



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

At the end of my second week I am feeling very much a part of Team MECE. I am starting to remember more students' names, I have enjoyed an excellent lunch every day from the school canteen, and I have finally stopped going up the stairs to Maths when I intend to go to Science!

Maiden Erlegh Trust

On Tuesday, I was continuing my own induction training at the Trust offices. As a new Headteacher you will be pleased to hear that I am very well supported by the experts at central services who oversee the school finances and governance and support with safeguarding, marketing and professional development. I know that some of these things are not visible to you on a day to day basis, but our school benefits hugely from being a part of Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Year 11

With only thirteen school weeks until their GCSE exams, year 11 started the week with a motivational Enterprise Day on Tuesday from the company Unloc. The day was delivered by an inspiring entrepreneur and her team who guided students in developing their creative problem-solving and employability skills. They had to navigate some of the challenges of entrepreneurship such as networking, branding and project management in order to create their own fashion brand. The year 11s really impressed everyone with their focus, teamwork skills and especially with their presentations at the end of the day.

Acts of Kindness

Over this week and next year 7 have been challenged by Miss Cheeseman to focus on acts of kindness. I have been delighted at students holding the doors open for me and asking me how my day is going, and I am looking forward to seeing all their praise points accumulating on Bromcom. I hope that year 7 will continue their kindness at home with their families too!

Staffing update

Many of you will be aware that we are currently managing with two teacher vacancies, one in the MFL department and one in Art. We are working hard to recruit to these posts and have an Art teacher ready to start shortly. In the meantime, we are aiming to use specialist cover teachers where possible. I am very grateful to Mr Reskalla and Miss Biddiss in particular who have been planning cover work and stepping in to teach some classes during this interim period. If there are any members of staff who you would like to recognise for something which they have done to support your child this term, do nominate them via our feedback form linked below. We are also advertising for a number of support staff vacancies so do have a look at the website if you would like to consider joining the team.

A recruitment event poster for Maiden Erlegh Trust. The background is a dark blue overlay on a photo of students in a classroom. At the top left is the Maiden Erlegh Trust logo, consisting of four vertical bars of increasing height. The text 'MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST' is to the right of the logo. Below this, 'RIVER ACADEMY & MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST' is written in a light green font. The main title 'RECRUITMENT EVENT' is in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, the date 'Wednesday 24 January 2024' is in a green box, and the time '17.00 until 19.00' is in a grey box. The venue 'Maiden Erlegh School in Reading' and address '81 Crescent Rd, Reading, RG1 5SL' are listed below. At the bottom, it says 'VISIT OUR WEBSITE' and 'www.maidenerleghtrust.org' in white.

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VENUE

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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@maidenerleghtrust.org and it will be directed to the appropriate member of staff.

Best wishes



Briony Bowers
Headteacher