

# THE MAIDEN ERLEGH MARVEL

## Open Evening

By Emma Graugnard 8G1

Open Evening was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. It was an evening for Year 5s & 6s, and their parents, to look around our school to decide whether it is the school to which to send their child. Many students and staff of MESiR helped out with subject areas and tours for the parents. It was a superb evening for the school with large numbers looking around - which shows that our school is already very popular for future parents of MESiR pupils.

There were many activities for the children to complete for each subject. The teachers talked about their subjects and showed the parents and children around the new school buildings.

We should be proud of how well we showcased our school and we look forward to welcoming our new year 7 students in September 2017.

## Guatemala Fund Raising

By Amishi Gupta , Year 8

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, two people came and talked to us about Guatemala and some of its problems: lack of schooling, extreme poverty and gender inequality.

Danielle Skogan talked to us about gender inequality and how it affects girls' lives at school. She told us people there still believe in the old cultures, saying that girls shouldn't go to school; instead they should stay at home to do housework and take care of children/siblings. She also talked about how there are brides at the age of 12. Some girls have 3 children before the age of 18! Danielle's programme was designed to challenge the out-of-date notion and to help girls have more choices.

James Richardson talked to us about schooling and education problems. There are children wanting to go to school and make a career but their parents can't pay for uniform or school stationery. He also talked about the political problems of Guatemala. The charity he worked for wanted to provide a basic education for poor children in Guatemala.

As you know, we had a non-uniform day and brought in £1 each as a donation with pencils and other little stationery items to help the Guatemalan children! Watch this space for photos of

the children using our gifts. Thank you to everyone who contributed on this day.

## Progress of the New Building

Jan Rojek, Year 7

Our new building is nearly complete! On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October the teachers are going to move everything from the temporary accommodation to the new building.

In September, we were given the sports hall; that was phase 1. On November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be given the front half of the building - phase 2 - and in December - phase 3 - we will be using the whole building including an ICT suite, laboratories, a huge dining hall, a main hall, a drama studio, a learning support centre, a student reception area, an outdoor, multi-use games area, technology rooms and specialist rooms for each subject.

The place where the temporary accommodation currently sits will be the school car park for the teachers and visitors to the school.

I am very excited to get into the new school and most of you students reading this are as well. I would like to thank the whole of the building team at Kier for building our new school.



The new building is virtually complete.

!!! STOP PRESS !!! Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

We are in the permanent building at long last.

### Inside....

- ✚ Rugby results for the half term
- ✚ Jokes, jokes, jokes
- ✚ Life hacks

The photographs for this edition have been taken by Samuel Ramesh, 7P2.

## 5 simple life hacks you need to know.

By Ziyad Malik 7TI

How is Maiden Erlegh for you? Difficult? Easy? Neutral? No matter your current climate at this school, here are 5 easy and simple life hacks that will make any day even better...

1. **Struggling to pay attention to the teacher?** No worries. If you think about or do something you enjoy before your lesson, your brain will be able to concentrate and listen effectively. This has been scientifically proven to have worked and is a great way to make your lesson even more interesting.

2. **Don't want to miss another bus?** If you use public transport like me to arrive at school, next time you're at a bus stop, take a picture of the bus timetable and put it as your wallpaper - set one as your home screen and one as the lock screen.

3. **Wrestling yourself out of bed every morning?** Try placing your alarm out of your arm's reach and use the most annoying alarm tone. This will force you to get out of bed to turn off the horrendous, loud noise in your room. Once you're out of your bed, it's much easier to start getting ready for school.

4. **Do you not enjoy reading a chapter or a few pages for homework?** This trick will give you some extra motivation. Simply buy a pack of your favourite sweets and put them to the side of your open reading book. Give yourself a sweet for every one or two paragraphs you read.

5. **If you want to impress your maths teacher and class,** you can recite the value of pi to seven decimal points by counting the digits in each word of this sentence: **May I have a large container of coffee [3.1415926].**

I hope you can use these life hacks to make your day at Maiden Erlegh Reading even greater than before.

## and more... Life hacks

Ethar Oglah, Year 7

Are you struggling with finding mistakes in your work?

