



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Here are the highlights from another week at MECE:

### General Election

Since the announcement of the general election on 4 July we have begun preparations for our own election here at school. Miss Smith has planned a series of assemblies to teach students about the political parties and our voting system, and the campaigns will begin in earnest next week. Note that as teachers we will always be politically neutral, but will be emphasising the importance of voting and taking part in the democratic process.

### Student voice and parent forum

We have undertaken our own democratic process this week with over 150 students taking part in student voice panels led by SLT, Heads of department and Heads of year. Students have answered questions on all the curriculum areas and also what they would like to see improved about the school - we will use the findings to inform next year's school development plan. Parents and carers also have an opportunity to take part by coming along to the Parents' Forum on 4 July. This will be an opportunity to hear from me about my plans and give your feedback about the school.

### Sport

This week has seen the start of the Olympic sport taster sessions with the PE department and a range of staff are supporting Mr Caldwell and the team to offer an activity at lunchtime every day. Students can build up rewards in their Olympic Passport. A huge thank you to every member of staff giving up their time to support the event!

### Staffing

More good news on staffing as we move towards being ready for September. This week I have promoted Miss Kirby to second in the Science department, her leadership abilities came out strongly in the interview and I know she will make a big impact in September. She will be supporting Mrs Bell the new Trust Lead for Science who will be based with us for at least two days a week. Also this week, I have appointed Mrs Sridevi Pallavaram, a new Maths teacher who is qualified in Maths and Physics. Mrs Gopal and I saw her teach a great lesson on Vectors to year 10 set 1 and I am sure she will be a great addition to the Maths team!

Each week until the end of term I will be sharing a profile of one of our new members of staff, today is the turn of Mrs El Kouchni who has just completed the end of her second week at MECE.



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## Introducing our new **Head of Modern Foreign Languages**

► Aicha El Kouchni



We would like to welcome Aicha ElKouchni,  
as our new Head of Modern Foreign Languages.

Following a degree in Languages from the University of Bordeaux as well as a Master's in TESOL from the University of East London, Aicha has been a successful Head of Languages. As a native speaker of French, she is passionate about creating an engaging learning environment for all students.

After spending the last five years teaching abroad, Aicha is excited to move back to the area and is looking forward to leading the MFL department at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.



Keep sending through your positive feedback and the areas where we could be doing even better on the usual address, [meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Best wishes

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