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CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

A busy week this week at MECE! Here are a few highlights!

Fundraising

The totals are in from the Santa Fun Run last term. An incredible total of £2017 was raised to be split between the British Heart Foundation, the MECE Gym Refurb and the Prom fund. The totals raised by each house are listed below and our top fundraisers were: William Newson, Gabrielle Petford, Ben White, Gerry Britain, Jorgia Petford and Amelie Hepwood. A huge thank you to Mr Caldwell and all the staff involved with the organisation of the event.

<i>Chiltern</i>	<i>£853</i>
<i>Thames</i>	<i>£718</i>
<i>Abbey</i>	<i>£231</i>
<i>Peppard</i>	<i>£215</i>

Year 11

The whole of year 11 undertook their GCSE booster exam to improve on a key subject from last term's PPEs - this crucial exam practice begins the revision period as we move into the final 12 weeks before their written exams begin. From after half term students will have a weekly assembly, advice on study skills and building resilience and also booster sessions for Maths, Science and English. Parents of year 11 students do look out for an update coming soon from Miss Hills.

Bletchley Park

A real highlight of my week was the trip to Bletchley Park with the whole of year 9. It was a fascinating place to visit, and I was particularly struck by the way such a small place, in England, had become the centre of code breaking operations for the whole of the allied forces during World War Two. It was also lovely for me to spend a day getting to know more students in year 9 and they were a real credit to the school. A big thank you goes to Mrs Chopra for organising the trip and for all the staff who came along with us.



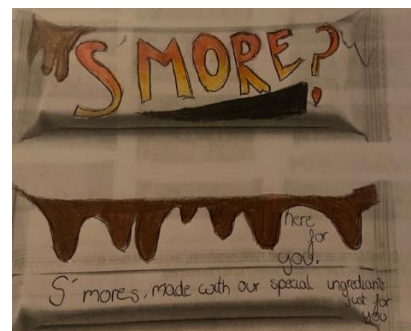
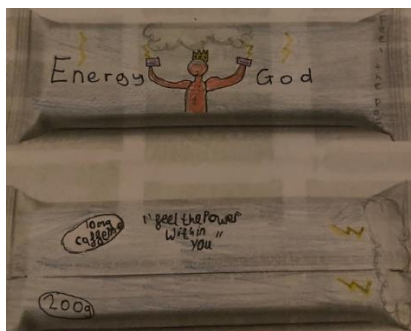
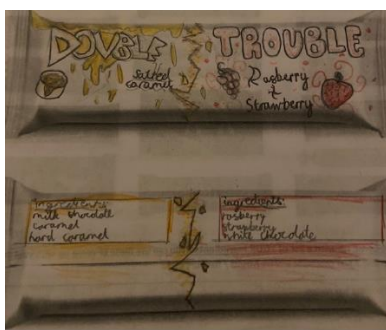
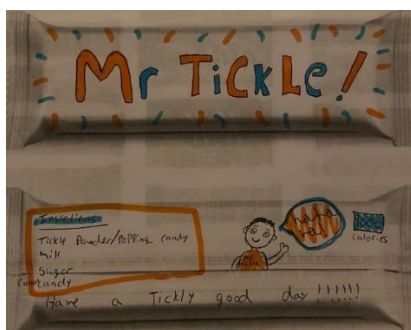
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Enterprise Day

Back at MECE year 7 and 8 took part in an apprentice type enterprise activity to design and market their own chocolate bars. It was a great opportunity to demonstrate creativity and to develop skills of team working. Here are a few of the designs they came up with:



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A huge thank you to the staff who led the event and to the teachers who covered classes to enable both the trip and the Enterprise Day to take place.

Staffing update

As you know there are currently more cover lessons than I would like across a range of different subjects. Having consulted with headteacher colleagues both within the trust and beyond, it is an issue in many schools resulting from the current national teacher recruitment crisis. We are working hard on solutions, and I am delighted to say that our new Art Teacher Miss Lategan begins work next week and that Mrs Howes has kindly agreed to take on some language lessons on a Friday. We are also making use of video lessons provided by Oak National Academy to ensure that students are able to continue to make progress, I appreciate your patience whilst we work towards more permanent solutions.

Do continue to share your views about the school via our feedback form [here](#) or email to meceoffice@maidenereleightrust.org – I am always happy to hear your views.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Briony Bowers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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