

# PE matters

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## A MESSAGE FROM MR HUNTER

This term has seen students experiencing trampolining, basketball, badminton, outdoor adventurous activities/team building and dance in PE lessons. PE staff have been impressed with the attitude and commitment from students within their lessons and have seen some great progress over the course of this term. Next half term, students will be moving onto the summer activities of rounders, athletics, cricket, and softball.

Also, a massive thank you to all the students who have attended an extra-curricular club or represented the school this term. Please keep an eye out for the clubs for next half-term and get along to keep improving.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

After Easter we will have Rounders and Softball club on a Tuesday and Athletics on a Thursday after school 3.15pm – 4.15pm. This is open to all year groups and would be great to see good numbers attending in preparation for the upcoming South Oxfordshire rounders, softball and athletics competitions.



## FIXTURE UPDATE

Unfortunately fixtures have been effected this term due to weather and strike days so there are a number of fixtures to be rearranged and we are hoping we can still get the games played during at the start of the summer term. Here is the update from the fixtures that have managed to go ahead.

### YEAR 7 NETBALL

Year 7 girls started their netball careers at MECE with some very difficult fixtures after very little training. The girls have worked incredibly hard though and made big improvements as the games the season has progressed. It will be good to see how they perform as a team over the course of the next couple of years at MECE. Well done girls!





## FOOTBALL FIXTURES

### Year 7

The Year 7 boys started their season with a narrow 2-1 loss to Gillotts. In a competitive and evenly matched game MECE took the lead with a goal from Baylen who a few minutes later hit the crossbar with another chance. The rebound was smashed against the post by Isaac. We could have been 2-0 up. Gillotts had a strong team out and their pressure told with two goals either side of half-time. Finn in goal made several good saves and one on one clearances. In the final 5 minutes MECE were unlucky not to get the equaliser as we were the dominant team with Issac in midfield linking well with Alfie, who held the ball up very well and Baylen upfront. Thomas, George, Tyler and Dylan were strong in defence making decisive tackles. Ethan also showed composure on the ball and made several successful passes. Oscar P showed plenty of energy between the boxes and his defensive positioning and

covering was good. Oscar H stuck to his task well at left back always keen to make a challenge. Zeb and Callum showed good touches and passes in their roles. There was plenty of potential on show for the boys to be optimistic about the next games. Player of the match was Baylen for a good goal, a near miss and plenty of skill and pace to trouble Gillotts' defence throughout the match. Unfortunately, their other scheduled games have fallen foul to either the weather or strike days but fixtures are being arranged to allow them to complete their first football season at MECE.



### Year 8 & 9

Year 8 and 9 boys started their league season with two very tight and well contested games against Langtree School and Gillotts school. The team lost 3-1 and 2-0 but were some strong performances from the boys, in particular Freddie with an outstanding headed goal.

In the second round of their football league fixtures, they dominated the first game against Aureus School scoring an early goal through Archie W after some good build up play between Freddie P and Liam J. They then went on to have numerous opportunities to extend their lead but were unable to take their chances. Aureus then scored a goal just before half time with their first opportunity of the game which came from a long ball upfield from their goalkeeper and the Aureus striker ran on

to the ball to score past Matthew B with a well taken finish to make the game 1-1 at half time. The boys again started the second half in control of the game and created a number of chances but did not manage to convert the chances into goals. Aureus scored a second goal from another long ball up field and followed this up with a quick third goal from a well taken free kick, this is how the game finished 3-1 and undeserved defeat.

All credit to the year 8 and 9 boys though, who re-grouped and after a tactical formation change went out and battled well against a good Icknield Side. Some great defending, in particular from Player of the Match, Ollie S, who controlled the back line outstandingly throughout, was dominant in his tackling and his communication and leadership of the defence helped MECE to a 0-0 draw.

## NETBALL FIXTURES

### Year 8 & 9

The girls lost their first game against a strong Wheatley Park team but then bounced back to beat Gillotts in a close game 6-5. Player of the match goes to Shantae for some excellent goals!



### Year 10 & 11

The girls have only managed to get two games in this half-term due fixtures being cancelled. The girls travelled to Langtree School to face Didcot Girls and Langtree in two difficult games with only a team of 7. The girls stuck together and worked extremely hard in both games with the birthday girl, Gabi, being nominated player of the match in both games. Well done girls and hopefully we can get some more netball fixtures in next term as well!



