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Dear Parent/Guardian

Last week was another busy week so please excuse the late delivery of this newsletter.

New Year 7 intake

We have had over 120 different families visit the school on Open Mornings in the last two weeks. In addition, we have 235 families signed up to visit the school on our Open Evening next Tuesday. This level of interest and the positive feedback we have received from our visitors gives me great hope that the next Year 7 intake will be up to our Pupil Admission Number of 120. It also supports the excellent work and settled school that is going on day in and day out at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge and the positive feedback the school is receiving.

Year 7 Parent Welcome meeting

We also had a very good turnout for our Year 7 Parent Welcome meeting, and it was nice to hear so many parents say how pleased they have been with the start to the year at MECE.

COVID

COVID is certainly present within the school community at the moment although fortunately currently there are no staff members absent with the virus. However, amongst the students we have several confirmed cases. Please be assured that I have been liaising with the Oxfordshire Public Health team to ensure we are following their guidance. Please can I make a plea that if your son/daughter receives a positive PCR test result that we are notified of this result. It is also important that if students are well enough whilst self-isolating that they use Google Classroom to keep up with any work they are missing.

Homework

Homework continues to be a real priority within the school and plays an important role in consolidating classroom learning. Please may I urge all parents to regularly check Show My Homework to support their children in managing their homework. Furthermore, the teaching staff will always support students if they have questions regarding their homework. Therefore, I have been disappointed that some parents have not supported students receiving detentions for the non-completion of homework. The school has high academic expectations of all its students and sets homework that is appropriate for each student, hence it is an expectation that the student attempts each piece of work to the best of their ability so that they can maximise their academic progress and improve their life chances beyond school.

Stars of the week


Our staff member of the week this week is Mrs Chopra for her brilliant work setting up many events for our students beyond the classroom. These include the UNLOC training for Year 11, the MADE training workshops for Year 7,8 and 10 and the visit of the Happy Puzzle company for Year 6, 7 and 8 students. Mrs Chopra is having a great impact on the school and the lives of our learners.

My students of the week for this week are Lucas in Year 8 and Bella in Year 9 for their excellent attitudes to learning.

Please click on the links below to leave us any feedback that may wish to.

Take care and stay safe

Best wishes



Andy Hartley
Headteacher

