

# Maiden Erlegh Trust

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **A successful year for the Trust**

This past year has been a very important and successful year for Maiden Erlegh School and Maiden Erlegh School in Reading and its stakeholders.

Both schools are part of the Maiden Erlegh Multi Academy Trust and I wanted to write to you, as Chief Executive of the Trust, to tell you a little more about the impact of the Trust over the last year and how both schools continue to offer your children an excellent education.

Providing opportunity, celebrating diversity and enabling success for young people is at the heart of all that we do and our successful bid to the government and work on the opening of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading has enabled us to broaden our impact. In September 2016 we will be responsible for the education and outcomes of 2,160 children in the local area. I am pleased to report that both Maiden Erlegh Schools are full with waiting lists.

In addition, Maiden Erlegh School is a designated National Teaching School which allows the Trust to play its part as a wider system leader providing school-to-school consultancy support both locally and more widely in the region and taking a lead role in training the next generation of teachers.

But none of this has been at the expense of success at Maiden Erlegh School. The Trust has always been very clear that any development will not be to the detriment of our founding school, Maiden Erlegh School.

The Trust asked me to launch and lead the opening of Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. I was delighted to have the opportunity to launch our brand new school and we were very pleased to appoint Mary Davies as Headteacher of Maiden Erlegh School from September 2015. Mary has worked for the Trust for over nine years and has a wealth of experience and success of school leadership, school inspection and school-to-school support. Maiden Erlegh School continues to flourish under her leadership. Maiden Erlegh School in Reading has also had a most successful year as confirmed by monitoring visits from the Department for Education.

We are already starting to see the benefits of being a Trust and the two schools working closely together, including economies of scale and recruitment and retention of high quality staff. In times of reducing budgets from the government and increased costs for staffing, this has enabled us to maintain our high standards of education.

The impact of our success this year has been evident in the national recognition for exceptional academic progress and attainment which saw Maiden Erlegh students performing in the top 10% for high grades at GCSE; a national award for outstanding progress between Key Stages 2 and 4; a Certificate of Excellence from the organisation that measures success at A Level and a local and regional award to recognise the measurable progress that students in receipt of Pupil Premium funding make at Maiden Erlegh School. The Department for Education acknowledges the high levels of progress and attainment of students at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading.



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A strength of the Trust is that expertise from both schools is shared to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children in our care.

Please take some time to look on both websites to see the many celebrations and successes of both schools over the year. I have been struck by the sheer range and quality of opportunities available to our students across the Trust.

<http://maidenerleghschool.co.uk/>

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As a National Teaching School, not only are we able to provide wider system leadership to improve the outcomes of young people, we are also bringing more people into the teaching profession by offering high quality teacher training across both schools. Many of the teachers we train remain with the Trust, which helps our recruitment of high quality staff in times of challenging teacher recruitment. As we grow we can provide more opportunities for staff to develop and this enables us to retain these high quality staff within the Trust. This means they will stay longer and have more impact on more children.

None of our success would have been possible without the dedication and expertise of our staff. I would like to acknowledge their hard work over the last academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to notify you that Huw Jones, Chairman of Maiden Erlegh Trust is stepping down at the end of this academic year after thirteen years of loyal service. We are grateful to Huw for his leadership, support and guidance over the years and wish him well for the future. Huw Jones said "I have very much enjoyed my time with the school and the Trust. I have seen it go from strength to strength and wish everyone associated with the Maiden Erlegh Trust continued success".

I am pleased that Nick Jones, a current member of the Trust will take over as Chairman from September 2016. Nick Jones said "I have been associated with Maiden Erlegh School and the Trust for over 15 years. I am delighted to take over the leadership from Huw. I know the Trust is well placed to meet the future with confidence.

On behalf of the Trust, we look forward to another successful year for all our stakeholders.

Yours sincerely



Peter Thomas  
Chief Executive of Maiden Erlegh Trust