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Dear Parent/Guardian

MECE pride

It's been a brilliant week here at MECE with lots of events in and outside of the classroom. Unfortunately, the year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament was rained off but we have celebrated Science week with a series of lunchtime activities in the department, a big thank you to Miss Kirby for organising the activities.







On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed back Paul Hannaford for an informative and hard-hitting assembly on the topic of drug and knife crime, his experiences really brought home key messages about risk-taking to an attentive year 9 and 10 audience.









Bus consultation

I have been so proud this week to see the students come together to make their responses to the bus consultation. Miss Bliss set out the information including the council's reasons in some extra assemblies, and the students engaged brilliantly and then with their teachers completed the survey questions. The outpouring of feeling about the importance of **their** school was overwhelming. As an English teacher I was glad to see extensive use of persuasive techniques and well-argued points, but as headteacher of this wonderful place my heart is full with how much they care. Who would have thought that the bus consultation would be my highlight of the week? The consultation closes on March 29th here is the link, <u>survey monkey</u> – do complete it if you haven't yet, regardless of whether your child travels on the bus.

GCSE food technology

Our Year 11 food tech students completed their final practicals this week and I was invited to take part in one of the tastings. I was so impressed to see the three course meals set out and beautifully presented like an episode of Masterchef - the standard was incredibly high and needless to say I didn't need my school lunch that day. A huge thank you to Mrs Ashley for all her work to prepare the students.

Early Close Thursday 21 March

A reminder that next week we have an early close to enable staff to take part in the cross-trust curriculum network meetings. For a small school such as ours, connection with our trust colleagues is a great opportunity to share ideas and best practice. School will end at 1.30 pm (end of period 4) for all students and the school buses will run early that day.

As always, let us know how we are doing by commenting through our <u>feedback form</u> or emailing to <u>meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org</u>

Best wishes

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