



29 April 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have returned from the Easter break relaxed and ready for the term ahead and I hope all of you were able to have a relaxing time over the previous two weeks.

### Easter School

This term sees us tackle Year 11 GCSE examinations for the first time since 2019. It is incredible to think that those students who sat the last set of GCSEs are now finishing their first year at university. However, I hope by our work in such activities as holding Easter School we have given our current students a fighting chance of performing to their best. Easter School ran each morning from 9.30am until 12.45pm in the second week of the break and focused on key topics and exam practice. Whilst it was voluntary the fact that we had attendance of around 80% on two days was incredibly positive. I am extremely grateful to all the staff who gave up their holidays to plan and run the sessions and to the parents for giving their students the nudge needed to get out of bed and attend.

On this matter I will leave you with this quote from a parent that was seen on Facebook recently:

***"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their Easter holidays to run Easter School for Year 11. With such a late start to this term and all the ups and downs of the last two years I really appreciate the extra time...thanks MECE teachers, you're AMAZING."***

### Land Sale

As you will recall, we recently held a consultation event on the proposed land sale of a redundant corner of our field. The planning consent for this development will be submitted very soon. Please can I ask that as many letters and notices of support are submitted by our parents. This development presents a fantastic opportunity for the school to receive a large investment of funds, alongside the local community, reaping the benefit of much improved sporting facilities. I will let you all know when you can submit your views but thank you in advance for your support.

### Ski Trip

A number of our students took part in the Maiden Erlegh Trust ski trip in the first week of the holidays. Our CEO designate, Mr Peck, also went and he was kind enough to write to me about our students. This is what he said:

***I wanted to write independently of Mrs Walker to share what a credit to themselves and their school the MECE children have been on this trip.  
Special mention, however, for Cameron - what a marvellous young man he is.  
Impeccable behaviour and manners, but also kind-hearted to all those around him, always willing to help and support his peers and staff alike.***

As headteacher I am incredibly proud to have received these comments and they say a lot about our young people and the expectations we have of them.

### **Bingo Night and CESA**

Our PTA, CESA, are organising a Bingo Night for next Friday (6 May). Fundraising events, such as these, provide us with much needed funds to support our students. CESA have raised just under £1000 with their recent activities. I hope we will see you there next Friday to add to this fund! A link to the parent letter can be found [HERE](#).

My student 'Star of the Week' this week goes to Cameron V for his previous mention regarding the ski trip.

My Staff Members of the Week goes to **Mr Baker** who spent several days of his ski trip looking after one of our students who was unable to ski due to injury and to **Mr Yarwood** who organised and resourced the RE day that has ran so successfully today.

Please use the links below to leave us any feedback.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

