



10 November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope everyone has had a good week and your children are getting back into the routines of school.

### Mrs Bowers

MECE's new headteacher, Mrs Bowers, has been up to school this week and has met the Senior Team as well as the Chair of Governors in preparation for her new role in January. I know several of you will be coming up to school on Wednesday for her first [Parents' Forum](#) and it will of course be an important opportunity for you to make that connection with her.

### Year 11

Our Year 11s have been busy finishing their PPEs this week before enjoying the Henley College open day. Our Trust Careers Officer, Anna Finlason has also been in this week to continue her 1:1 interviews to ensure all of Year 11 have a plan for what comes next.

In the meantime, staff have identified a range of individuals whom they feel will benefit from extra interventions to help them gain those all-important grade 4s and above. Communications home will be made, and I thank parents in advance for their support.

### PE

We have had some fantastic successes on the sports field this week with most of the good news focused on our Year 7 girls. They defeated our local rivals, Langtree School, in their first football fixture of the year with a whopping 4-1 victory. Mr Caldwell said it could have been 10! Earlier in the day the Year 7 girls who were running also did well, coming second out of seven local schools in their cross-country fixture. The star of both events was Georgina who finished her busy day off by attending her QPR academy training session! **Georgina is my student star of the week.**

### Anti-Bullying Week 13-17 December

We will be recognising the annual Anti-Bullying Week at MECE with a series of cross-curricular and tutor activities. In addition, our trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be delivering assemblies to all year groups throughout the week. The message this year is 'Make a noise about Bullying', highlighting the differences between Bullying versus Banter and how it makes others feel.

More details for parents and carers from the Anti-Bullying Alliance are in this link:

[Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](#)

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

I have been delighted with the response from the students in Years 9 and 10 regarding the recent launch of the Bronze award to these students. To have almost 70 students express an interest and be ready to sign up bodes incredibly well for our young people and shows their attitude to self-improvement.

## Remembrance

Today saw our annual Last Post and two-minute silence to remember the fallen soldiers who gave their lives for Britain. This will be followed up by myself and the Head Students laying a wreath at Kidmore End Church on Sunday morning.

## Staff Star of the Week

My staff member of the week is **Mr Reskalla** who has taken on the leadership of Art, Design and Technology at a tricky time. I am very grateful for his flexibility and solution focused approach in terms of getting things back on a more even keel.

Hope to see you all at bingo later!!

Please do not hesitate to leave any feedback you may have using the links below.

Have a great weekend.



Andy Hartley  
Headteacher

