








# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parents & Carers

Scientific research (of potentially questionable nature) indicates a correlation of ‘Bizarre Behaviours’ linked to certain astrological and meteorological events. So this week with a full moon and a period of warm and humid weather we were potentially in for some fun and games. As I said to staff this morning in briefing, we hit the jackpot with the end of the week falling on Friday 13 too!

However, despite all these potential barriers we have successfully navigated another week with lots of positive news to report.

I reported at the end of last Half Term that our Head student team had been elected for the upcoming year – they were keen to introduce themselves to you and share a bit about themselves (click on the image below for a larger version)



Year 11 exams are all but complete with a final Science paper, D&T and Food Technology to go in the early part of next week – just in time for them to enjoy what appears to be an extended spell of warm weather. This week, with the support of CESA, we supported 3 students to find suits ready for Prom, including matching ties and handkerchiefs. Thank you to Ms Rees for her patience and perseverance to get the boys sorted for the big event!

The shorter-term weather forecast however suggests thunderstorms might be on the way tonight to coincide with our Year 9 DofE Bronze expedition – fingers crossed they skirt round Henley-on-Thames and staff and students camping have an incident free trip. There was certainly much excitement and just a dose of nerves as the groups headed out this afternoon. By now they should



be safely at camp and getting on with cooking up the best feast possible on their Trangia stoves. Photos and anecdotes next week I'm sure!

Following Year 10 Parents' Evening at the end of last term it has been noticeable that students have taken on board the messages shared, and this is showing itself in lessons – the ratio of positive to negative incidents is up and Year 10 attendance is also showing an upward trend. On Monday next week they sit a final PPE in English Language which they have been busily preparing for with their teachers over the last 2 weeks.

Year 7 have now completed their English, Maths and Science assessments and eagerly await their scores which will be released over the next 2 weeks. Year 9 are also deep into preparation for their Core PPEs at the end of next week. These exams mark the first attempt at formal exams in the Exam Hall and under exam conditions and form part of the Get Set for Y10 programme that is in place for them. It has been wonderful to see the engagement from Year 9 with these exams, with students really taking hold of the support in place and showing a true determination to perform to their ability in the assessments.

Year 8 have been praised for their continued pleasing attendance with 8C and 8D recording attendance of over 95% this term so far and 8M/1 Maths groups are sitting at 93% completion rate for Maths Sparx homework.

Last weekend a number of students and local families took part in the "On Your Bike" event held in the Village.



Thank you to all who supported the event helping to ensure its success. Mr Caldwell and the PE team have also shared that students from across the age ranges have been successful in Softball tournaments and Quad Kids this past week and we look forward to sharing details of the upcoming Trust inter-school's softball and gymnastics tournaments calendared later in June.

I wantMAiled to just alert you to a couple of upcoming events:

The **Sonning Common Village day** (22 June) which takes place in Memorial Park (opposite school) – details can be found here - [Sonning Common Village Day](#)



The **CESA Bingo** evening, now rearranged for July 18, promises to be a night of fun with prizes galore to win. Details can be found on our website [here](#).

And finally, the 18 June marks **National Thank a Teacher Day** – details can be found here: [National Thank A Teacher Day - Thank a Teacher](#) This national initiative offers parents and students the opportunity to recognise all members of school communities, not just teaching staff – showing an important understanding that schools function and operate due to the excellent work and commitment of **all** the staff employed there. If you feel you would like to thank a member of the team, please do consider following the link and click the “send a card” button.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend in the sun,



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