



11 November 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 11, 12 and 13 - Higher and Further Education Fair – Friday 22 November 2024**

We are excited to invite students in Years 11, 12 and 13 to our Higher and Further Education Fair. This will be held at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, in the sports hall on Friday 22 November during the school day, with year groups allocated a dedicated time to attend.

As part of our Careers Education strategy, we have arranged for students to have direct access to post-16 and post-18 guidance, support and information to support young people in making key decisions about their future education and career journey and to help them to think through the different options available to them.

Students will be escorted to the event by Maiden Erlegh School in Reading staff, leaving school at 11am for a return time of 1pm. They will be able to have their lunch break when back on site. Students must be equipped to attend normal lessons, back at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, for Periods 1, 2a and 5.

To support students in Year 11, we have invited a number of local further education colleges and also representatives from Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form so that students can gain the relevant information so that they feel fully informed about making appropriate decisions for life after Year 11. Students will also have access to universities, gap year experts, apprenticeship specialists and training providers if they wish during their allocated time.

To support students in Years 12 and 13, we have invited a large number of universities, apprenticeship and training providers and gap year representatives so that students can think through their options in preparation for when they leave Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form.

Research tells us that students who delay thinking about their career and education choices and options are likely to miss opportunities. We wish for all students to understand the options available at different transition points so that they feel empowered and knowledgeable so that they take control of their own career destinations. Please kindly reinforce our advice that your child should take full advantage of this large gathering of experts and to consider all of the different routes available. We also suggest that having a back-up plan would be a sensible approach when applying for further and higher education.

Yours sincerely

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