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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have had a wonderful week at MECE with some noteworthy events to round off the half-term.

Year 11

Our Year 11s said goodbye at our Leavers Assembly on Wednesday morning. This event was a fitting tribute to a lovely group of young people who have developed and blossomed into fine teenagers ready for the next stage of their lives. The day before their last full day in school - it was so nice to see many of the boys playing football on the courts at lunchtime for one last fixture. The game was played in a lovely spirit and Mr Baker refereed to ensure good order was maintained. The students then went straight into an English Walking Talking Mock where the students worked flat out for this last hour of lessons.



On the Wednesday, following their GCSE English Literature Paper 1, the students assembled in the Sports Hall for shirt signing, pizza and cake followed by a brilliant assembly in the Main Hall. Mrs Ashley had put together a great show with lots of pictures of the year group as 11-year-olds, archive photos and reminiscences. Miss Jackson had ably supported with a great video and presentation.



It said a lot about the school and the young people that the morning passed off without incident, only smiles, tears, and some inappropriately illustrated school shirts!

Year 7 Parents' Evening

We also had Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday (I am not sure who calendared that!!) It was so lovely to meet many of our Year 7 parents for the first time and so nice to hear the positive feedback that their children are happy and prospering at MECE. I know our teachers also appreciated the chance to meet the parents, forge relationships, relay the positives and iron out any issues that may be occurring.

Year 9 Sports Leaders

On Tuesday over twenty of our students acted as Sports Leaders for the Primary Schools Athletics competition. Kevin Nutt, a former MECE PE teacher, organised the event and was incredibly complimentary about our students and their positive and helpful attitudes. It ended as a lovely afternoon following a day of showers, but as you can see from the photo, this did not dampen their spirits.



Feedback

It was lovely to receive this feedback in my inbox yesterday afternoon. I am also delighted that the residents of Caversham Park Village have such a vibrant youth club. I know from talking to the students a new club has also began at the Weller Centre on the Amersham Road Estate and we have a great youth club here at school for the Sonning Common residents. It is so important that our young people have somewhere to go in the evening rather than just roaming the streets, so I am delighted that these new facilities and clubs have sprang up.

Good afternoon, Mr Hartley,

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to the half-term break.

Our local youth club finally opened back in March and is thriving. We are open term time on Tuesday nights 7pm - 8:30pm at The Milestone Centre in CPV. We have pupils attend from quite a few of the local schools and I wanted to give you feedback on how positive, friendly, happy, easy-going, and willing to try new things your Chiltern Edge pupils have been. They have been a delight to host, and we all come out buzzing each week.

During the lead up to summer we are going to extend the club to year 6's should they wish to join to hopefully help with their transition.

Kindest Regards,

Jo McKnight

Stars of the Week

My staff Star of the Week this week is **Mrs Ashley** who did a brilliant job in seeing the Year 11s off in such a lovely way.

My student Stars of the Week are **Akshaye** and **Harriot**, our Head Students, who gave two very wonderful and sincere speeches in their Leavers Assembly.

Have a great half-term everyone, enjoy the long Jubilee weekend and I will leave you with this thought for half-term from the Greek writer Ovid.



Yours sincerely

A. Hartley

Andy Hartley
Headteacher

