



5 December 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

## End of Autumn Term Update

As we come to the end of the autumn term, it is a great moment to look back on everything we have enjoyed and achieved together. Our Year 7, and new Year 12 students have had a fantastic start to their Maiden Erlegh School journey, and the whole term has been full of energy and great moments. From the Year 11 trip to Cologne in September, the creative buzz of the Artists' Workshops in October, and the wonderful energy and enthusiasm seen in the students who took part in the annual Lionheart business challenge in November, there has been plenty to celebrate. You can catch up on these highlights, and much more, in our celebration newsletter, *Spotlight*, which can be found [here](#).

Bravo to our fantastic Year 10, 11, and 13 students for the amazing effort you put into your PPEs and Prelims! We are so proud of your hard work and perseverance. You've shown what dedication looks like, and we know you'll continue to shine in your upcoming exams.

## Upcoming Events

In the spirit of Christmas, and following the success of last year, the canteen will be offering Christmas-themed food options throughout next week. Rather than holding one single Christmas lunch, we are spreading the festive treats across the week in the hope of spreading even more joy.

We invite to all students from Years 7 to 13 to join us at the Winter Fayre in the Main Hall on Wednesday 10 December between 3pm and 4pm. There will be live music from student bands, food and games for students to enjoy. Money raised will be divided between the 6th form fund and the charity Launchpad. Launchpad is a charity that tackles homelessness across Reading by providing housing, support services, advice, and runs a dedicated centre for life and work skills training.



The energy will certainly continue into December with our Winter Showcase on Tuesday 16 December, a must for the diary and always full of festive joy.

### **Reminders for January**

As we enter a new term on Monday 5 January, I would like to focus on a few reminders on our return.

**School Uniform** - our experience, and what we have seen in other schools, shows that maintaining high standards of dress and appearance makes a real difference. When students take pride in how they present themselves, they're far more likely to take pride in their learning too. Your support in ensuring your child wears the correct school uniform is greatly appreciated and reinforces an inclusive culture. A full list of our school uniform can be found on our website [here](#).

**Equipment for Learning** - success starts with being prepared! A well-equipped pencil case means students can jump straight into learning without delay. Please keep the items listed below in a transparent pencil case so tutors can quickly check readiness each morning. We understand that larger items like scientific calculators and maths sets may not fit, so these can be carried separately in school bags.

- Pens – black/blue, green and red
- Writing pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- 30cm ruler
- Maths set (containing protractor, compass, set square)
- Scientific calculator – we recommend a Casio calculator FX-83GT CW or FX-85GT CW
- At least 2 highlighters

We recognise that some families may at this time be experiencing financial hardship. If this is the case or you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, then please contact the relevant Head of Year, if you require additional support.

### **Website Updates**

Our website is a comprehensive hub for everything MES, serving as a catalogue of information including school policies, news, events, and resources for both parents and students. We have recently refreshed the curriculum section with the latest updates, so you can easily see what your child is learning at school. You will also find our 2026/27 term dates on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

### **Farewell to Staff**

We say farewell to Mr Denny, English Teacher. We thank him for his contribution to the English department and wish him well in his next chapter.

### **Christmas Card Competition Winner**



We are thrilled to announce that Elena in Year 7 is the winner of our Christmas card competition! Her design is full of festive cheer and has been proudly shared across the school. You will find her wonderful artwork at the end of this letter. Do take a look!

### **Arrangements for the End of Term**

The last day of term will be Friday 19 December, with students being dismissed at 12.15pm. Please note that students are expected to wear full school uniform on the last day.

End of term celebratory assemblies will also be spread over the final weeks of term, where all students will attend a Year group assembly on the theme of 'the importance of giving' alongside celebrating the wonderful achievements of their year group.

### **Looking Ahead to 2026**

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to say a big thank you for all your support. Your partnership in your child's learning has been incredible, and together we have celebrated so many achievements and moments of growth. Here is to an exciting year ahead in 2026, filled with new opportunities and successes!

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 5 January 2026 at 8:30am, bright and ready for the new term.

Sending you all our very best wishes for a joyful festive season and a bright, successful year ahead!

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

