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Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE results

I wanted to discuss our GCSE results from the summer. As you may recall, in 2022 we had an excellent set of results with 73% of students achieving grade 4+ in English and maths. The cohort of students who sat GCSEs in 2023 were only small in number (less than 50 in total), with a number of these students not attending school for different reasons or completing alternative pathways to GCSEs and this inevitably did affect our results (with a cohort of this size each student was worth 2%). Additionally, the students were relatively low in Higher Ability Pupils based on their KS2 results and therefore we would not expect their raw results to be as high as the previous year. Lastly, our reporting of these results has been hugely affected by the IT issues with our usual software packages that do the analysis not available and getting some detailed data to report to you has been difficult.

However, I can tell you I am **very proud** of our results from a year group that faced many challenges across their five years at MECE including in Year 7 and 8 a turnover of headteachers and in Year 8 and 9 two lockdowns.

We are also really excited for our students and their destinations as they go off to study at Piggott School, Saint Helen and Saint Katherine's, a Wasps rugby scholarship, Highdown School, Berkshire College of Agriculture, Henley College, and Reading College and we are proud that they have secured these places from studying at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. Whether it be A-Levels, Apprenticeships or Diplomas, we are sure they will seize the opportunities they have obtained through their efforts and will make a great success of their future lives.

Some of our standout performers include:

Millie M.: who achieved seven grade 7s, one grade 8 and two grade 9s with her average progress score being over three grades higher than her national targets. She will be taking up a scholarship place at Saint Helen and Saint Katherine's School for her Sixth Form studies.

Martha G.: who achieved a basket of grade 6, 7 and 8 grades including grade 8s in French and science.

Tom B.: who achieved highly positive grades including an 8 in history and an average progress score of almost two grades above his national targets.

The following students all achieved positive progress scores:

Henry W.

Ainsley S.

Felicity R.

Dominik D.

Gemma P.

Kaitlyn H.

Delehn G.

Jess C.

Leon Z.

Eloise P.

Owen T.

Daisy C.

Martha G.

Benjamin A.

Zoe B.

Hettie G.

Millie M.

Thomas B.

Indeed, Millie's result put her progress at over 3 grades higher than her target grades and there were a number of other students very close to a positive number.

What unites almost all of these high achievers is very strong attendance figures and in terms of some of the students whose results were less than positive there were only three students with strong attendance amongst them. **Therefore, one core message to take forward as a parent, is that being in school makes such a difference to progress.**

In addition, the subjects of biology, chemistry, physics, drama, PE, and history all excelled with their results.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in these results. Our staff were phenomenal during this year and the staff have worked with a unity of purpose to ensure the results were as strong as possible and it is always a delight to witness the close working relationships and sense of community at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge. I would also like to express our gratitude to the parents who have supported the students and the school so robustly in the last five years. We wish everyone involved all the best for their future.

Hence, whilst our 4+ pass rate fell from 73% to 46% this is a raw score comparing two very different cohorts of pupils and there is every indication that our current Year 11s will be back up to the 2022 figure or even better.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



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