

UniServity cLc Case Study: Maiden Erlegh School



Maiden Erlegh

Student Voice

Maiden Erlegh School, Wokingham, has approximately 1830 students from the ages of 11 - 18. www.maidenerlegh.wokingham.sch.uk

The team at Maiden Erlegh School have continued their creative approach to using the UniServity cLc (connected Learning communities) Learning Platform to bring the wider school community closer. Through a comprehensive transition project, and building links with other schools within and beyond their local authority area, the team led by Parras Majithia have empowered students to lead their own learning, benefitting from the links, communications and collaboration with other students and teachers.

Year 7's have used the Learning Platform to create blogs, forums and media clips to share their experiences of the first days at Maiden Erlegh with Year 6's before they arrive; Year 7's share their thoughts on their first day; the first week; and the first term. Year 7's have also created their own FAQ's for new arrivals including everything from, being nervous before and on arrival at the school, making friends, extra-curricular activities, bullying, homework and more. The hundreds of views and comments posted clearly demonstrates how useful new arrivals find the E-Buddies system.



Dr Peter Thomas, Headteacher, commented, "I am delighted that the innovative ICT work that Maiden Erlegh School has developed with our local primary schools on E-Buddies has received national recognition with the UniServity Learning Platform Award for Excellence. We are always looking for better ways to strengthen our links with our local primary school partners and the E- Buddies scheme was, we felt, a better way to connect with our community partners.

We know that the transfer from primary to secondary school can be daunting for some year 6 pupils and wanted to provide an E-Buddies system to make the transfer as smooth as possible and to ease any worries that they might have. We have found that the E-Buddies scheme has had a very positive impact on providing first -hand reassurance to prospective pupils from existing pupils at Maiden Erlegh who have just experienced the transfer process. What has impressed me about the scheme is the simplicity and the natural way in which the youngsters communicate. I would recommend E-Buddying to all schools."



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Welcome to Maiden Erlegh School!

We have set up this forum for you so that you can ask us questions about what it is like to be in Year 7 at Maiden Erlegh.

There are different topic categories in the forum so that you can post your questions to the most appropriate place.

Feel free to ask us anything that you would like to know about the school and we will do our best to reply to your post as soon as we can.

Remember also to take a look at the questions that other people have asked as you might find one that answers your question!

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Year 7 eBuddies

Topic	Views	Posts
General Questions... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	817	232
Art Activities... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	179	37
Music/Drama Activities... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	204	33
Sports Activities... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	383	86
Getting Around the School... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	249	52
At Lunch... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	333	73
In Lessons... Created By Mr Majithia(MES_MJ)	276	63

My First Day

On September the 4th I woke up, got changed and was ready to head to Maiden Erlegh School. At the time I felt nervous but also extremely excited for multiple reasons, my friends and I reached the school and saw a huddle of small, young kids and we knew straight away that's where we meet.

Firstly we were taken to the hall where we would find out our tutor groups and rooms. I was biting my nails because I wanted to be with my friends. I then heard my name called and looking around I stood up I realized I was with no one I knew except 3 girls. But this can not be all bad at least I will make new friends. I found out my tutor Miss Bullock was very kind.

When we were shown to are tutor areas we where told a lot about the school like lunch breaks how the lessons will work. We where the given our school homework diary or as some say a planner; we then talked about each part of the diary.

We then had to prepare for our first lesson...English some of us were in a bit of a muddle but then eventually got to the correct lesson. My teacher was Miss Freyne, in English we were talking about why we must behave in every lesson, and then we where given our English books and told are homework. Then as a little activity we did a spider diagram.

Examples of Learning Platform screenshots at Maiden Erlegh School highlighting the impact and success of the E – Buddies system including 7 online forum topics resulting in 2441 views and 576 posts by Year 6 students moving to the school.

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