Y10 Parent Information Evening



MAIDEN ERLEGH CHILTERN EDGE

September 2022



Headteacher's Welcome

Mr Andy Hartley

Examination Results 2022- Key Headlines

- % 4+ including English and Maths: 73%
- % 5+ including English and Maths: 50%
- The average rise in the 4+ rate nationally was 6%
- Ours was 24%
- No gap between SEND and non-SEND
- High performance of the more able
- Our students made around half a grade more progress than their peers nationally
- Progress was in the top 15% of schools nationally



up from 49% in 2019 up from 28% in 2019





Student Numbers

345 2021-2022

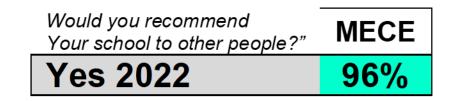
400+ 2022-2023

The biggest Year 7 in many years

Year 8 full

Parent Feedback!







How would you rate	MECE
Excellent	34%
2022 exc/good	93%

Trust

- High quality results
- Great feedback from internal and external observers
- Momentum
- Restless to improve further



Our roles

 Head of Year – Claire Ashley, working with tutors and SLT to oversee the welfare and performance of KS4 students.

• KS4 Tutors- Daily overview of student well being and monitor attendance and behaviour.

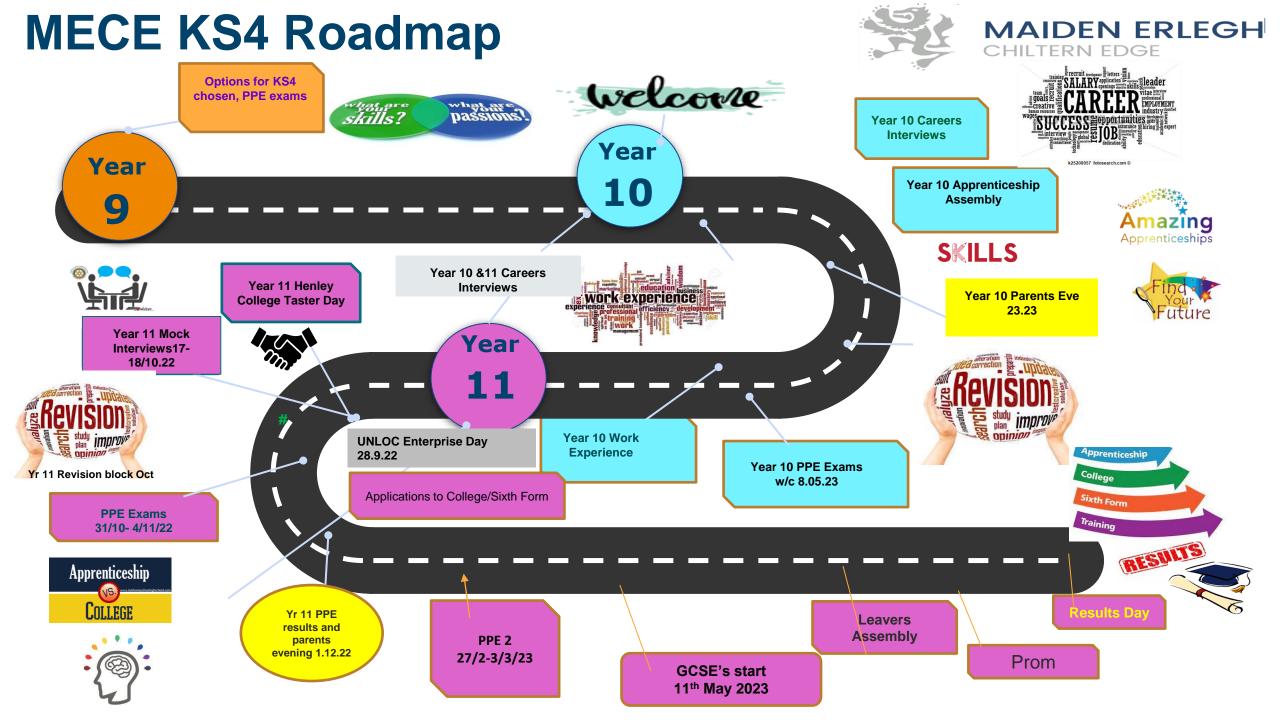
Year 10

Tutor Time

- A rota of activities to support students with revision and life skills, also incorporating activities from Assemblies supporting the PSHE curriculum
- Pastoral and progress support
- Communication between teachers / tutors / HOY
- Weekly catch up with tutors
- Daily SLT meetings to discuss any concerns with behaviour affecting learning/ attendance etc

Year 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Notices for the week Check uniform, equipment, Attendance check	Activities-	Revision Activities - English	Assembly	Assembly Activities/ Quiz



Homework expectations

EEF: secondary students homework can improve progress by 5 months.

Homework that is linked to classroom work tends to be more effective. In particular, studies that included feedback on homework had higher impacts on learning.

Purpose

- Homework will depend greatly on the subject but the principles remain the same:
- Set weekly on BromCom. 1 hr per subject. Homework should consolidate and embed learning

- Either by practicing (a skill or retrieval of knowledge) Or by pre-reading or reading/exploring further Or by applying new knowledge/skills in a different context

Year 10 Tutors

