



MAIDEN ERLEGH
TRUST



RIVER ACADEMY



Welcome

Andy Johnson, Executive Director of Education (Maiden Erlegh Trust)

- Maiden Erlegh Trust is Berkshire and Oxfordshire-based and currently consists of six schools working as part of one organisation: three secondary, one primary, one special and one alternative provision. We are opening our seventh school in September (Oaktree School which is special school in Winnersh.)
- Our community and inclusion values and moral purpose are realised by a commitment to welcoming the full range of settings and covering all age groups and serving the local area.
- The opening of River Academy, a new secondary school, is therefore a very exciting and relevant next step.
- River Academy will open to its first year group in September 2024.

Welcome (continued)

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- Maiden Erlegh Trust schools strive to nurture and challenge every learner in safe and stimulating environments, where difference and diverse achievements are celebrated, and where every individual feels a sense of belonging.
- The aim of River Academy is to support young people to develop the personal attributes needed to thrive as citizens in today's modern world whilst pursuing their full potential and aspirations.
- River Academy will offer an ambitious and innovative curriculum, a targeted vocational approach focusing on an applied qualifications linked to enterprise, digital and creative media, and personal development programme.

Introducing the Headteacher

Andy Hartley, Principal Designate



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- Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, Sonning Common
(Headteacher)
- Brakenhale, Bracknell
(Deputy Headteacher)
- The Downs School, Compton
(Assistant Headteacher)

Why River Academy?

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- New buildings and state-of-the-art facilities
- Maiden Erlegh Trust
- Year 7 in year 1
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Experienced Headteacher
- Strong culture and values
- Therapeutic support

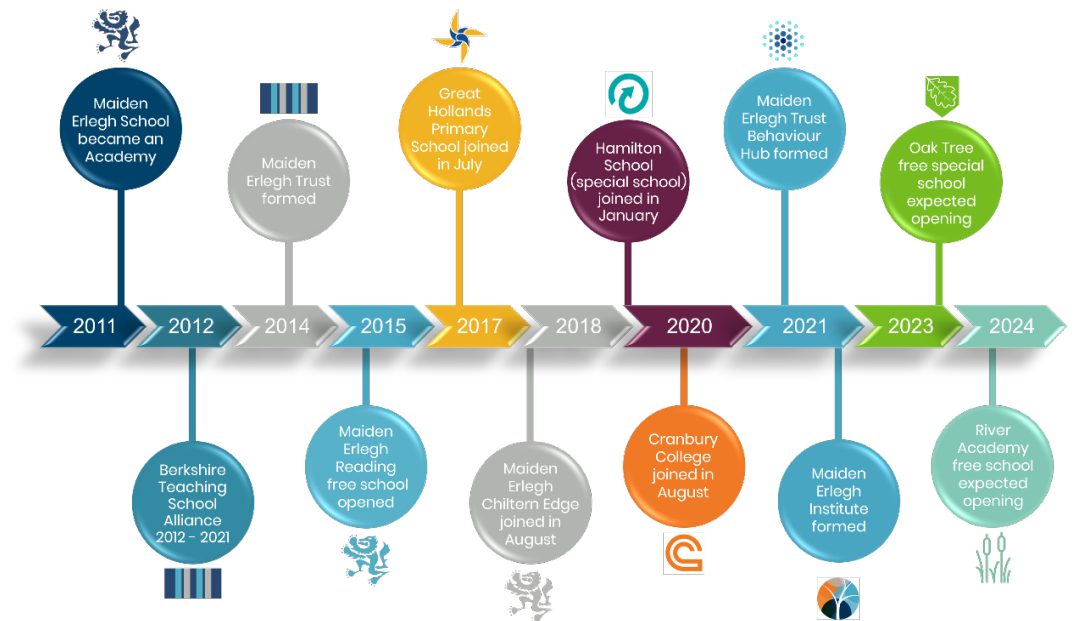
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- OFSTED record
- Academic results
- Expertise within the Trust
- Expertise in primary, secondary, special and behavioural education
- Financially sound
- Behaviour Hub work
- CIS



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- 9th ranked Multi Academy Trust out of 198 nationally for Progress 8
- 14th ranked Multi Academy Trust for attainment at GCSE
- 27th ranked Trust for progress for disadvantaged students at GCSE
- 1st in the South East of England

Vision and Ethos

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- **Aim high. Be inclusive. Work together.** River Academy will strive to bring out the best in students of all abilities, whilst enabling them to enjoy the challenges of learning at the highest level.
- River Academy will provide a high-quality, aspirational and inclusive education within a community where every student can find their place, feel safe and happy, and aim high, based on their own merits and aspirations.
- As part of the Maiden Erlegh school community, River Academy will contribute to building a community of schools where a community ethos prevails in order to nurture, challenge, and celebrate young people.

Values

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- Community
- Empathy
- Respect
- Excellence
- Determination





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Teaching and Curriculum

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- Our vision focuses on relentlessly and ambitiously developing all students into decent citizens in today's modern world by equipping them with skills and knowledge for future education, employment, and adulthood.
- The curriculum will be an integrated matrix of taught, enrichment, and vocational elements, aimed at developing academic and course learning, cultural capital, personal development, student leadership and the preparation for the world of work and life in modern Britain.
- Our curriculum will be provided by talented specialist staff.

