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Dear Parent/Guardian

Our week at MECE was made so much better by the news that Theo from Year 8 won a prize for his brilliant poem John Lennon Said... The poem is written below and was published in the anthology 'Imagine- A Spark of Inspiration'. This story was made even better when we received news that Theo had been selected as a prize winner from 9,500 poets (wow!!!), earning himself £100 and a lovely trophy. Theo always works hard and gives of his best and so richly deserves his prize. We are incredibly proud of his endeavour.

John Lennon Said...

John Lennon said, "Imagine there's no Heaven..."
But what if there is somewhere?
I wonder what it might look like
And who I might meet up there
And who decides who gets to go in
And if those decisions are fair.

John Lennon said, "Imagine there are no countries..."
But the atlas tells me otherwise
Lands full of beauty and wonder
All of different shapes and size
I want to see all of the world for myself
Looking through awe-struck eyes.

John Lennon said, "Imagine no possessions..."
Well there's one I'd rather be without
I'm sick of the sight of my face mask
Of that there is no doubt
I long for the day I can throw it away
And chuck all the hand gel out.

John Lennon thought he was a dreamer
But dreams can sometimes come true
I'm dreaming of freedom from lockdown
And life beginning anew
I'm dreaming of times after COVID
And a better world for me and you.

This week Year 10 have spent the majority of the week involved in careers activities. This has included talks from Henley College, Reading College, Maiden Erlegh Sixth Form and Apprenticeship talks. They have also done research into post 16 courses, written CVs and done a workshop on body language and non-verbal communication. Despite many of these talks having to be virtual rather than in person we have been really pleased by the engagement and focus of the students as they try to plot their routes forward from Year 11.

With careers in mind, Mrs Hills our Assistant Headteacher in charge of Careers is organising mock interviews and other careers events in school across next year. Please [click here](#) to find a letter from her below asking for parental support. These events are really important for our young people as they learn how to approach these very 'adult' situations. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

I'll keep my newsletter brief this week as it is a very busy time as we get ready for next year; timetables, calendars, budgets, improvement plans and many other things all need to be written and finalised during this period so it is keeping us all very busy. What I will say is just how excited we all are about next year - hopefully one of normality and routine and I will be sharing some of our plans at our Parent Forum on July 1 at 6pm. If you are interested in being a part of this forum please reply to the e-mail we sent regarding this last week.

Our student of the week is definitely Theo for his poetic accomplishments and my staff member of the week is Mrs Hills for her brilliant organisation of the Year 10 Careers week.

Please click on the links below to leave any feedback or nominations.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



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