



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

This week

I hope that you have had the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine this week - it has been perfect weather for the many additional sports events which are running throughout this term. Mr Caldwell and the team have been really impressed with the turnout and many students are building points on their MECE Olympic passport towards the final house point total of the year. All the details of the events are available in the student bulletin. This week marks the end of the exam season with Year 9 students sitting their first set of PPEs (pre public examinations) in English, Maths and Science. Year 11 completed their final written exams on Wednesday, and we will look forward to celebrating their final goodbye at the Prom next week. One person who deserves all our thanks for her work over the last few months is our Exams officer Mrs Reilly who deals with all the logistics and organisation of the exams. She does an amazing job!

General election

Plans for the MECE Mock Election are now in full swing, last week the students were introduced to all things national politics through an explanation of how the voting system works in our country and the reasons why the election is so important. Students were then given the opportunity to critically assess the manifestos of the main five parties and to begin to form a political opinion of their own. This week, we were so pleased to see that over twenty students have expressed interest in joining a political party for the mock election. We now have representation from four of the main parties and students are busy working away on their manifestos and press releases as we speak. Canvassing will begin next week ready for a live hustings on the 2nd of July. Every student in school will be given the opportunity to vote on the 4th of July and to engage their political muscles alongside the rest of the country. It has been such a joy seeing students get into politics and care about the issues facing all of us. Look out for next week's Student bulletin where you will be able to read each party's manifesto!

Bus consultation update

We have received the following message from Brian Grady at Brighter futures confirming that current students at MECE will continue to be entitled to a bus pass for their time here.

"I am pleased to confirm that transport on the bus will stay free for MECE pupils next year, and the buses will also continue next year. From our assessment of parent circumstances who responded to the consultation, we expect the vast majority of parents currently accessing transport via a bus pass to continue to be eligible longer term. In terms of the coming academic year, the current policy is still in place, and so we are in the process of issuing bus passes for September based on current policy. For future years, children currently attending will continue to be entitled to bus passes even without a universal offer of transport for all Reading-resident pupils attending Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, as the consultation has shown that the policy protections regarding safe walking routes, travel distance and disadvantage protect all current parents we have looked at so far."



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Work Together

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the consultation process. Our voice as a community definitely influenced the outcome and we will now start making transport plans for students joining us from September 2025 onwards.

Staffing

Our new staff updates continue this week with a profile of Ms Thomas who will be joining us in September as Head of English.



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Introducing our new Head of English

► Kirsty Thomas



We would like to welcome Kirsty Thomas, as our new Head of English.

Kirsty, who joins us in July, has been a teacher since 2010 when she completed a PGCE at the University of Bath in the Swindon SCITT program. She also has a degree in English from the University of Southampton. Kirsty's previous roles include Head of Key Stage Three at Prospect School and Intervention leader for PP and FSM students at Denefield.

Even after fourteen years in teaching Kirsty is still passionate and enthusiastic about her subject; she hopes to use this enthusiasm to encourage the students of MECE to excel.

In her spare time she loves to cook with her son and daughter and go to gigs and festivals!



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Keep sending through your positive feedback and the areas where we could be doing even better on the usual address, meceoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Best wishes



Mrs Briony Bowers
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