



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL IN READING

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Welcome to Year 8 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading!

I am delighted to write to you as the Head of Year 8 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. I am looking forward to continuing working with you this year to help support every student's development. In Year 7 we experienced a new and exciting chapter with a new school, a new building, new teachers and new processes. Now we are ready to build on that chapter and start writing the next part of our story together.

To support with this, we have some very important dates for your diary:

- Year 8 Information Evening – Wednesday 18 September @ 17:00
- Student Progress Day – Friday 6 December
- Year 8 Progress Evening – Thursday 26 June

Below lists the names of our Year 7 Pastoral Team. For day-to-day queries, please contact your child's tutor. If they are unable to assist you, they will pass your query on to me as their Head of Year.

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| Head of Year | Mr Carpenter                           |
| Tutor 8G1    | Ms Thompson                            |
| Tutor 8G2    | Mr Greener                             |
| Tutor 8P1    | Ms Zubairy-Moore                       |
| Tutor 8P2    | Mrs Hurd-Rhooms/ Mr Butchers (Fridays) |
| Tutor 8T1    | Mr Abiola/ Mr Butchers (Thursdays)     |
| Tutor 8T2    | Mrs Vacy-Ash                           |

### What can you do as a parent/guardian?

Please support your child's preparation for school, ensuring they have the correct uniform and equipment, arrive at school on time and communicate with the school when necessary. You can also support by asking them how their day was or what they have learnt, I am sure they will enjoy sharing all of this with you.

Students have received all logins and passwords for this year, please ensure that your child accesses **Classcharts** on a daily basis to best prepare them for every single day by checking homework, notices and behaviour points.



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

This year all students in school have been provided with a **Lanyard** and **MER Passport**, this is to support students with organisational skills, readying them for the world of work. Both items have been added to our correct uniform list. In Year 8 all students will wear a purple lanyard, any lost lanyards will need to be replaced at the cost of £1.

I want Year 8 to be the best year group in the school and to do that we want to see every student in every lesson every single day. I would like to ask you as a parent/guardian to support me with this ambition. Attendance and Punctuality is a key indicator to success so please encourage and support your child in attending school on time every single day. Every student in the school will now take part in **Morning Line-ups @ 08:40am**. I therefore encourage you to ask your child to arrive at Maiden Erlegh for **08:35am**.

### **What can your child do?**

Students need to try their very best in every lesson, complete homework, wear their uniform with pride and show they are proud to be part of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. Students will continue to be asked to follow The MER Way to make sure that they are Ready, Safe and Respectful always.

We want all students to follow the school values of Aiming High, Being Inclusive and Working Together to be the best version of themselves and give themselves every chance to be successful with us at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.

We want all students to aim to be **MER STARS** and **MER DREAMERS**. Students will be able to do this through aiming high in lessons, working together to support each other and being inclusive.

### **What will we do?**

As a school we are here to teach, help and guide your child and help them to achieve the best education they can get.

It is important that we are working as a team, and we are on this journey together. I look forward to working with you over the next year and I am looking forward to ensuring that your child succeeds in everything that they do here at Maiden Erlegh in Reading.

If you have any pastoral questions or concerns, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance and they will address these. If you have any curriculum concerns, please contact your child's subject teacher. This contact can be made via our reception team, or all staff can be directly contacted via email.

Yours sincerely



**Mr D Carpenter**  
Head of Year 8

