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Dear Parent/Guardian

Spring is finally here and the blossom is out!

The penultimate week of term has been filled with more MECE successes and events here are some of our latest highlights:



Careers

On Wednesday, Year 10 attended the annual careers fayre at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford, it was a brilliant event with over 80 employers and further education providers assembled. As well as picking up numerous free pens, Year 10 students were able to find out about different career pathways, including some they may not have considered before. The event organiser commented on how well our students interacted with the employers and how they conducted themselves throughout the event. A big thank you to Mrs Hills, Mrs Chopra, Mrs Finlason and Miss Dunn who accompanied the trip.



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Year 11 Success

The final countdown is well underway for Year 11 now as the examination season approaches in early May. This week, we have had external assessors in school for English speaking and listening tests. Students had to present on a topic of their choosing and then answer questions. Both assessors were really impressed with the range of topics chosen, the maturity of the students and the standard of the presentations. Mr Caldwell has also shared the excellent progress students have made in the recent BTEC Sport assessments. Congratulations to all on these achievements. Year 11 parents will receive a separate update on Monday about what is coming up in the next few weeks over Easter and into the exam period.

Maiden Erlegh Trust

I want to take the opportunity as I near the end of term to give my appreciation and thanks to the wider trust team. The benefits we receive as a school from being part of the Trust can sometimes be invisible to you as parents and carers, but as a new headteacher, support from the central team has been invaluable. Thank you to Kerry Solarz, HR Director, for her support with recruitment and staffing issues, to Sylvie De Groute and her brilliant finance team for her expertise in managing the budget, to Ali Walker for being on hand for consultation over safeguarding (and for organising an excellent ski trip). Thanks also to Sarah Ellis, Rob Buck and Andy Johnson for coming over and working from our R n R room to support us when things were stretched. Also, to Jon Peck and Andy Johnson for meeting with Brian Grady at Brighter Futures over the bus consultation and to the other trust headteachers for their advice and support. We have also benefited from a brilliant INSET day for all trust colleagues focused on our key value: Be Inclusive. Yesterday, subject leaders met for a networking event to share best practice on assessment from across the secondary schools. It truly is a team effort and I am very proud that our school is a part of the Maiden Erlegh Trust.

Staffing update

We are delighted to welcome Mr Kaloudis to the school who joined us this week from Maiden Erlegh School as an experienced English teacher. We are holding interviews for a Head of Modern Foreign Languages on Wednesday next week and Mr Harte will be returning from Monday. I will provide further updates as the information becomes available. Thank you for your patience as we navigate a challenging recruitment situation, I am working hard to ensure that we are fully staffed with subject specialists.

Finally, a big thank you to any of you who have been in touch with feedback whether it is praise or concerns - I appreciate you taking the time. The end of term is a particularly good time to celebrate the staff who make the difference here at MECE so do get in touch if there is someone here who you would like to thank for their work this term through our [feedback form](#) or emailing to meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Best wishes



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