



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

Headteacher: Emma Bliss  
BSC, MED, NPQH

Reades Lane, Sonning Common, RG4 9LN  
0118 972 1500  
meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org  
www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk  
@MEChilternEdge

21 March 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a week with a little bit of everything – power cuts, a visit from the CEO and yesterday the hottest day of the year so far – there is nothing like keeping us on our toes! I must say a massive thank you to staff and students alike for their understanding and response during the emergency closure which was further complicated by a particularly significant spell of poor phone signal. I understand that some parents received the communications via MCAS rather than text or email which was an error – it is not my intention to use this function more regularly and apologise if any of you were left in the dark.

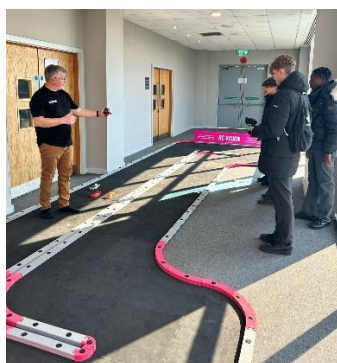
On Thursday, Jon Peck (CEO, Maiden Erlegh Trust) visited the school where he met with groups of students and staff to identify areas of strength across the school. I was delighted with the feedback that he received as it really shone a light on the high quality provision that the students and staff receive daily. Thank you to all that were involved.

Following on from her assemblies to students in the previous week, year 11 student Dariia delivered her Ukrainian awareness assembly to staff over lunch yesterday. It was immensely powerful and truly highlighted the plight of her family and so many others in our community.

I am delighted to also give you an update on Byron, whose progress with Olympic Cycling trials has already been shared via our social media platforms – I am delighted to share he has successfully been selected into the British Cycling Performance Programme. This is an outstanding achievement, and we will be closely following his success!

Not only are Year 11 working towards their impending exams but the excitement is building for Prom. This week, year 11 girls were invited to a preview of CESA's Prom dress sale and over 10 students have secured their dresses for the big event. Year 11 boys have a similar opportunity after Easter. Year 11 student leaders are undertaking assemblies next week for the rest of the school to promote our Kindness Week which culminates with a non-uniform day for all students on Friday 28 March with the proceeds supporting their Prom.

On Wednesday over 50 students in year 10 attended the Oxfordshire Careers Event where they were able to interact with employees from a vast range of sectors. Students were impeccably behaved and left with plenty of ideas to explore.



Maiden Erlegh Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity registered in England and Wales under company number 07548754 with registered office at Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading, RG6 7HS. "Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge" is a business name of the company.



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

This week in Key Stage 3 we have had assemblies around volunteering and in tutor students have been rehearsing their House Public Speaking entries with presentations taking place next week.

One of the huge positives about being part of the MECE community is the opportunity to connect with our local Primary schools. Behind the scenes the Leadership team have been working on 3 upcoming events: a year 5 school visit morning for Sonning Common Primary School, year 6 starters event and a MECE Community Day. Details will be shared about the year 6 event and Community Day early next week, with ways in which you can get involved.

This week I have also interviewed potential new School Advisory Board members and will take this opportunity to remind you there is a Parent SAB member position currently vacant too – further information can be found [here](#).

A big thank you to those of you who have purchased raffle tickets or donated raffle prizes to the CESA Easter Raffle, the deadline for donations and for returning stubs and money is Friday 28 March, more information can be found [here](#).

I wanted to flag some information and opportunities that may be of interest to you taking place over the coming days and week – please see the links below:

[Reading Museum - Reading's Digital Revolution Exhibition - 18-24 March](#)

[Oxfordshire Secondary School Health NHS Newsletter](#)

[Community Lecture – Ancient History – 25 March](#)

And finally, a reminder if you haven't yet completed the parent survey the deadline is fast approaching. The information we gather is valuable at both school and Trust level to help shape our areas for focus next year. You will have received an email in late February with your link to Edurio.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss E Bliss  
Headteacher

