



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Families

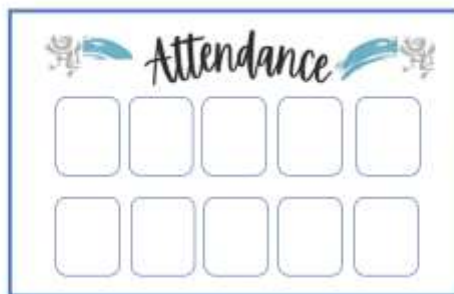
Just two weeks into term and we are back into our usual routines here at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. I have been delighted at how our new teachers are settling in and as I tour around the school I can see a calm and purposeful working atmosphere in almost all classrooms.

Last week Mr Clark, Assistant Headteacher, led the assemblies focusing on the importance of attendance and introduced the new reward cards for uniform and attendance which will be completed each morning in tutor time.

## Attendance and Uniform Loyalty Cards



Highlighting students getting it right!



These loyalty cards will be issued every 2 weeks, 10 school days.  
To gain success get all 10 signed by your tutor on arrival to the room.

Attendance is key focus for all the Maiden Erlegh Trust schools this year and it is a priority for the Department for Education on a national level. One thing that we will be doing at MECE is emphasising the importance of every day missed from school by reframing the way we talk about absence. For example, whilst 90% is a great result to get on a test, **90% attendance is classed at persistent absence**. Across a year 90% attendance equates to 19 days of school missed which is almost 100 lessons. From these statistics, it is easy to see why there is such a strong link between good attendance at school and achievement in GCSEs, it is nearly impossible to make up the time and even a single lesson missed can interrupt the sequence of learning and cause students to fall behind or become demotivated.



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We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day. Do get in touch with their tutor or head of year for support if you have any difficulties getting them in. Congratulations to year 7 who achieved the highest attendance last week!

Do get in touch with your question and suggestions, or if you have a particular thank you for a member of staff who has gone the extra mile. You can contact us at [meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Best wishes



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Headteacher



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