



MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you know, we are well underway with our Further Education guidance and students should be starting to think about their options and applications. Information from the Maiden Erlegh Trust Careers adviser was sent to parents earlier this month.

Since schooling became compulsory post 16, the range of choices available to students after their GCSEs has increased greatly and we are keen for students to explore the variety of options available to them. By Christmas, students should have applied to their preferred choices and some back-up options. For those interested in school 6th Forms or for Apprenticeships, these are more competitive and applying early is greatly advised.

Please do talk to your son/daughter about their careers interviews with Mrs Finlason and their next steps. There is lots of advice attached to the interview notes and the booklet has lots of information about the different choices available.

In school provision

- 18 October – Assembly from Piggott School about life in the 6th Form
- 14 November – Visit to Henley College for their Taster Day (for all students)
- 22 November – Trust Higher and Further Education Fair
- 27 November – Interview workshop & (optional) applying to Apprenticeships workshop
- Plus the usual PSHE lesson provision which includes CV, Interview and general career preparation



Aim High



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Work Together

Open Evening events for FE providers

The Henley College

Information Evening: 17 October 5:30pm – 8:30pm <https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/>

Basingstoke College of Technology

Virtual Open Event: <https://www.bcot.ac.uk/news-and-events/2020/10/open-evening/>

Bracknell and Wokingham College <https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events>

Sat 10 October 9:30am-1:30pm

Wed 18 November 4-8pm

Reading College <https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events>

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Activate Learning Parent Webinars:

Wed 3 October 6pm – 6:45pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-webinars-tickets-1028105139147?aff=oddtcreator>

Wed 10 October 6pm – 6:45pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-webinars-tickets-1028111939487?aff=oddtcreator>

Berkshire College of Agriculture

Saturday 21st November <https://www.bca.ac.uk/events/>

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

Thursday 5th November [Highdown School & Sixth Form Centre - Year 11 Sixth Form Subject Fair](#)

The Piggott School

Wednesday 11th Nov <https://www.piggottschool.org/page/?title=Open+Evening+and+Key+Dates&pid=39>

Maiden Erlegh Reading

Information about their 6th form:

<https://www.maidenerleghschool.co.uk/page/?title=virtual+Sixth+Form+Open+Evening+%2D+15+October+2020&pid=364>

Armed Forces Apprenticeships

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/public-sector-apprenticeships-armed-forces>

Virtual Army careers talks: <https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/joining-process/virtual-acc>

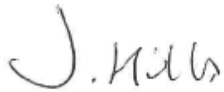
Mrs Finlason will also be posting regularly through the year onto the tutor group Google Classrooms with work experience and other opportunities that arise in the year. Below are a couple of providers that might be of interest.

- [Gain Virtual Work Experience. Earn certificates - 100% free! | Springpod](#) Students can create a free log-in and sign up to virtual experiences (in their own time) which not only look great on a CV but also can help guide their choices.
- www.careerdays.co.uk – Online careers day in Law, Veterinary Science and Business (cost attached)
- <https://berkshireopportunities.co.uk/browse-opportunities/> Virtual and in person opportunities. Please remember to apply to Miss Cheeseman if your child would like to attend a work experience day during the school day.



Finally, please encourage your son/daughter to browse the careers stand in the library. There are lots of prospectuses, ideas and information available to them.

Kind regards



Judy Hills

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