



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

Dear parents,

There is so much to celebrate this week it is difficult to know where to start.

The unvalidated Progress 8 scores have been released by the DfE and I am delighted to tell you that our score is +0.13. To put this in context it is the same score that both Ickneild and Highdown achieved last year. Whilst there is no way of knowing how other schools have performed until January we can rightly be proud that all of our hard work has paid off.

In other news the sports teams have been triumphant this week. In particular our Rugby teams who have soundly beaten all of the local competition. Congratulations to all of our sports men and women, the trophy cabinet is bursting at the seams.

Our students were a credit to you and their school this week. Open Mornings saw us welcome over 300 people to visit our school in action. Visitors were extremely complimentary about the school and in particular the students.

Over the next 12 months there are plans to significantly upgrade the school site. The ICT infrastructure is the first major project. We are very excited about this as it will positively impact everyone on site. In addition a bid has been sent to the DfE to fund major infrastructure upgrades including things like the roof, windows and the boiler. These are positives steps to upgrade our school and its facilities.

Finally a reminder about two upcoming events:

- Year 7 Welcome Evening Wednesday 3rd of October 6pm
- Careers Evening Wednesday 17 October 5pm

As a school Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge is holding its head high in the community, our academic achievement and sporting prowess mean we are a force to be reckoned with.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Moira Green

Headteacher

EUROPEAN DAY



OF LANGUAGES

Bonjour! Hallo! Guten Tag! Buenos dias! Bom dia! Bongiorno! Fastyr mie!

Staff and students at MECE celebrated European Day of Languages by greeting each other in many different languages. This day is celebrated every year throughout Europe on 26 September, where ALL languages and dialects in the world are recognised. Miss Castro greeted everyone in up to 4 languages, Mr Yarwood showed off his knowledge of Spanish, Mr Watterson spoke some Manx and all students did a quiz!

Obrigado, Merci, Gracias, Grazie, Gura mie ayd, Thank you to everyone for taking part. Ms Biddiss

English

KS3

In Key Stage 3 English the students have been working on their set texts and we have been investigating different writing techniques. For example, in Year 8 the students have looked closely at Steinbeck's characterisation and at the way in which suspense is created within the novella. In Year 9 we are looking at the importance of the setting and context in 'To Kill a Mockingbird'. We also held a debate in which students had to present opinions on the key character Boo Radley. This was very lively but I was extremely impressed with the way in which the class presented their arguments.

Mrs H Quinn

KS4

Year 10 have been reading and analysing chapters 1 - 3 of Jekyll and Hyde. They have been investigating Stevenson's use of character, language and setting. They continue to have weekly spelling tests.

Year 11 have been reading 'An Inspector Calls'. They have been considering the motivation of various characters. They are also preparing for their Spoken Language study.

Humanities

Since the start of term every tutor group has been taking part in a weekly current affairs quiz. There have been lots of positive comments about how well the students are engaging with this and quite a few form groups have created a quiz league. Keep watching, reading and discussing the news!

Mr Yarwood, Head of Humanities

Food Technology

This is what has been going on this week:

- Year 7 have been looking at the Eatwell Guide with homework to create an Eatwell Salad in a Jar
- Year 8 looked at Macro and Micro nutrients and making pasta
- Year 9 filled the building with delicious frittata cooking aromas
- Year 10 made some amazing Swiss rolls
- Year 11 are starting the first part of their GCSE Practical, experimenting with the function of ingredients

Please check out our Instagram account to see photos **mechilternedgeadt**

Art, Design & Technology

Another fantastic week from the MECE student's in Art and Design, working on our drawing skills and looking at the work of Tim Burton and Mark Hearld.

Starting Next week GCSE Masterclass will start in Fine Art, 3D Design and Textiles after school, this will be an opportunity to catch up and develop coursework.

3D and Textiles -	Tuesday	3.10 – 5pm
Fine Art -	Wednesday	3.10 – 5pm



Year 9 Tim Burton inspired art work, bringing sunshine to the Art room.

Performing Arts

Rehearsals for Alice The Musical are well under way and are going great. Please can members of the cast keep checking the rehearsal schedule to see when they're needed.

Alice The Musical – Rehearsal Schedule

Day	Acting Rehearsals	Music Rehearsals	Dance Rehearsals
Monday 1 st Oct	Duchess, Alice, Cook, Cheshire Cat	Whole Cast - For 30 minutes	KS3 Dancers
Thursday 4 th Oct	Alice, Hatter, March Hare, Dormouse		Year 11 Dancers
Monday 8 th Oct	Rachael, Jodi, Inez, Alice	Whole Cast - For 30 minutes	KS3 Dancers
Thursday 11 th Oct	King, Queen, Kate, Gardener 1, 2, 3, Ian, Cheshire Cat, Kacey E		Year 11 Dancers
Monday 15 th Oct	Mock Turtle, Gryphon, Alice, Crab	Whole Cast - For 30 minutes	KS3 Dancers
Thursday 18 th Oct	March Hare, Alice, White Rabbit, King, Chorus, Knave, Hatter, Queen, Cook, Dormouse, Mary		Year 11 Dancers

Interested in starting the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

Then this is something that we can offer through the Eyot Centre in Henley. The Centre provides coaching for all levels of DofE and to date has successfully mentored over 200 students through their various tasks, to achieve either Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. The scheme offers wonderful opportunities for young people to take an active part in their personal development. The Duke of Edinburgh Award develops skills and confidence that that will be invaluable to you in life after school. It gives you the chance to make a difference to other people's lives and you get recognition for undertaking activities that you enjoy. You will be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime.

