



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Christian Club

This week we have had a successful launch of our new Christian lunch club. Every week a local charity REACH visit MECE to run a club all about the Christian faith. The local Caversham youth worker also comes along (often bringing delicious cake!) Over the first three sessions we have been delighted to see how many students are becoming regulars. Whilst the club primarily focuses on the Christian faith it is open to all students and is there to provide a safe space for students to be themselves and explore different beliefs. The students have impressed the visitors with the respect that they have shown to the group leaders and to their peers. Thank you very much to Miss Smith for her work setting up this club and the other extra-curricular opportunities within the History and RP department!

Examinations

This week has been an exam week for year 10 and our invigilators have commented that they have been exceptional throughout the process and have followed all the formal regulations required without a hitch. Year 10 tutors and teachers are also pleased with how students have engaged with preparation and revision in the run up. This is brilliant news and excellent preparation for when they step up to their GCSE exams this time next year! Congratulations to year 10 and thank you in advance to year 10 teachers for all the work now going into the marking and feedback process.

As year 10 vacate the exam rooms, we are into the very last countdown for year 11, the photography and Art examinations are now complete and Tuesday sees the French Oral examinations before the written exam period begins with BTEC sport on Thursday. We wish all of year 11 good luck with the final stages of their preparation.

Local news

Some of you may be aware of recent articles in the local press relating to MECE and Maiden Erlegh Trust. Inevitably journalists looking for a catchy headline don't always give both sides of the story and though we have experienced significant difficulties with cover over the last few months, I am confident in our plans moving forward and remain convinced that there is space for a small community school amongst the choices available to students in this area. MET stand squarely behind us and continue to invest in the fabric of the buildings and development of the curriculum. I've recruited some fantastic new staff for September, and I believe that MECE is a great place to work and learn. I am determined that we put the school on a sustainable future path.

I will be giving a brief talk before the upcoming year 8 and year 7 parents evenings should you wish to hear directly from me about our plans and to ask any questions. An alternative opportunity will be arranged for year 9 and 10 families.



Aim High



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Work Together

Thank you to everyone who completed the Edurio parent and student surveys earlier in the term – we are now processing the results and will feedback to you on our plans.

Do continue to contact us at meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org with any feedback or questions you may have.

Have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes



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