### Year 10 & 11 Football

Year 10 and 11 Boys football team made a positive start to the football season with a 1-1 draw against a very good Wallingford team and then had an impressive 2-1 victory over Icknield school. Well done to Jerry for contributing with the 3 goals, his work rate was outstanding throughout both games. They have games against Wheatley Park, Langtree and Gillotts still to come. Lets hope they can remain undefeated this season



**Year 7**

7B, 7C and 7D pupils have been exploring the musical Lion King and African Peoples dance technique. They have learned stylised positions and movements and performed a dance at the end of the term. For their performance, the pupils wore the mask they have been designing, making and be-dazzling at home. There were some truly beautiful masks from 7C and 7D. Some are so great that I have been displayed in the studio. I look forward seeing what 7B will produce!



**Year 8**

8X and 8Z pupils have been looking at Hip-hop street dance, particularly the style of Tutting. The pupils were also introduced to a famous hip-hop company called Boy Blue Entertainment, and watched a piece of theirs which is also studied at GCSE Dance level. This will include learning stylised positions and movements in each style, and then a dance combining the two styles as their end of term/year assessment. This dance is performed to the piece 'Til Enda' which is a mixture of classical and urban music and is also heard within the dance work from Boy Blue.



**Year 9**

9X and 8y pupils have been exploring the piece 'Shadows' by Phoenix Dance Theatre, which is also studied at GCSE dance level. This will include working as a group to decide upon a choreographic intent and narrative about a family, which are being exposed to a 'political danger' such as war. Pupils will include their previous knowledge of contemporary, but the aim is less upon physical skills and more expressive skills

such as facial expressions and communication of choreographic intent.



**Year 10**

The term has had some obstacles to say the least, partially from strike action affecting lessons amongst other issues. I want to personally thank all the Year 10s for being incredibly resilient, positive, encouraging and supportive of each-other and the subject. I am so very proud of them.

The theoretical aim of this term is to explore the GCSE professional dance work 'Within Her Eyes' by James Cousins, a site-specific duet. This was helped greatly by their workshop with the company (more information later!). Keep being amazing year 10s!



**Year 11**

The Year 11s are about to be finished with their practical modules - whoop whoop! This includes their Choreographic assessment and any other practical re-sits they wish to do. Theory has been scaled down this term but will be the sole focus next term ahead of their written exam in June. Keep going year 11 - we are nearly at the finish line!



**Miss Gardner**  
Dance Teacher

## MISS CHEESEMAN'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM



My student of the term is George (year 10) for his continued hard work and brilliant effort in BTEC Sport. George performed fantastically in his mock practical assessment, leading a fantastic class warm-up. George is a great sportsman and an asset to the PE department, representing the school in various sports teams.



## MISS GARDNER'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM

Isaias is my student of the term, for being a fabulous personal assistant for my dance clubs! He is passionate and talented! Thank you, Isaias!



My KS4 student of the term goes to Henry M in Year 10 for an incredible term, and for creating a gorgeous solo in the Christmas Carol production!

## MR HUNTER'S STUDENTS OF THE TERM



My KS3 student of the term is Kitty J (year 7) she has been amazing in trampolining lessons this half term and has been able to demonstrate some high-level skills and help other students in the class improve their trampolining skills as well. Well done Kitty!

My KS4 student of the term is Emily N (Year 10) she has worked hard on her recent BTEC Sport assessment and showed great leadership skills during her practical assessment. Well done Emily and keep up the hard work!



## PRIMARY SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On the 25 February we held the South Oxfordshire Cross Country finals and had a great turn out for the event with over 100 runners across years 1 – 6. Thank you to Mr Nutt, as always, for his excellent organisation of the event and to CESA for running the café. A massive thank you also to Mr Watterson, Gabi P, Amelia H, Amelia B and Caiti G for all their help at the events across this school year.



### PE KIT REMINDER

#### PE Kit Reminder

The PE department have been really impressed with students PE kit so far this year. Students have been, overall, great at remembering their PE kit and having the correct kit for PE lessons. As the weather is still cold at times, please remember that students can wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms and a navy blue jumper for PE lessons.

If there are any issues with regards the PE kit please just let me know and we can try and help where possible: [d.hunter@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:d.hunter@maidenerleghtrust.org)



### KIT LIST

#### Physical education and games kit

- Navy blue polo shirt (with logo embroidered – purchase from Stevensons)
- Navy blue shorts/skort
- Navy blue sports socks (outdoor PE lessons)
- White sports socks (indoor PE Lessons)
- Navy blue Microfleece/Jumper
- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- Non-marking trainers



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