- 10A Mr Burningham **s.burningham@maidenerleghtrust.org**
- 10B Ms Swayne e.swayne@maidenerleghtrust.org
- 10C Mr Hunter d.hunter@maidenerleghtrust.org

Key events: College Open Events

- Henley College : 19th Oct 6:00PM 8:30PM
- Reading College 13th October & 13th November
- Contact Highdown Sixth Form for further information: No open evening information currently.
- BCA- Open Day 2nd October & 20th November 10am-2pm
- Links to bookings/ information in Google Classroom Tutor Groups



Key events: School Year 10

- 9th September school photos
- 27th September- early finish for Open Evening
- 24th November- Presentation Evening
- 2nd March Parents Evening
- 29th March PSHE Day
- w/c 8th May PPE
- 7th June Character/ House Day
- 12th July Sports Day





MECE Behaviour and expectations

- · Uniform- be absolutely spot on please
- <u>https://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk/_site/data/files/new%20folder/2A6A8F5BE6D665B483BDBB7653EE</u> <u>1480.pdf</u>
- Tools for Learning- ensure you get it sorted before school begins, increase your learning time!
- · Line up, meet and greet the teacher and arrive in orderly fashion into your lesson
- Do Now –quiet working and settle into the lesson
- No Hands Up questioning no shouting out, let the teacher run the lesson
- Questioning will involve as many students as possible to check for understanding so the teacher knows they can move on
- Quiet for all teacher explanations- keep focused on their movements and words
- Follow MECE presentation standards- title, underlining, drawings in pencil, ruled lines for tables and diagrams-PRIDE! Your book is your revision guide
- Quiet work for all book tasks your brain needs the space to focus, think analyse and explain
- Stay in your seat unless you are have been given permission to move by the teacher
- Manners, manners, manners... take the time to say thank you, hold doors open and show respect to all members of the community
- One way system- please move around the outside of the school in a clockwise direction

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The 25 will additionally leave school at 4.15 to enable attendance at after school clubs

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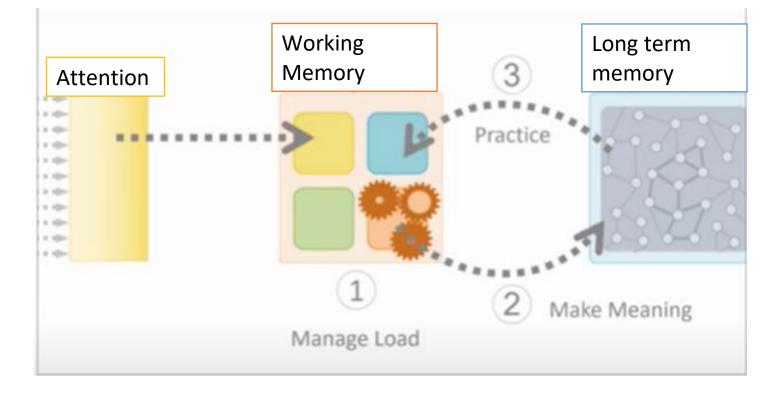
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Teaching and Learning at MECE