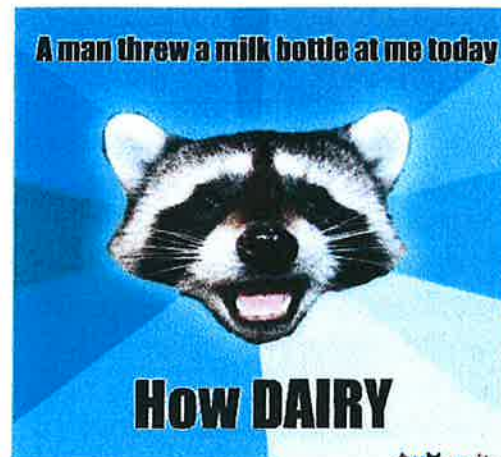
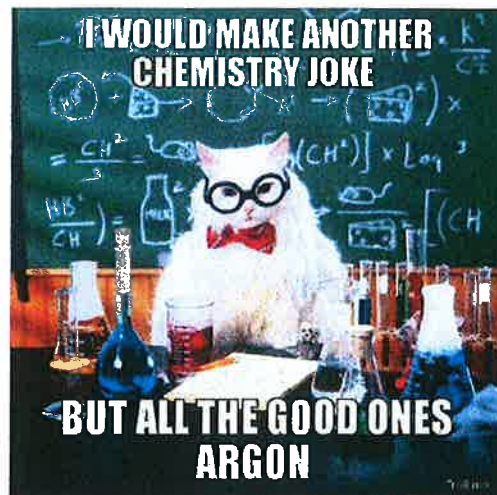
1. You are 50% most likely to find your mistakes by reading your work out loud.
2. Writing worries before exams has been proven to actually boost your test scores.
3. If you are feeling sleepy, hold your breath as long as you can then breathe out slowly.
4. Eating chocolate while studying makes your brain learn new information more easily.
5. Eating bananas is a neutral cure to reduce effects of stress and anxiety.



what do you call  
a fake noodle?

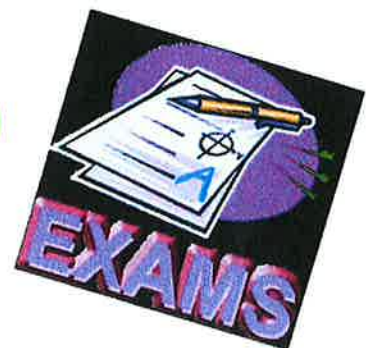


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Jokes supplied by Ziyad Malik, Year 7

No  
worries!



## New Tutor Reps

In September we welcomed our new tutor reps. These students will be representing student views on the school council and liaising with staff about the student body's views.



Look at us using our brand new sports hall for assembly.

If you have an issue you would like to raise, talk to your form representative who will be happy to help you at any time.



Not sure he liked wearing Miss Davies' trolley. Who is it?

Do you remember...?

...when your teachers had to use these to bring their books for your lessons?

Here they are 'beetling' along.

(The first person who can explain that joke to Mrs Escott-New can have a commendation.)



## Sports News

This year saw the launch of our first year 7 and 8 rugby teams. Here are the results of a very successful first half term in the local school rugby league. Billy Firth has the team news.

### Year 7 Rugby Begins

By Billy Firth, Year 7

**7<sup>th</sup> October:** Two weeks ago was the first rugby match for year 7 and they just lost 3-2 against a good Oakbank side. Hoping for a better result, the team prepared for the second match but once again were unlucky in losing 4-0 to The Wren. Ibrahim, scorer of both tries, was very happy getting man of the match for his hard work.

**14<sup>th</sup> October:** New week, new start and the rugby team was raring to go and play again. Firstly, they came up against Blessed Hugh Faringdon and after a great comeback, the game finished 5 apiece. Unfortunately, losing 5-4 against Theale Green was a big blow but men of the match, Charlie, Jonathan and Billy, as well as the rest of the team, were very happy that they had represented the school in the manner that they did.

**7<sup>th</sup> October: Results, results, results, results...**

Year 7's drew 25-25 to Blessed Hugh Faringdon and lost 25-20 to Theale Green. Man of the match was split between Charlie Lynch, Johnathon Kabir and Billy Firth.

Year 8's won 20-5 against St Joes and 20-0 against Oakbank. Man of the match went to Samyak Dhital.

**14<sup>th</sup> October: Results, results, results, results...**

Year 7s lost 15-10 (3-2) to Bohunt school and won 35-15 (7-3) against Deneffield School. Man of the Match was Ahmed Cheik

Year 8 drew 5-5 (1-1) against Bulmershe and then beat Prospect 25-0 (5-0). Man of the Match was split between Bilal Tarakai and Mo Kanu.



And say 'hello' to our teams...



Year 8 storm through their matches becoming top of the local school league – what an achievement.



Year 7 get off to a great start in their first competitive season.

!!!!!!! STOP PRESS !!!!!!!  
Year 8 are at the top of the Championship League – next week the play offs to get into the Premier League. Good luck to our heroic team.