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A proposed new secondary school for North Reading

Reading Borough Council, like many local authorities, is facing increasing pressure on secondary school places and has recently announced its desire to increase secondary provision in the borough with a new school in the north of the town.

In order to respond to this need, Maiden Erlegh Trust are preparing an application to the Department for Education to open a new free school in North Reading. If the application is successful, the school will open to students in September 2021.

Maiden Erlegh Trust, like Reading Borough Council has high ambitions for the children it serves and welcomes this exciting opportunity to work with parents, the local community and the Council to create additional high-quality secondary school places in the local community.

Mary Davies, Chief Executive Officer of Maiden Erlegh Trust said *“We are very excited by the potential of this project. Our ultimate aim is to create a school with, and for, the local community that responds to the ambitions of local stakeholders, including local schools and businesses. Maiden Erlegh Trust will listen carefully to the local community, in the same way we did when establishing Maiden Erlegh School in Reading. We will also work closely with Reading Borough Council to establish the new school should our bid to the DfE be successful.”*

Maiden Erlegh Trust, established in October 2014, is based in Reading and is well known for providing high-quality education for local communities. They have a successful track record and first-hand experience of opening a new free school in the borough. Maiden Erlegh School in Reading opened in September 2015, and is consistently oversubscribed. Its work was graded “Good” in all categories by Ofsted in June 2018.

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