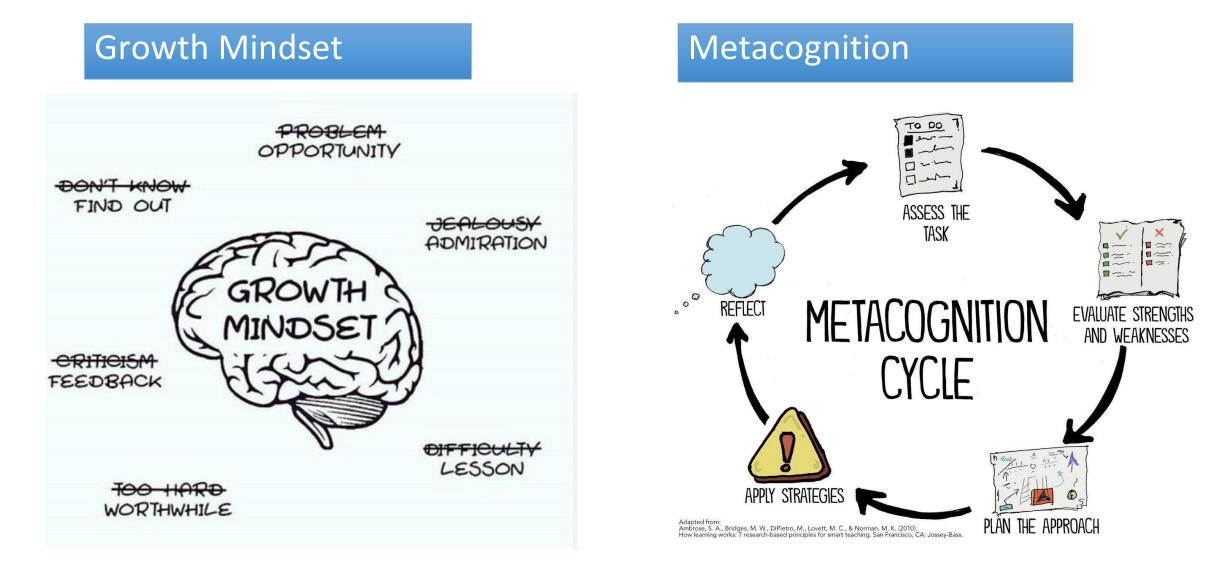
The science behind learning

- 1. Attention keeping our learning environment distraction free, eg *tools for learning*, quiet work
- 2. Working memory is very limited! Use our exercise books to make helpful notes and off-load our working memory, *exercise books live at home*
- **3.** Long term memory is the key! Practice and contextualising learning are crucial both in school and at home, using knowledge organisers



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPNwWK7T39k

Improving your long term memory



Learning at home

Why?

- At KS4 we cannot cover all the content and practice just in lessons
- Embedding homework habits is crucial for success at KS4
- Homework habits are good for general life skills of organisation, accountability and independence
- The time to work and think independently helps embed information into the long term memory
- Spaced practice is important to improve long term memory



What homework will look like

- Regular
- Set on Bromcom
- Will vary according to subject but will include
 - Retrieval practice
 - Learning vocabulary
 - Reading tasks

Homework Club:

- 3.15-4.15pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- In the library
- The 25 bus will now stop outside school





Top tips for home learning success

- Find somewhere quiet to work
- Free yourself from distractions: TV, phones, friends, social media etc
- If you find music helps you focus, choose music WITHOUT lyrics!

