



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parents & Carers

This week we have certainly enjoyed the lovely sunny weather and with it many happy and smiling faces of students, clearly brightened by the effects of a little bit of Vitamin D!

Year 11 are now just one week from the first of their written GCSE papers with nearly half the cohort taking either Drama or BTEC Sport next Thursday morning. The yearbook has also now been submitted to the printers following a monumental effort from Head student Dariia to collate and style each of the pages. Yesterday and today students from Y10 and Y11 who are taking additional GCSEs in a home-spoken language have completed their Oral exams at Maiden Erlegh in Reading who we have collaborated with to support students – this has included qualifications in Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian, Turkish and Mandarin.

Congratulations to Year 10 students who have completed internal assessments this week – they have shown great maturity and engagement during the exam sessions across the week. Behind the scenes teachers are now marking and will moderate the papers ready to return to students in a few weeks' time – we look forward to the results. Next week Year 10 turn their focus to Post 16 education and future career aspirations in our World of Work week which includes trips to local post 16 providers and an opportunity to engage in Work Shadow. Thank you in advance to Ms Dunn and Mrs Hills for their considerably efforts to organise the week.

A group of Year 9 students spent time on Tuesday supporting local Primary School Athletics. Once again, our Junior Sports leaders were praised by the organisers and staff from the visiting schools for their organisation, kindness and encouragement of their students. In the coming weeks students from Years 9 and 8 will be involved in visiting some of our feeder primary schools to deliver workshops to students in Years 3 – 5 on a range of different topics – I look forward to updating you on their visits.

Yesterday afternoon, talented mathematicians from Years 7 and 8 were invited to take part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. As part of the challenge, students sat the paper in the main exam hall and as such had a first experience of sitting assessments under exam conditions. We hear back in June, and I hope to share some cracking results with you then.

On Thursday evening I will be heading to the Beacon lighting to commemorate 80 Years since VE Day. Details of the event can be found on the parish council's Facebook page & on our [website](#) – do come and say hello to me if you attend!

Next Friday we have the CESA quiz– an opportunity to pit your general knowledge against other parents and staff whilst supporting the fundraising efforts of CESA who support the school in lots of fabulous ways. You can sign up [here](#) .

Looking further ahead I also wanted to raise awareness of the Village's 'On Your Bike' cycle event on 8 June. The school will be at the event and it would be great if you, or your children were able to take part. Details can be found on their website [here](#).



Finally, some information from the PE team regarding extra-curricular activities available next week during lunch and afterschool taking place across the summer term. I am very grateful to Mr Caldwell and the team for the variety of activities they provide and do hope students sign up and give them a go.

| DAY       | LUNCH   | AFTER SCHOOL  |
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| MONDAY    | ATHLETICS- JUMPS  | ROWING AT HENLEY ROWING CLUB (SELECTED STUDENTS)  |
| TUESDAY   | ROUNDERS  | ATHLETICS CLUB  |
| WEDNESDAY | ATHLETICS- THROWS & SPRINTS<br>GYMNASTICS/CHEER LEADING<br>INDOOR ROWING CLUB | CROSS COUNTRY CLUB<br>ARCHERY CLUB WITH WALLINGFORD ARCHERS (PAID ACTIVITY, BOOKING NEEDED) |
| THURSDAY  | ULTIMATE FRISBEE- field   | TRAMPOLINE CLUB<br>ROUNDERS, SOFTBALL<br>CRICKET  |

Wishing you all a very lovely Bank Holiday weekend,



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