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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you can imagine this has been an interesting week in my time as headteacher. We have all been watching the news closely and taking close advice from the Trust. However, both staff and student attendance has been excellent across the week. A big shout out goes to Miss Bliss who has organised all of the students to log on to Google Classroom to ensure we are ready for any eventuality over the next few weeks.

Year 11 have been completing their PPE examinations this week (MOCKS in old money!), it has been really pleasing to see how happy many of them have been as they have left the examination halls. Fingers crossed the results show promise and they can work on their shortfalls over the next few weeks.

It has been a very busy week of interviews this week. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Benham has been appointed on a permanent basis as Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion and SEND from September. I have also been interviewing for members of the reformed Local Advisory Board (governors) which has been really interesting. We've had a number of other visitors to school this week and all have said how calm the site feels and when they walk into lessons how purposeful and focused it is. This was confirmed when I showed 12 families of potential students around on a tour on Thursday morning, several of whom had been to MECE previously and remarked upon the progress forwards.

The week has also been fruitful as we held a meeting of all of our Heads of Department to scrutinise the work in the books. It is clear that whilst there is some variability there is also a lot of good practice going on and alongside this a lot of students are working at a high level. It was good to show these books to two members of SLT from Maiden Erlegh School who supported this view and were also delighted to see how much progress has been made with the book work in the last 12 months. However, I am not complacent regarding this and I am determined that these books will look even better over the next 12 months as I work with Heads of Department on their curriculum, marking, assessment and meeting the needs of all students in every lesson.

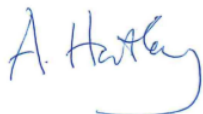
Many of our Year 7s enjoyed a brilliant day of singing with workers from the Henley Youth Festival. They were harmonising away as I came and watched with a tune from the Greatest Showman being delivered with real gusto. Our thanks to the team from the Henley Youth Festival for coming in and providing this experience.

Our Games Club begins on Monday, led by Miss Swayne. It will take place in the Library every Monday and Tuesday during lunch. This is the perfect space for students who like a quieter spot, it is somewhere for them to interact, meet new friends, play games and spend their lunchtimes in a supported environment.

Geoff Davis who is organising the 'On Your Bike' ride from Sonning Common on March 29th has contacted us earlier this week. 'On Your Bike' is a great local event. Geoff is looking for any students or MECE families who would be prepared to come and be marshals to assure that the event goes smoothly. He can be reached on geoffdavis76@icloud.com. He assures that any volunteers will be given a nice breakfast! The money raised from the event goes to Sonning Common Primary School PTA and other local charities.

Many thanks for your continued support and have a great weekend

Yours,



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Headteacher