



# CAREERS Spotlight



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CAREERS EDUCATION AT MAIDEN ERLEGH TRUST: DESIGNED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH CAREER-RELATED NEWS, INFORMATION, RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

**Coming  
Soon!**

# unifrog

The universal careers platform



## unifrog

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THAT UNIFROG WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EVERY MET STUDENT TO USE VERY SOON...**

### The Complete Destinations Platform

Unifrog is an online platform that supports schools and colleges to deliver their statutory duty to provide students with impartial and independent guidance on the full range of Post-16 and Post-18 options.

Unifrog is the only place where students can compare every undergraduate course in the UK as well as international opportunities. Additionally, Unifrog provides students with access to the most comprehensive list of live apprenticeships available across the country including Higher, SLP and degree apprenticeships, as well as FE courses.

Once students have explored their interests and compared the full range of pathways available to them, Unifrog provides one place for students to draft all materials needed for applications such as CVs and Personal Statements.

All students, across all year groups, now have access to the platform in keeping with our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step.

### Benefits for teachers

Unifrog is a whole-school careers platform. It allows teachers and careers advisors to track their pupils' progress and keep a record of their research and all of the careers interactions each student has received. It makes it easy for teachers and careers advisors to work with students to find the best next step for them. Staff are able to provide feedback on applications, comment on students' research, log careers interviews and interactions as well as upload action plans, and provide support and feedback on application materials.

### Information for parents and carers

Every parent/carers can have their own login to Unifrog, where they can access the tools, information, and guidance to support their child to make their best next step. Contact your child's Head of Year to receive your unique login for Unifrog, and receive support on how to navigate the Unifrog platform.

If you would like more information on Unifrog please visit their website: [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

**Where you end up after school is in your hands.**  
Log in to Unifrog today.

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## HELPFUL REMINDER:

ENCOURAGING EXPLORATION OF OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES...



VIRTUAL DEGREE TASTER SESSIONS

THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

CALLING ALL 14-18 YR OLD STUDENTS!

Sign Up Today

### Free Degree Tasters - Fully online experience

Springpod Degree Tasters let you explore a university degree before you apply. Enrol now onto our free programmes. 4.9/5 on TrustPilot.

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Find out what it's like to study Geography, Environmental Science, Business, Drama, plus **many more subjects** at a variety of universities!



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

CALLING ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 8 - 13!

GAIN EXPERIENCE & INSIGHT INTO THE WORLD OF WORK VIRTUALLY!

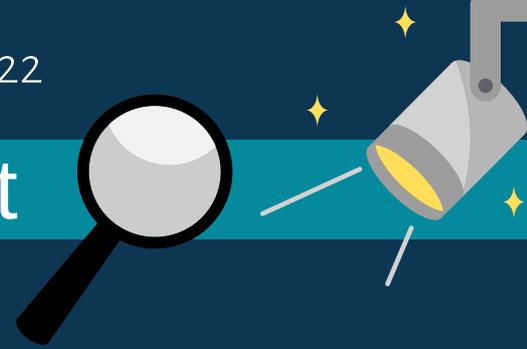
### Virtual Work Experience Search

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## CAREERS ACROSS THE TRUST



### A NEW BUILDING = A FRESH CANVAS!

WITH THE HELP OF STUDENTS - MR VERSACE & MRS FINLASON HAVE PLANS TO POUR COLOUR, & CREATIVITY INTO THE NEW SCHOOL THROUGH INSPIRATIONAL CAREERS DISPLAYS.... WATCH THIS SPACE!

\*PLUS, YEAR 10 CAREERS APPOINTMENTS TO START SOON!\*

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### Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge - May 18-20: Year 10 Work Experience and Careers Event

#### Workshops and sessions included:

- CV & Cover Letter workshop
- Interview Techniques & dress to impress workshop
- Mini Careers Fair
- Attendance at 'A Day in the Life...' seminars led by a fantastic group of outside employers arranged by Mrs Chopra
- Payslip & Budgeting workshop
- Exploring careers sectors and jobs workshop
- Strengths & Skills workshop

The highly successful event ended on Friday 20 June with a talk from Mr Hartley who shared sage wisdom about making post 16 decisions.

Each student was presented with a well-deserved 'Certificate of Attendance'.

Students reported they learned a great deal to help them prepare for their future after school.

We thank every employer for coming to MECE to share inspirational, informative and wise career information & advice.

#### STUDENTS AND COLLEGES IN ACTION AT MECE

Year 10 students enjoyed 3 days of workshops and sessions organised by the Careers Team and greatly supported by Teachers and Mr Hartley.



Students spoke with representatives from bca, henley college, reading boys school, reading college, & utc reading. We thank every representative for attending.

### PLANS FOR CAREERS DISPLAYS

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MR BAGGLEY & MRS FINLASON  
ARE KEEN FOR STUDENTS TO  
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CAREERS DISPLAYS AND RESOURCES  
WITHIN THE COLLEGE...  
PHOTOS SOON!



WE ARE DELIGHTED CAREERS APPOINTMENTS WILL BE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS

# CAREERS AROUND THE TRUST

## SUMMER TERM 2022



**THALES**

**Maiden Erlegh School**



### YEAR 8 Cyber Fraud Challenge – Friday 13 May:

70 enthusiastic and determined Year 8 “Cyber Engineers” at MES were led by a representative from Thales and Smallpeice – the Education Charity - in a ‘Cyber Fraud Challenge’. Students learned the importance of protecting customers data and detecting cyber weaknesses through ethical hacking. We definitely have some future Cyber Security and Computer experts here!

