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Dear Parent/Guardian

We've reached half-term which will be welcome for many of us in the MECE community. There has been a lot of activity over the last few weeks and I think everyone is ready for a week off.

This week saw our first Covid case since re-opening, but we were able to deal with the situation quickly, identify contacts using seating plans and CCTV and communicate events to all of our stakeholders. I'm sure having to isolate until the end of next week is very frustrating for the students identified as contacts however I hope they understand the importance of this for the community.

On Monday we had MADE training delivering workshops to Year 7 and 10. Year 7 had a great session on growth mindset and meeting the challenges of each day with positivity and vigour. Year 10 did some self-reflection work on developing their 'inner winner' and what they want from life. The workshops were very positive experiences and it was great to see students so enthused and energised afterwards. A huge thank you to Mrs Hills for organising this event.

Today I spent a little time with Year 9 and asked them to reflect on their use of language and in particular how they interact with each other. All too often students seem to casually insult each other, often not understanding the hurt and damage their words can cause. This is something that I really want the whole school to challenge over the next few months as I think these vocabulary choices have no place in the school playground or even classroom.

I used this quote to start the discussion with Year 9 and they listened impeccably. I hope they can remember and reflect on what was said and act upon it.

"Words have power. They can destroy and create. ... We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively use words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble."

My staff members of the week this week are Ms Biddiss and Miss Bliss who went above and beyond supporting a student from school this week. Their work meant they did not go home until late in the evening as they worked hard to ensure a student was safe and secure. A real #teammece effort.

Please click on the Fab, Drab and Staff Member of the week links below with any feedback you may have.

Have a great half-term and stay safe

Andy Hartley
Headteacher

