



Dear Parents/Carers

Winter has certainly arrived. In order to keep warm I wanted to remind you that a navy V-necked jumper is part of the uniform to be worn under the blazer. This should be enough to keep students warm in class as we have the heating on! A coat can obviously be added over the top during break and lunchtime. Hoodies are not part of the uniform and these will be confiscated if students are persistently wearing them.

I hope you have all received your reports. There have been some useful conversations between parents and teachers as a result which will ensure progress is being made.

Key dates:

- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of November** - INSET Day (student are not required in school)
- Mocks for year 11 start on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of November**. More information will be sent next week and this will include a time table.
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of December** - Year 10 parents' evening

Rehearsals are under way for our show which promises to be great!

Our Year 10 & 11 Rugby Team showed great character during the finals of the South Oxfordshire League. The resilience they have developed will certainly serve as great preparation for the next season.

Have a great weekend,

**Miss Moira Green**  
Headteacher

### [CAMHS Evening](#)

Oxfordshire CAMHS did a very well received event. Lots of parents attended. If anyone is interested in the content, a PDF is attached.

#### **Future CAMHS evenings:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019
- 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## Reminders

- Please ensure that absences are reported daily by 8:30 each morning.
- Please remember that your child's planner needs to be signed each week
- Pupils can buy school equipment and temporary planners from Pupil Services at break or lunch time if needed
- The school will only authorise absence for medical appointments with either an appointment card or letter, a letter with more information will be sent home in due course
- We are encouraging punctuality, please ensure that your child is in school by 8:40 daily

## Modern Foreign Languages

A reminder that Year 11 French intervention sessions have begun.

- Foundation students on Wednesdays 3:15 to 4pm
- Higher students on Thursdays 7:45 to 8:30 am

Well-attended sessions this week, which I hope were useful. Year 11 have just started the topic of the Environment - problems, causes and solutions both locally and globally.

Last call for entries into the Year 8 '*Ma chambre dans une Boite*' competition. Thanks to those students who have already entered - a very high standard! Prizes shall be awarded next week. **Ms Biddiss**

## English

- Year 10 are completing the study of *Jekyll and Hyde*. They have been investigating and analysing mystery, fear and suspicion in the novella. They are working on character profiles and exam question preparation. They also continue to have weekly spelling tests. Homework is published on 'Show My Homework'.
- Year 11 have finished the study of *An Inspector Calls*. They will now be working on English Language paper 1 and English Literature poetry. Revision and exam preparation is the order of the day here. Weekly spelling tests are also completed. All homework is published on 'Show My Homework'.

## Food Technology

- Another Bake Off for Year 7, with the best bread rolls, and some of the best results can be seen on Instagram @mechilternedgeadt. Well done to Gemma and Jack so far.
- Year 8 have been competing in a *Bake Off Competition* for a Healthy Burger, and standards have been high! Two classes to go to announce the overall winner for Year 8.
- Year 9 have been experimenting with chemical raising agents, looking at the scientific processes in producing honeycomb with varying results.
- Year 10 have been making their own butter, and using the by-products of buttermilk in their soda bread, continuing with their dairy topic.
- Year 11 have cooked a recipe of their choice identifying the scientific processes occurring within the make.



## Performing Arts

Rehearsals for Alice The Musical are going very well! Please can members of the cast keep checking the rehearsal schedule to see when they are needed.

Day	Acting Rehearsals	Music Rehearsals	Dance Rehearsals
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Duchess (Jemima Smith), Alice, Cook(Alfie Cruickshank), Cheshire Cat	BAND	ALL DANCERS - OPENING
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scene 1 + 2  (Also will test masks against UV lighting for creatures)	Summer and Lucy  Jack	KS3 Dancers
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scene 3 - 5	BAND + Mollie and Rachel	KS3 Dancers
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>INSET</b>	<b>INSET</b>	<b>INSET</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scene 6 + 7	BAND Jack	KS4 – Year 10 and 11
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Mr Harte in Meeting</b>	Alyssa	Year 10 Dancers
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Scene 8 to the end of Act 1	BAND + Summer and Lucy	KS3 Dancers
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Act 2 scene 1 - 3	Anyone in these scenes be prepared to sing your solos.	KS3 Dancers
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Act 2 – Scene 4	BAND	KS4 (Year 10 + 11) Dancers
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Act 1</b>	Anyone in these scenes be prepared to sing your solos.	Year 10 Dancers
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Act 2</b>	BAND	ALL DANCERS
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>NO REHEARSALS</b>	<b>NO REHEARSALS</b>	<b>NO REHEARSALS</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>	<b>ALL INVOLVED</b>

## Health and Social Care

Breakfast club will begin on Wednesdays 8:00- 8:30 in BITS where students will go over exam style questions and further their learning of component 3 ready for their exam in February.

