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Dear Parent/Guardian

Careers Fair – Thursday 9 March 2023

We are excited to invite you to the Maiden Erlegh Trust's Annual Careers Fair to be held at Maiden Erlegh School, Silverdale Road, Earley, RG6 7HS. This will be held in the Sixth Form Centre and the L and G Blocks on **Tuesday 9 March 2023** between **6.00pm** and **8.00pm**. Entrance will be through the Sixth Form Centre doors. This is the first "in person" event since 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and we know that representatives are eager to attend the Careers Fair and share their experience and expertise with our students.

The Careers Fair helps students to focus on the world of work, to begin to develop their ideas about employment and to make important choices about their futures. The event is for students from Years 7 through to Year 13. Year 8 students will be able to source helpful guidance for their GCSE options, and Year 11 for their A level options, as well as giving guidance on Careers choices for all students, whenever they leave. School leavers who delay thinking about their career choice are likely to miss opportunities. Please reinforce our advice that your child should take advantage of this large gathering of experts.

A large and varied number of representatives attend the Careers Fair, giving students access to information about a full range occupational opportunities. To cater for all possible careers and destinations, we will have representatives from apprenticeship providers, gap year providers and employers from a wide range of different industries – including animal care, clinical research, engineering, electrical & energy, finance, food science, healthcare, media production, uniformed services and many more.

A programme of representatives attending will be available on our website in due course. Students may attend with their parents or unaccompanied. If unaccompanied, we cannot accept responsibility for your child on the journey to and from the site. Students do not need to wear uniform if they are attending this event.

For up to date information and details of the representatives, please follow the Careers Department Twitter account @MESCareersDept. As an idea as to how this event has run in the past, please view our website, [here](#), where a short YouTube video is also available from the event in February 2020

Please note that parking is limited on site and we would recommend walking, car sharing, or parking off site to help alleviate localized congestion. However, please be mindful of our neighbours if you choose to park in the local area.

We hope you can attend this event with your children to speak to industry experts and explore the opportunities available to them so that they take control of their own career destinations.

Yours sincerely



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