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Dear Parents & Carers

This week I thought I would do a spotlight on Years 7 and 9.

Today I enjoyed Hot Chocolate with some of our most consistent performers in year 7, as nominated by their Form Tutors. We discussed favourite lessons and the range of House Activities and Extra-curricular clubs they are involved in. It was great to hear they've entered the Photography Competition & I look forward to reviewing their entries. A wonderful start to my Friday!



The deadline for the photo competition is Monday and students can either submit their entries through Google Classroom or email directly to MECEoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

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NATURAL WORLD
PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITION

Housepoints for all entries.

COMPTION DEADLINE: **10 FEBRUARY**
WINNERS ANNOUNCED: **21 FEBRUARY**

PRIZES TO INCLUDE:
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
WINNING ENTRIES FRAMED FOR DISPLAY AROUND THE SCHOOL & MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST OFFICES

Your challenge is to:
Capture the natural world around you on any camera you have (including your phone). Further details to be found in the dedicated Google Classroom, details below.
Photos can be submitted via Google Classroom (classroom code - 7dch4r) or emailed to meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org - please include your name & form.

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Across today all of year 7 took part in a workshop delivered by REACH. The workshop built on a unit of learning in Religion & Philosophy looking at Christian Beliefs encouraging students to look at how these impact on day-to-day life.



Year 9, meanwhile, are now in the midst of the KS4 options process. This is an exciting time for students as, for the first time, they can take some control of their curriculum by deciding some of their GCSE courses. On Monday students had an extended assembly “launching” the process and where they received the Choices booklet. On Monday evening we launched the process with parents to a packed AV – it was great to have so many of you up there engaging in this phase of your child’s school journey. Year 9 students received their Options forms today and the deadline for return is Thursday 13 February.

On Tuesday a group of 20 year 9 students who have shown an interest in Sports Coaching delivered the Primary School Indoor Athletics to students in years 3 & 4 from some of our local primary schools. This was a lovely event and great experience for both our pupils and those visiting from the Primary schools.

This week’s update on school procedures comes from Mrs Smith, who is leading the charge on Homework provision. Please find her update [here](#).

Following on from this, the English team have launched SparxReader in Years 7 and 8. Students (and parents) will already be familiar with SparxMaths and next week I will be sharing the term’s stats for engagement and progress on these platforms.

Finally, last Friday 3 of our students attended the Historical Society ‘Great Debate’, competing against students from years 10-13 from schools across the local area. Students were asked to prepare a speech on “Local History and its wider Impacts” and our topics included the Slave Trade in Reading and the importance of Blagrave Street, the historical importance of the Huntley & Palmers biscuit factory and the development of the Reading train network. Following fierce competition, we were awarded a place in the National semi-final later in the term – an outstanding achievement!





Have a fantastic weekend,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Bliss'.

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Interim Headteacher



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