouraged and celebrated. Using national standards to drive our gifted and talented provision to the highest levels, we have implemented a wide range of classroom and extra curricular opportunities for our most able and gifted students.

A uniform school

To support our culture of high expectation, Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge is a uniform school. Schools which have clear expectations about dress and appearance are more successful than those which do not. We expect students to present themselves very smartly for their working day and ask that parents support us in this, by providing the correct uniform items and supporting appearance expectations.

High quality staff

The expertise of the teaching team is an important characteristic of Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. All teaching staff are fully qualified graduates in their subject or teachers with specialist qualifications. Teaching is characterised by well planned, engaging and participative lessons which inspire children to want to learn. A team of experienced teaching assistants and learning mentors work closely with teachers to support students with specific needs.