General good practice for learning: eat a healthy diet, get a good night's sleep and exercise regularly, all of these reduce stress.

- Little and often is better than cramming for hours.
- Highlighters can help categorise your note-making, highlighting itself is not a strategy for learning.

Organisation

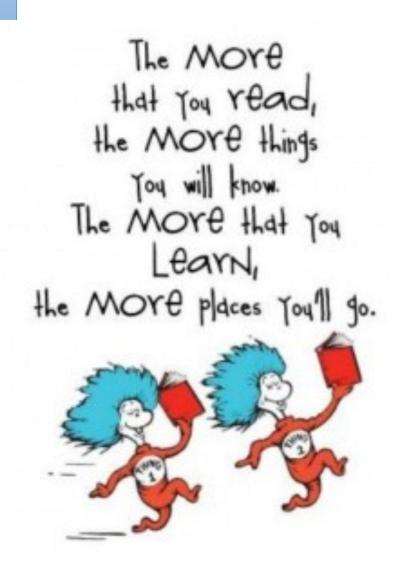
- The more organised you are, the less you are relying on your working memory to remind you of things!
 - Check Bromcom EVERY day
 - Pack your bag the night before
 - Work somewhere quiet and free from distractions
 - Minimise wasted time



Improving your literacy skills

Better literacy skills leads to better exam results

- Tutor reading
- Drop Everything and Read
- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Improving our oracy (such as answering in full sentences) to help improve our writing skills.



Science

CURRICULUM STATEMENT

In the Science department we strive to offer success, diversity and opportunity for all. In our lessons we encourage our students to be curious and independent thinkers. Learning to politely and confidently question and challenge themselves, their peers and the world around them. We endeavour to teach our students the skills and knowledge they need to be a successful member of society in a future where 58% of new careers will be STEM related (Bureau of Labour statistics, 2017).

We will do this by:

- ensuring all students have access to both the theoretical and practical elements of the subjects, helping students to develop core subject specific skills.
- setting high expectations and driving our KS3 assessment using KS4 assessment objectives.
- providing work which will challenge and stretch our students working within a wide variety of areas across Biology, Chemistry and Physics.
- offering extracurricular opportunities to explore Science further

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		Triple	Combined
Science at Year 10 and 11	Content	Deeper and more content, for	Less profound content and
		example the Brain,	less complex mathematical
		Astronomy, Quantum Physics	equations (particularly in
		etc.	Physics).
	Science?	Biology, Chemistry and	Biology, Chemistry and
How many hours do they study?		Physics	Physics
4 hours per week	How many exams?	6 – 2 Bio, 2 Chem, 2 Phys	6 – 2 Bio, 2 Chem, 2 Phys
		1hr 45 minutes each	1hr 15 minutes each
What homework do they do?	-		

A variety of homework, but mostly focused on quizzing and retrieval practice on Tassomai **What are the Science GCSEs like?**

All the Science GCSE courses aim to encourage students: to develop a critical approach to scientific evidence, to explore the implications of science for society, and to develop scientific literacy needed by every citizen. As students' progress into Years 10 and 11 the courses will encourage them to explore: explaining, theorising, and modelling in science and encourage students to develop a critical approach to scientific evidence. In today's world where Science knowledge is crucial, I believe that a good grounding in all 3 is very important. For example, the UK government estimate that for the Year 11 students in (2018) by the time they reach the workplace 53% of all new careers will be Science based.

Will my student study separate sciences or combined?

All students in set 1 for Science and Maths are currently being taught the separate science programme. However, in conversation with students and parents which takes place at the end of Year 10, students are given an option to continue studying science on the combined science course. Separate science students are offered further support in Year 11 with after school classes on a Tuesday with Ms. Hardman

Top tips for success 1. Go through the work little by little – use Tassomai **2.** Revise the core practicals – ask your teachers for flashcards **3.** Buy the correct revision guides/resources 4. Start early! 5. Attend school – missing a lesson can mean a large chunk of practical investigation which are challenging to catch up on at home

Any Questions?