



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope everyone is well and has coped with our first '5-day week' in quite some time! The week has been as lively as ever with plenty going on.

### Year 11

Our Year 11s have kicked off their GCSE examinations and have been exemplary in their attendance, timekeeping, conduct and arriving with full equipment. The students begin their exam training in Year 9, and it is great to see that they are 'match fit' by the end of Year 11. Year 11 ended their formal lessons last Friday and this was marked with a fun football tournament after school which was also used as a prom fund-raiser. I even dusted off my boots for a guest appearance (it was definitely all about the taking part!). It was great to see parents, students from all years and staff watching the event. Huge thanks to Joseph G for organising it.



On Thursday we held our Year 11 leavers assembly, this was a lovely event with the usual shirt signing, food and refreshments, old photos of haircuts gone by, speeches and poems. My thanks to Ms Ashley, the Year 11 tutors, Ms Jackson and Miss Bliss for their contributions to this event.



### **Year 10 and The World of Work**

Year 10 have been involved in the 'World of Work' event all week. This has involved them hearing talks from colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers. In addition, they have taken part in workshops on dressing to impress, body language, CV writing, taxation and pay, to name but a few. On Thursday, the majority of students undertook some form of work experience or work shadowing, experiencing roles in companies such as law firms, sports coaching, working as mechanics and software engineers. The students have also compiled their own personal research on where to go next using the Unifrog software which we believe will set them up well for their next nine months when they apply to colleges and employers for the next phase in their life.

### **The Duke of Edinburgh Award**

Almost 40% of our Year 10 students will be spending their Friday daytime and evening completing their practice expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh award. This event is the culmination of months of volunteering, acquiring new skills and developing themselves. Today they will be walking, map reading, tent assembling, camp cooking and working together. My thanks to Mrs Chopra for making this happen and to Mr Watterson, Mr Groves, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Kirby for supporting and giving up their Friday evening.

### **Athletics**

It was great to see #teammece out in force for the South Oxfordshire Schools Athletics championships on Thursday. Our star performers were Lucas R in Year 9 and Sadie in Year 7 who won their events (high jump and 1500m respectively). Great work!!



### **Hot Chocolate with the Head**

It was lovely to spend Wednesday morning with some of the stars of Year 9. These students gave constructive and encouraging feedback on the school and were great company to start my day.



## Half-Term

Just a quick reminder that we break up for half-term at 3.15pm next Friday 26 June. School will recommence on Monday 5 June at 8.40am.

## Stars of the Week

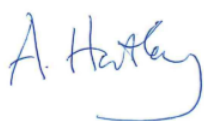
My staff star of the week is **Ms Hardman** for her organisation and execution of the 'World of Work' week despite being a week away from going on maternity leave! She even managed to find the time to come into the Year 11 leavers assembly and give a tear-jerking tutor farewell speech complete with the quote, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard".

My student stars of the week go to **Lili** in Year 10 for her fantastic work at Pinewood studios as a voice over actor and **Tejaun** for his fantastic work supporting other students as a mentor during his work experience at RAW.

Please use the links below to leave any feedback but please remember that the staff are working long and hard to keep everything going despite high levels of staff illness. Please may I ask that any interactions with staff are always polite and respectful. Thank you.

Take care and have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Andy Hartley  
Headteacher