## Humanities

In tutor time this week, staff and students have been saying 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who helped to shape our world as we know it, and creating a poppy for a display in school to mark the First World War centenary. The school will also be laying a wreath at the Kidmore End Remembrance service on Sunday 11th November.



Students from 7A will be visiting form groups over the next week during registrations. Students may donate to receive a poppy.

Also, this would be a good opportunity to pass on any completed poppies for our school display. Many Thanks - **Mr Yarwood** - Head of Humanities

## Physical Education Newsletter

The PE Department needs your help!

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> March Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge are hosting Primary School Cross Country events.

We need volunteers to help run these events 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](mailto:dhunter@maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk)



### **Fixtures next week:**

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 8 and Year 9 Girls Football @ MECE
- Year 10 and Year 11 Rugby

On Tuesday evening our Year 10 and Year 11 Rugby Team played in the play offs which were held under the flood lights at Reading Rugby Club. The team put up a very brave and spirited performance against a very strong Icknield side who ran out winners and won the league overall beating in Little Heath in the final. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place play off between Bulmershe and ourselves was a very keenly fought contest between two similar sides. MECE started the strongest taking an early lead through two good trys and some expert goal kicking from our captain Lachie. Bulmershe then started to play their way back into the game and scored two trys of their own to even the scores. Unfortunately MECE couldn't find a response despite working hard, both in defence and attack to try and secure the victory. Bulmershe went on to score a third try and win to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the league. This meant MECE finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the league which is a fantastic achievement for the boys with a team predominantly made up of Year 10s, who I believe can take this experience and aim to challenge for the league title next year. Well done all who have represented the school at Rugby this year and particularly the Year 11s who have now played their final rugby matches for the school.



### Year 8 and 9 Girls Football

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November our under 14 Football Team travelled to Blessed Hugh Faringdon to play BHF and St Josephs in the Reading Schools League. The team put up a very spirited performance in both games, losing narrowly in both. The girls are making progress week on week and have a fantastic attitude as a team. Well done Sajunae for getting voted player of matches.

## Extra-Curricular Timetable For this half term

### Physical Education



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### Sports Clubs

DAY	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
Monday	GCSE PE and BTEC Sport Revision/Catch up (BTEC Classroom)	Football (All years) Mr Hunter/McDonnell-Roberts Girls Football (all years) - Mr <u>Burningham</u> BTEC Sport Revision/Catch up (KS4) - Miss Cheeseman
Tuesday	Badminton (All Years) - Mr Hunter Fitness Gym (KS4) - Mr McDonnell-Roberts	Trampoline Club (all years)
Wednesday	Girls only Fitness (Gym) - Miss <u>Cheeseman</u> Indoor Football (KS4) - Mr <u>Burningham</u>	Basketball Club (All Years) Cheerleading - Miss <u>Cheeseman</u>
Thursday	PE Detentions Fitness Gym (KS4) - Mr McDonnell-Roberts	Badminton Club (All Years)
Friday	Indoor Football (KS3) - Mr Hunter	Staff Sport All Years Horse Riding (Please see PE Staff for a letter)

Many Thanks - The PE Department  
@ChilternEdgePE

### Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal

A massive thank you to the students who have already brought in their shoeboxes!

10B are currently in first place, having brought in the most shoeboxes as a tutor group.

The Christmas shoeboxes are distributed to children around the world in deprived communities. A small shoebox can have a big impact. Students have learnt about this charity during tutor time and have been given hand-outs to take home, with information about how to pack the shoebox and ideas for items to put in. Attached to the newsletter is one of hand-outs that the students have been given, any support at home with these would be much appreciated.



The deadline has been extended to **FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**. There will be prizes for the winning tutor group!

# IDEAS FOR BOYS



## 2-4

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Puppet  
Play-Doh  
Picture book  
Toy tools  
Large bricks/Duplo  
Chunky pens/  
pencils  
Drawing pad  
Sponge  
Rubber duck toy  
Comb  
Bar of Soap  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves/mittens  
Sunglasses (UV)  
A note from you!