For more details and to register for the award please visit the Eyot Centres website: <https://eyotdofe.com/>



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Abbey RFC

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U13's & U14's
U15's & U16's

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GUM SHIELDS, BOOTS
APPROPRIATE CLOTHING,
PACKED LUNCH AND WATER

PRICE
£35 PER PERSON (1 DAY)
£65 PER PERSON (2 DAYS)
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DATES & TIMES
23RD & 24TH OCTOBER
9AM-4PM

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ROSEHILL, PERRARD ROAD,
DEALING, RG4 8XA

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Looking to get involved rugby, then look no further than the camp on offer at Reading Abbey RFC during October half term.

To book a place please use the following link:

https://www.lionssports.academy/Rugby/Reading_Abbey

The PE Department needs your help!

On Saturday 6 October Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge will be hosting a Primary School cross country event, we need volunteers to help run this event successfully. You would need to be in school for 9.30am and the event will finish at 11.30am. If any students or parents are interested in supporting with the running of the event please either come and speak to Mr Hunter or email your interest to

dhunter@maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk



Fixtures and Sports Clubs

We are now in full swing with our sports clubs and have had positive numbers in attendance but it would be good to see more students attending the clubs on offer both at lunchtime and after school.

Physical Education



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Sports Clubs

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
Monday	GCSE PE and BTEC Sport Revision/Catch up (BTEC Classroom)	Rugby (All years) Mr Hunter/McDonnell-Roberts Hockey (All years) - Miss Cheeseman/Mr Burningham Girls Football (all years)
Tuesday	Badminton (All Years) - Mr Hunter Fitness Gym (KS4) - Mr McDonnell-Roberts	Year 7 Rugby Fixtures Hockey Fixtures
Wednesday	Girls only Fitness (Gym) - Miss Cheeseman Indoor Football (KS4) - Mr Burningham	Year 9 Rugby Fixtures Year 10/11 Rugby Fixtures Cheerleading - Miss Cheesman
Thursday	PE Detentions Fitness Gym (KS4) - Mr McDonnell-Roberts	Year 8 Rugby Fixtures
Friday	Indoor Football (KS3) - Mr Hunter	Staff Sport All Years Horse Riding (Please see PE Staff for a letter)

What a busy but good week of fixtures. 6 fixtures in total and 66 students representing the school which is fantastic!

The Year 10 and 11 rugby team had a great start to their season winning their first game away to Denefield School scoring 8 tries and only conceding 1. Man of the match was Luca L for his contribution of 4 tries.

The Year 10 rugby boys then followed it up the following evening by finishing 2nd in the South Oxfordshire Schools Rugby 10s tournament. The boys showed a great commitment, attitude and team spirit to win three, draw one and lose one against the eventual winners of the tournament. Man of the tournament - Alex for scoring all but one of the team's tries and also for his fantastic defensive display.

Year 9 Hockey played in the South Oxfordshire Tournament drawing 2 and losing 3 in a very competitive tournament. Players of the tournament – Aleezah and Jasmine.

Year 7s had their first rugby fixture at MECE against a very strong Gillotts team. A number of the players were playing their first ever game of rugby, so a massive well done to them all and they all made amazing progress as rugby players as the game went on. Player of the match – Jeremiah

The Year 8 boys grew into their first game of this year's campaign. After a fast paced start to the game by Bulmershe, where 3 tries were scored in quick succession, the MECE boys rallied and scored 2 excellent team tries to bring the game back to within touching distance. Bulmershe did well to close the game out, whilst handling an onslaught of attacks from MECE.

The second game was a clear reflection of the final stages of match 1. The MECE boys produced an awesome performance to dominate St Joseph's College. The lads produced outstanding team interplay and managed to score 5 tries. St Joseph's replied with a try of their own, with a scything run from their right wing.

The undoubted Man of the Match today was Akshaye, his explosive running and the clear try scoring ability shown today meant he was a shoe in for today's award.



Fixtures Next Week:

Monday 1st October – Year 8 Rugby @ Wheatley Park School

Tuesday 2nd October – Year 8 Hockey @ Gillotts School

Tuesday 2nd October – Year 7 Rugby @ Wallingford School

Wednesday 3rd October – Year 10/11 Rugby @ MECE

Thursday 4th October – Year 10/11 Girls Football @ MECE

Thursday 4th October – Year 8 Rugby @ MECE

Many Thanks
The PE Department
@ChilternEdgePE

News from CESA

When our school uniform changed, CESA arranged for lots of it to go out to Musanda in Kenya via the Nasio Trust. Chiltern Edge has donated hundreds of pounds worth of polo shirts and sweatshirts with the CE logo to desperately poor schools and communities. There is a fabulous photo montage on the Save our Edge page.



Bags2School

Bags for donations will be given out next week. Your donation made £140 last year. Let's see if we can top it!

**Drop off in Sonning Common
NOW till 17th October
Contact Gill McGowan on
Facebook or email
gillymcgowan@yahoo.co.uk**

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Reminders

- If you have changed your phone number recently please update us.
- **Last call for the school photos** - Closing date for school photos is Monday 1st October. Any remaining photos after that date can be ordered by sending to **Freepost, Tempest Photography**.