



MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

MECE School Advisory Board Newsletter

The life of our school is a fast paced, exciting place to be and this year we have faced new beginnings and challenges. We would like to thank our new headteacher, Mrs Bowers, for her enthusiasm, hard work and commitment since taking the post in January.

From regular visits to the school, we see how hard the whole school team works. Mrs Bowers has led a team of dedicated and talented staff this year. From the teaching staff to the support staff, admin and maintenance, to the catering and cleaning team, all have shown an inspiring commitment to our school and its students. We would like to thank them for their unwavering support and for going above and beyond their job descriptions to make MECE the successful community it is.

We are thrilled to announce we are fully staffed for September and are looking forward to the new staff joining us and bringing their experience and enthusiasm to accompany our team. A full staff will put us back up to 'full health' and ready for a successful year.

We would also like to acknowledge and recap the support we have received from the wider Maiden Erlegh Trust team this term. We are aware that sometimes the support they offer is not visible to our whole school community and so it is important to note the help they have given this year. This includes but is not limited to the finances for a new school roof, replacement windows across the building, refurbishment of several toilet blocks, a commitment to refurbish all science labs over the next few years alongside full replacement of our three boiler houses. The leadership team at the Trust have worked hard behind the scenes to progress negotiations for the future of the supporting bus service and the land sale of part of the school field which will yield even further investment in the school and its sporting and community facilities. Their support is indicative of their firm commitment to the running of the school now and for the future.

We are relieved to have a response from Reading buses which assures us that all current students will be provided with a free bus pass until the end of their time at MECE. The school has already started working on a sustainable plan to support all future students with travel.

The whole school community is aware of the struggles and challenges that have been faced this year. The disruption to the students timetables and gaps in staffing is less than our students deserve and so the senior leadership team has worked hard to make long term changes and new appointments to improve this, building a stable team for next year.

As governors we have a focus for developing community links and aim to enhance our students experience with new valuable community relationships. School staff are already planning exciting experiences for students next year, such as the Geography field trip to Iceland and another ski trip, alongside exciting classrooms every day.



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We would like to remind and encourage you to please use the communication channels, such as parent forum, open evenings, email or make an appointment to meet with us and share your positive experiences of MECE, but also let us know what else you would like to see at your school that might currently be missing. We are committed and determined to continue to grow MECE into an outstanding school.

A final thank you to our parents and students for your support of our school. Your continued investment in our community is vital and we look forward to evolving more ways to work with you again next year. Please continue to engage and support us in building an even better school experience for our students next year.

Wishing you all a happy summer break.

The MECE School Advisory Board



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