

5 September 2025

Dear Students / Parent / Guardian

Welcome Back Letter

We are delighted to welcome our students to Maiden Erlegh School in Reading for the new academic year. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin this exciting new term, we are looking forward to a year filled with opportunity, growth, and success. Our school values – **Determination, Respect, Excellence, Attitude, and Maturity** – will continue to guide all that we do. These principles are not just words but the foundation of the positive and ambitious culture we strive to build together.

This year, we are especially focused on fostering a supportive and high-achieving environment where every student feels valued and challenged to reach their full potential. With a positive mindset and commitment to our shared values, we know this will be a fantastic year for all.

To help students start the year on the right foot, we ask for your support in ensuring that all students arrive each day in the correct **school uniform**, equipped with the **necessary materials for learning**, and wearing their **updated school lanyard and passport** (issued to them on the first day). These small but important details contribute to a calm, focused, and respectful school environment where students can thrive. Please see our uniform and equipment list [here](#).

A message from Mr Carpenter

Welcome back to Year 3 at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading – I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. As you begin Year 9, you're entering an exciting and important stage of your school journey. This is the year you'll start thinking seriously about your GCSE options, exploring your interests, and making decisions that will shape your future and I am excited to be on this journey with you.

We all believe in the MER Dream – to be kind, be proud, and be your best – as we all know the incredible impact this can have on you. This year, I encourage you to truly live that dream: take pride in your learning, be kind to yourself and others, and aim to be the very best version of you in everything you do.



Year 9 is full of opportunity. Embrace it with energy, curiosity, and ambition. We're excited to support you every step of the way. Let's make it a brilliant year!

The Team

The Year 9 tutor team is one of the most fundamental components of the school partnership in ensuring that the students feel content and nurtured. The tutor team is as follows:

Head of Year	Mr Carpenter
Tutor G1	Miss Thompson
Tutor G2	Mr Greener
Tutor P1	Ms Moore
Tutor P2	Mrs Hurd-Rhooms & Mr Abiola
Tutor T1	Mr Butchers
Tutor T2	Mrs Vacy-Ash

If your son/daughter has any problems or queries, their tutor should be their first port of call. The tutor team prides itself on ensuring that everyone is working to the best of their ability and that your son/daughter is fulfilling the high expectations that Maiden Erlegh in Reading prides itself upon.

We thank you for your ongoing partnership and support, and we are excited to work together to make this a successful and rewarding year.

Daily Timings

Tutor Time	08:40 - 9:10
Period 1	09:10 - 10:10
Period 2	10:10 - 11:10
Break	11:10 - 11:35
Period 3	11:35 - 12:35
Period 4	12:35 - 14:10
Period 5	14:10 - 15:10

Homework

While we encourage students to take responsibility for meeting deadlines and managing their time, a little parental help with planning personal study at the beginning of the year would be most appreciated. As a school we set all personal study on 'ClassCharts' and 'Google Classroom'. Please ensure that you speak to your child about upcoming homework deadlines and support them in achieving these.



Attendance and Punctuality

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and students of the importance of good attendance and punctuality to both school and lessons. It is imperative that students arrive on time and are READY to make the most of their learning opportunities.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Key Dates for Year

There are a few important dates that you will need to be aware of, and we ask that you put these in your diaries now, and avoid making appointments at these times.

Year 9 Information Evening - Thursday 18 September 2025

Student Progress Day – Wednesday 17 December 2025

Y9 Progress Evening – Thursday 26 February 2026

Finally, we are incredibly proud of the way in which the year group presented themselves at the beginning of this term. We look forward to working in partnership with you, to ensure an excellent experience for your child in Year 9.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Carpenter if you need help or support. He can be reached by emailing d.carpenter@maidenerleghtrust.org or MERoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org putting FAO Mr Carpenter in the subject line.

With warm regards,
MER Pastoral Team

