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Dear Parent/Guardian

Science Fair winners

We have had another purposeful and progressive week here at MECE. I had the pleasure of meeting our Science Fair winners on Monday. As you can see from the photo there was a lot of pride in being selected as the winner and unsurprisingly as their work showed high quality research and understanding. The competition was highly competitive and pleasingly, there was a high turnout for the question and answer sessions from our student body when selecting the prize-winners.

Congratulations to Renai and Thomas from Year 7 along with Tristan and Marilyn from Year 8 for their splendid efforts.



CESA Quiz

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket and is coming along to our quiz evening tonight. As of Thursday evening, we had sold 70 tickets which is absolutely brilliant and says a lot about the MECE family. It is always a lovely community event with some great food and laughs along with some strong competition! A big thank you also to MECE veteran Rob Perry, who takes up the role of quizmaster for the second year in a row. We have also been able to secure match funding from Johnson Matthey for the event so we should be able to make a bumper amount of money for the school which in these cash straitened times is so important.

Amnesty International Student group

Our Amnesty International student group meet weekly and are involved in all sorts of campaigns and events. They are often out in the playground raising awareness of injustices around the world through selling objects such as flowers, asking students to sign petitions or performing mini plays for the students to see. On Saturday 5 November they will be attending a virtual Amnesty student conference and I am really proud that our students are such proactive globally aware citizens who care about the people around the world.

Cambridge University

We welcome Peterhouse College, Cambridge next week to talk to our Higher Ability Pupils from Year 11 about the demands and requirements of getting into Oxbridge science courses. I will write more on this next week, but I am really proud of the ambition of our staff towards our students that this presentation demonstrates.

Year 11 Post-16 options

It has been a pleasure to see the great input our Year 11s have been having into their upcoming academic choices over the last few weeks. Each Friday a different school or college has visited to give a presentation and these have included BCA, Reading College, Piggott School and Highdown School. In addition, the students will be visiting Henley College in November. These presentations, coupled with the mock interviews we are hosting next Tuesday will ensure the students can be 'sharp' and ready for any interview processes they face across the application window in the next few months.

Half-term

Please be reminded we break for half-term at the end of the day next Friday, 21 October, returning to school on Monday, 31 October.

Please also be reminded there is an INSET day on Friday, 25 November for those of you who need to arrange childcare.

Stars of the week

My staff star of the week is **Mrs Ashley** for delivering a superb assembly on mental health awareness. The students listened so well and I know those messages on self-care and self-awareness were very well received.

My student stars of the week are **J'Nikea** from Year 11 who starred for the Year 11 rugby team on Wednesday, scoring a great try. In addition, this student has demonstrated a very positive attitude to his progress and learning since the start of the year. Moreover, a special mention to **Felicity, Eloise, Dominic, Ainsley, Joseph, Millie and Corey** for 100% attendance to our Year 11 revision sessions block that has been running across the last fortnight.

Please don't hesitate to leave any feedback you have using the links below.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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