



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted and proud to be writing my first Headteacher's update of 2024. The interview process in July seems a long time ago now and I am excited to get started in my new role.

### Values and Standards

I began this week with assemblies to all year groups introducing myself and talking about this term's key school value 'Be Inclusive'. My message to students is that MECE should be a place where all students feel like they belong regardless of their ability, their race, their gender, their social class, disability or any other aspect of their identity. Our diversity is something to celebrate!

### Our Values



Aim High

Be Inclusive

Work together

### New year standards...



Impeccable uniform

Conspicuous politeness

Punctuality

I also set out three standards for us to focus on this term and I have been enjoying receiving friendly greetings from many students as I meet them during the day – there is such a powerful sense of community here and I already feel like I belong.

### Mary Poppins

My last week of term was very busy with goodbyes, but I was able to fit in a performance of Mary Poppins and what a show it was! I loved the choreographed dance routine to supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and the way the whole cast threw themselves into every number. My thanks also go to Mr Harte and Mrs Brown for all the time they put into the rehearsals.

### Parents' Forum

This is the first opportunity to thank those parents who attended the Parents' Forum in November. There was a great turnout from parents with students in all year groups in the school and a wide range of topics were discussed. In particular, parents praised the small community feeling of the school and the positive relationships between students and their teachers.

I have taken on board the feedback about the need to ensure that all homework is set on Bromcom and also the number of cover lessons which can be difficult with a challenging national situation for teacher recruitment, all the feedback will be considered as I make my plans for the development of the school.

We always welcome feedback from families so please do get in touch to tell us how we are doing. You can click through to our feedback form [here](#) or email to [meceoffice@maidenereleightrust.org](mailto:meceoffice@maidenereleightrust.org) and it will be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

Thank you for your warm welcome. I wish you and all your families a very Happy New Year and I look forward to getting to know the whole Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge Community in the coming months.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Bowers'.

Briony Bowers  
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