Curriculum Offer

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- Academic
- Vocational - Digital and Creative, Retail Business
- Links to industry and strong careers programme
- Purple Pathway






Buildings and Facilities

Julie Foster, Head of School Operations



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- £1 million of new IT equipment
- New buildings including ...
 -  MUGA
 -  Drama Studio
 -  Sports Hall
 -  Activity Studio
 -  SEND area

Culture

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- High expectations of work, behaviour, readiness to learn
- Clear behaviour policy
- Celebration and rewards
- A clear uniform and identity
- Homework and study support
- Calm corridors and classrooms
- Clear 'Teaching and Learning' methodology
- Parent School agreement
- Oracy and respect at the forefront

School Day

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- A later start to support families and traffic flow
- Independent study and homework time built into the weekly timetable
- Tutor reading and numeracy work each week to support literacy
- Extra-curricular activities for all on a Wednesday

Bespoke & Therapeutic Support

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- A suite of SEND support rooms
- A highly qualified team of experienced staff to support students in their transition to secondary school
- Behaviour Mentors, ELSA, Disadvantaged co-ordinator



A Small School ...

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Year 1

- Year 7 only

Year 2

- Year 7 and 8 only

Uniform

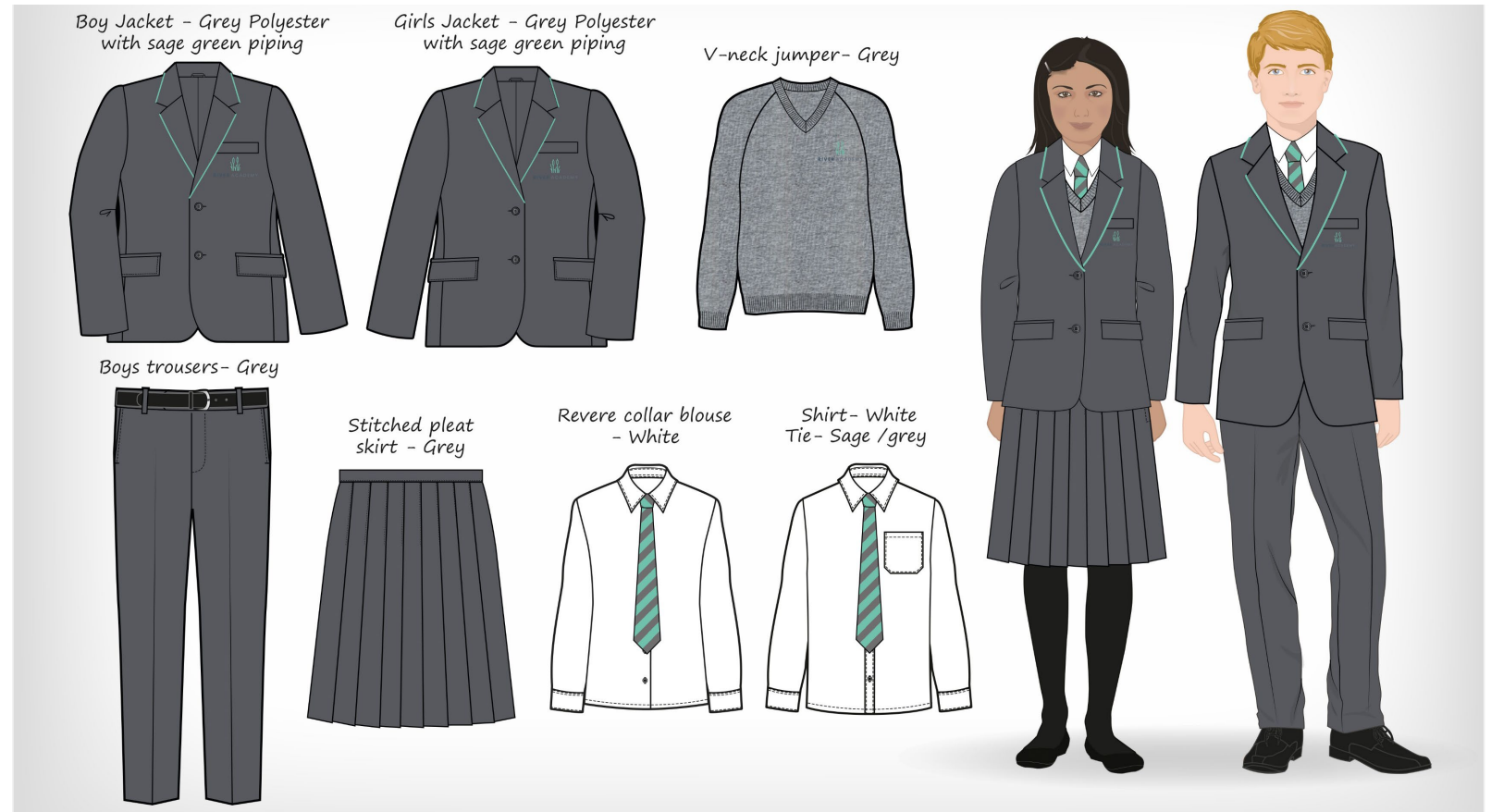
Alison Hobby, Head of Marketing & Communications



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Although not yet finalised, this is an example of what we expect the River Academy uniform will look like.

Whilst there will be some branded items, we will be keeping these to a minimum with most items available direct from the high street.



Admissions

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How to apply for entry 2024/25



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River Academy has an admission number of **240** for entry in Year 7.



The closing date for applications is **31 October 2023**.



To apply, the **separate River Academy application form** should be completed and returned to Brighter Futures for Children, in addition to your home local authority form.



The application form can be found on the River Academy website: www.river-academy.co.uk and in due course it will be also be available on the website of Brighter Futures for Children



Once complete, application forms can be submitted by emailing them direct to admissions@brigherfuturesforchildren.org.

Open Event

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- **In Person Event** (hosted at Rivermead Leisure Centre)
Wednesday 20 September, 5:00pm-7:30pm

Booking is required for this event - please visit the [River Academy website](#) for more information.

Questions?



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