### YEAR 9 Careers Inspiration Day - Friday 17 June

Students immersed themselves in 5 career sectors through research and engaging with employer representatives from Microsoft, Thales, Red10, Covea Insurance & Thames Water . Students also created some presentations for which house points were awarded to those whose presentations were especially strong and powerful. Some students also enjoyed the opportunity to create and present an 'Enterprise Project' - showcasing their creative & planning skills, as well as business acumen!

### YEAR 7 Ozobots Challenge – Thursday 23 June

Thales returned to lead a group of Year 7 in using ‘Ozobots’. Working in pairs the students learned to code using pens containing special ink to control their robot. It was a fascinating day!

### YEAR 9 Spotlight on Skills Sessions – Thursday 23 June

Thales worked with our Year 9 students who will learn about and develop skills for the workplace. Through taking part in a teambuilding exercise and learning about ‘A Day in the Life of an Engineer’ – students will have the opportunity to discuss the skills required for the exercise and to be an engineer.

### YEAR 10 Work Shadow Day - Friday 24 June

MES Students in Year 10 had some fantastic placements arranged at local and more distant companies & organisations. Spending a day in the workplace was an exciting and key opportunity for them all.

### YEAR 12 Future Pathways Day - Friday 24 June

Students took part in a fantastic Future Pathways event designed to help them make informed choices & decisions about their future at post 18. The day involved workshops & presentations from Barclays, Reading University, Henley Business School, and our UCAS coordinator and tutors on writing a personal statement for University applications.

### YEAR 7 S.T.E.A.M. Day - Friday 1 July

Year 7 students thoroughly enjoyed participating in 4 STEAM related activities run by Covea Insurance, Thales and Thames Water. Activities included an 'Escape Room' and 'Bin it, don't block it'

## Maiden Erlegh School in Reading

Year 10 students at MER had either a fantastic 2 days of Work Experience Days OR a brilliant day at Zebra Technologies Ltd in Bourne End (a Technology company specialising in scanners and printers, label and RFID products!). Every student learned a great deal through these experiences - opening their eyes to the world of work and all sorts of options and opportunities for their futures.



Photos are from the action-packed day at Zebra Tech



# CAREERS AROUND THE TRUST

## SUMMER TERM 2022

Just before the end of term, our Maiden Erlegh Trust schools have been celebrating our third and final 'Careers Week' for this academic year. **Maiden Erlegh School in Reading** chose 'Climate Change' as a topic – which has captured the imagination of all.

Throughout the Trust schools – students and teachers have been using the fantastic resources created by **Miss Ryan at MER!** Topics included:

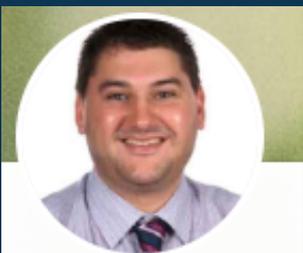
- Exploring careers and climate change and sustainability and hot topics such as:
- What does it mean to be green?
- 'Brain drain'
- Country efforts activity
- Subject specific career spotlight

Plus, related extra reading material has also been provided for students

We are thrilled that our students and teachers have embraced and prioritised time for looking at these important topics, as well as considering careers related to the environment.

**We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work of the 'Careers Champions' throughout the Trust and all the teaching and support teams for their time and help throughout the year for all things 'careers' – Your efforts are greatly appreciated and make a difference -**

# Thank you all!

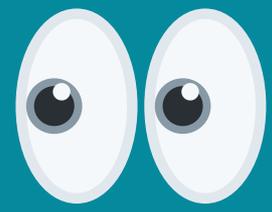


# Thank you, Mr Buck

Finally, we would like to wish a sad but also very fond farewell to Mr Buck, as our Trust Careers Lead. Some of Mr Buck's careers-related achievements have involved local and even national awards. Yet, much of the work Mr Buck has done over the years has been unseen and done behind the scenes. The fantastic programme for careers – for both MES and the whole Trust – has been created through his drive, passion, innovation, and determination.

A big 'Thank You' Mr Buck – you have done so very much for our careers provision and we are all extremely grateful.

*Mr Buck – We wish you the very best in your new role within the trust and know you will bring great knowledge, experience, and passion to it. We will miss you.*



# KEEP AN EYE ON...



- Weekly: 'Job of the week' or 'Skill of the week' videos
- Work experience opportunities
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Career-related events / fairs / webinars
- Information & top tips



## Careers appointments

- All students in Years 11 and 13 - will have an opportunity to meet Mrs Finlason for a careers appointment (if they have not yet had an appointment) during the Autumn of academic year - 2022-2023
- Students in Years 10 and 12 will have appointments starting in the Spring Term of 2023



- Moving on to pastures new...

*Wishing every year 11, 12/13 student the very best for your future!*



**Quote of the term:** "Don't wait for the right opportunity - create it" George Bernard Shaw



## TOP TIP CORNER:

### **Self-awareness is key -**

When it comes to discovering jobs and following a career which will suit you - consider your unique interests, strengths, skills, values and preferences.

Talk to those at home, friends, teachers, Careers Adviser, take quizzes, find work experience.

### **CONSIDER:**

Which jobs inspire and suit YOU?