



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parents & Carers

This week's update will come in two parts – the first today and part two after the weekend to round out the term.

Year 10 had a talk this week delivered by Farrens (construction company) on the various careers within the industry. Year 9s who wished to attend to find out more were also welcomed to the session. This opportunity was the latest in a series of activities for Year 10 around aspirations and future careers. Early next term we will be launching our Year 11 Mock Interview process where students undertake a practice interview with local employers to hone their skills ahead of 6th Form or apprenticeship interviews later in the school year. If you think you might be able to support this process, please pencil the 20-21 October in your diaries and keep an eye out for information early in the new year.

The PE department continue to coordinate a wide range of activities for students this week including Rounders officiating, cricket and of course Sports Day.

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 9 Sports Leaders supported at Peppard Primary School in their annual Rounders tournament. The students were excellent role models, cheering, celebrating successful catches and hits as well as gently encouraging engagement and reminding the pupils of the rules! The staff at Peppard were very complimentary and I strongly suspect we will be invited back next year to support again!

On Thursday, a group of Year 7 and Year 8 students were invited to play in a tri-tournament at Henley Cricket Club. Our team was performing strongly when rain stopped play. My (limited) knowledge of the Duckworth-Lewis method would suggest that we would have been awarded the overall victory though, which we will happily take! Ms Cheeseman picked out Ronny B (Year 7) as a potential Ashes champion of the future but noted that all the students showed skill and enthusiasm both with the bat and in the field.

Wednesday, of course, saw Sports Day, the pinnacle event of our House Calendar and the day where House Pride and loyalties really come to the forefront. The morning saw students participate in the field events as well as the 800m. Stepping out onto the field at this time was hugely satisfying seeing students cheering each other on and having a go at events to earn points for their Houses. The event winners proudly sporting their hand-made medals (thanks to Mr Reskalla) and all the points being totted up in real time (thanks to Mrs Audsley). Sports Day is always made more special with some of our Year 11 (and



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this year, Year 11s from 2024) coming back to help run the events – their willingness to give up their time to come along and help speaks volumes about their everlasting pride and loyalty to the school.

Sports Day concludes with the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relays. The atmosphere was building across the afternoon, thanks in no small part to resident DJ and stadium announcer, Mr Harte, and it was fitting that the overall results came down to the last race of the afternoon! A huge congratulations to Abbey House who came out victorious.



Results for the day:

1st Place – Abbey – 507 Points

2nd Place – Peppard – 500 Points



3rd Place – Chiltern – 456 Points

4th Place – Thames 410 Points

A huge thank you must go to Mr Caldwell and the PE team for their enthusiasm and organisation. Additionally, to those mentioned already our fabulous Heads of House who rallied students into teams as well as lead the cheering and celebrating.



Last weekend Year 9, Ines competed at the National Ballroom & Latin Championships in Blackpool (the home of Ballroom Dancing!) following qualification at several regionals throughout the year. After spectacular performances of her jive in the heats and semi, Ines got through to the final and came 3rd in her category Saturday day. A superb effort.

I am also proud to share that our Year 10 band (Twenty Ten) are currently practicing hard for an upcoming gig as part of their fundraising for the Kenyan trip. Details can be sourced from the QR code below.



A couple of final reminders for next week. On Tuesday at lunch time, we have our Cultural Celebration Event. This is being led in conjunction with the Senior Students who have been in and out of tutors encouraging students to take part. If you are intending to supply food for a stall, please see the attached guidance to ensure it meets the conditions for school. [Culture Day Food Festival Checklist](#)

And finally, a reminder that school breaks for the summer at 1pm on Wednesday and we return in September on Wednesday 3 (Y7 and Y11) and Thursday 4 (all students).

Yours sincerely



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