



08 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the break.

Miss Fay and music next term

Firstly, I would like to bid Miss Fay, our Music teacher, a fond farewell. Miss Fay has worked here for over 6 years and has been here through the MECE journey. Throughout this time, she has maintained a 'glass half full attitude' and always sees the best of people. Miss Fay has supported great events such as our musicals, EdgeFest and, more recently, our busking lunchtimes. I know that she is incredibly popular with our student body and she will be sorely missed by many. We wish Miss Fay the best of luck with her move to her new life in Swindon. I know Mr Harte has written to you regarding our interim arrangements for music next term (unfortunately Miss Fay's resignation came too late to make an appropriate appointment for this term). However, I am really excited about our new Music teacher, Miss Brown who will be joining us in September and is full of great ideas both for lessons and extra-curricular activity to enhance our wonderful curriculum offer.

'You Said, We Did'

I will be writing to you more fully after Easter in an annual document 'You Said, We Did' that replies to your responses to our student survey. However, I would like to share with you some of the key headlines that have made myself and our staff team incredibly proud of our achievements.

- 96% of parents would recommend us
- 94% of parents thought lessons provided enough challenge
- 93% of parents thought the quality of teaching was excellent
- 98% of parents thought their children were safe at MECE
- 93% of parents thought pastoral care was good or better

These percentages really endorse our efforts, although, of course we know there is always lots to work on and we maintain our restless desire to make the best school it can be. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who did respond to the survey, your feedback is always so incredibly useful.

Presentation Evening

We are now starting to think of Presentation Evening in November. If you know of someone that would make a great speaker for such an event, either through their career and/or accomplishments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Easter School

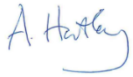
Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for taking part in our Easter School in the second week of the holidays. This has been set up to support our Year 11s who have had their examination courses so disrupted by the lockdowns. We are running 3-4 hours of revision sessions each day to ready Year 11 for the GCSE exams that begin on 16 May. Year 11 are working very hard and really knuckling down to some great work so I hope these sessions can add to their final revision push.

My Staff Hero this week is Mr Hunter, who on top of fixtures, has taken 3 assemblies and ran two House quizzes. This is quite a shift for the last week of term.

My student hero of the week is Will K, Year 8, for his enthusiastic and uplifting rendition of "Don't Stop Me Now" at busking lunchtime.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Andy Hartley
Headteacher

