



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parents and Carers,

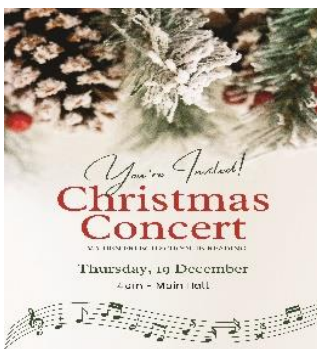
### MER "Heads Up" News

Firstly, I wanted to thank all of you that were able to make our second annual Student Progress Day last week. We welcomed the parents of over 700 students through the doors which was brilliant to see, we hope that if you attended you felt that it was worth your while. We sent a feedback form out on the day, which many of you have already completed. If you haven't yet and would like to, [you can find it here](#) – it is not just for parents who came, it is also for parents who didn't come, so we can understand the barriers to attending.

Meanwhile, we carry on with the countdown to the Christmas holidays, only 2 weeks to go now and it is already starting to feel Christmassy, here are two of our lovely Year 8 students with our tree 🎄



We do hope that you will be able to join us for our Christmas Concert that is taking place in the main hall on Thursday 19 December at 4pm; the students have been working so hard on their performance, it would be lovely to see lots of you there.



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Work Together

At the end of last month, we took a number of year 7 & 8 students on a trip to the Harry Potter studios; a great time was had by all! We also enjoyed our Cultural Dress Day which saw so many of our students in some beautiful, vibrant outfits, and Mrs Gibbs joined in, wearing a fabulous Welsh outfit.

Parents of year 11 students, please don't forget Online Progress Evening is coming up on Thursday 12 December – if you haven't already booked, please do so here [SchoolCloud - Maiden Erlegh School in Reading](#). We hope to see as many of you as possible so that you can be fully informed on your child's progress in this important year. The much awaited PPE results and DCP2 predictions will be sent to you ahead of your meetings. Speaking of which, many Sixth Form applications will be due around this time of year, so please check in with your child to make sure they have done theirs!

Year 7 & 8 will also soon have their first set of tracking data of the year available to parents. Please look out for the email containing this. Year 7 will be sent in the week of 9<sup>th</sup> December and Year 8 in the week of 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please review this information with your child and encourage reflection on the year so far and what steps they can take.

Something that we are finding is happening more and more is students contacting their parents during the day, this particularly seems to happen if they have been asked to go back to class following a visit to Student Services. What has sometimes happened then is parents have turned up to school to collect their child without our knowledge. As you know, students shouldn't be using their phones during school anyway, but please can I ask you to remind your child that if a call needs to be made home during the school day, the school will make the call. If you do receive a message or call during the school day from your child, please contact the school to discuss, please do not come into school without informing us first.

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.20pm.

Best wishes



**Will Graham**

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