Soft ball (CE)  
Play people  
Large animal figures  
Chunky toy train/  
plane/car/boat  
Musical instrument  
Snap cards  
Chunky crayons  
Colouring book  
Washmitt  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbrush  
Cap  
Sweets (dated  
March next year or  
later - no chocolate)

## 5-9

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Finger puppets  
Ball with pump  
Foam ball  
Plastic figures  
Pull back car  
Glider (non military)  
Snap together  
model  
Paint set (solid only)  
Felt tip pens  
Colouring book  
Stickers  
Glue stick  
Notebook  
Mini Etch A Sketch  
Preinked stampers  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Bar of soap  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Animal Mask  
Drawstring bag  
A note from you!

Building bricks/  
Lego  
Slinky  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy balls  
Figure playset  
Model car/train/  
truck  
Spinning top  
Yo Yo  
Pencil case  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils/  
pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Safety scissors  
Drawing pad  
Whiteboard/pen  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Sweets (dated  
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## 10-14

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy ball  
Wind up torch  
Puzzle cube  
Finger skateboard  
Glider (non military)  
Paint set (solid only)  
Uno  
Drawstring bag  
Pencil case  
Geometry set  
Ruler  
Felt tip pens  
Writing pencils  
Highlighters  
Notebook  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Deodorant stick  
(not liquid/aerosol)  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
Sunglasses (UV)  
A note from you!

Yo Yo  
Ball with pump  
Musical instrument  
(whistle/ harmonica)  
Snap together model  
Model car/truck  
Mini board games  
Dominoes  
Small sealed tool kit  
(no knives)  
Solar Calculator  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Whiteboard/pen  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Water bottle  
Sweets (dated March  
next year or later - no  
chocolate)

# IDEAS FOR GIRLS



## 2-4

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Plastic Doll  
Puppet  
Play-Doh  
Snap cards  
Picture book  
Drawing pad  
Chunky crayons  
Colouring book  
Sponge  
Washmitt/flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbrush  
Bar of Soap  
Gloves/mittens  
Cap  
Dress up headbands  
A note from you!

Rag Doll (CE)  
Soft ball (CE)  
Play people  
Large animal figures  
Musical instrument  
Chunky pens  
Chunky pencils  
Pencil case  
Rubber duck/toy  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Scarf  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Hat  
Sweets (dated  
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## 5-9

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Barbie doll  
Building bricks/  
Lego  
Small handbag  
Ball with pump  
Foam ball  
Plastic figures  
Children's jewellery  
Skipping rope  
Paint set (solid only)  
Pencil case  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils/  
pens  
Eraser/sharpener  
Safety scissors  
Colouring book  
Whiteboard/pen  
Preinked stampers  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Bar of soap  
Hairclips/headbands  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Cap  
A note from you!

Rag doll (CE)  
Doll clothes  
Finger puppets  
Slinky  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy balls  
Figure playset  
Kaleidoscope  
Yo Yo  
Musical instrument  
Felt tip pens  
Bead craft kit  
Stickers  
Glue stick  
Notebook  
Drawing pad  
Mini Etch A Sketch  
Flannel  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbands/ribbon  
Dress up - tiara etc  
Sunglasses (UV)  
Sweets (dated  
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## 10-14

Cuddly toy (CE)  
Yo Yo  
Ball with pump  
Skipping rope  
Puzzle cube  
Beads kit  
Uno  
Drawstring bag  
Pencil case  
Geometry set  
Felt tip pens  
Highlighters  
Notebook  
Eraser/sharpener  
Toothbrush/paste  
Hairbands/clips  
Nail clippers  
Compact mirror  
Hat/Gloves/Scarf  
Water bottle  
Sweets (dated  
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A note from you!

Barbie doll  
Tennis ball  
Bouncy ball  
Wind up torch  
Paint set (solid only)  
Mini board games  
Dominoes  
Small handbag  
Solar Calculator  
Ruler  
Colouring pencils  
Writing pencils  
Writing pens  
Whiteboard/pen  
Flannel  
Hairbrush/Comb  
Emery board  
Necklace/bracelet  
Cap/sunglasses  
(UV)  
Chapstick  
Deodorant stick  
(not liquid or aerso-  
sol)