



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I wanted to write to you on my penultimate day in school (I will be in for results days!) after nearly six amazing years as Headteacher at Maiden Erlegh School. This place really gets you and the reality of leaving has kicked in fully over the past week or so after receiving so many lovely messages from parents and students.

Reflecting on my time at Maiden Erlegh School, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together. Achieving an "Outstanding" from OfSTED rating was a significant milestone but no surprise based on the exceptional community. Our Progress 8 score of nearly 1.1 last year, placing us among the top 50 secondary schools in England, further exemplifies the exceptional progress our students have made, this is an addition to a 20% increase in A\*-B at A Level over the past few years. Being shortlisted for National Secondary School of the Year was an honour that recognised our collective efforts and commitment to excellence.

The past years, however, have not been without challenges, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it was through our unity, resilience, and unwavering support for one another that we navigated these unprecedented times successfully. It is amazing to think what we had to do such as creating a 'pop up school in 2 days, converting the sport hall into a mass testing facility and responding to guidance as quickly as possible. I am deeply grateful for the cooperation and understanding of parents, the adaptability and perseverance of our students, and the tireless efforts of our staff during this period.

One of the initiatives I am particularly proud of is the introduction of a new house and values system. This system has fostered a stronger sense of community, teamwork, and mutual respect among our students, enriching their educational experience and personal growth. I genuinely believe that these values will help any member of our community to succeed as successful young adults.

Additionally, the opening of the Indigo Resource Hub for our SEND pupils 3 years ago stands as a significant achievement. This facility has provided a dedicated space where our SEND students receive the support they need and deserve to thrive academically and personally, reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunities for all our students.

As I prepare to bid farewell, I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you. Your support and trust to lead this school have been invaluable to me. I am confident that Maiden Erlegh School will continue to flourish under Mr Jump's leadership, and I will back for a few events, especially Beauty and The Beast by our Performing Arts Team!

Thank you for the immense privilege of serving as your child's Headteacher. I wish you and your children continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together