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CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Highlights

Last night we said our goodbyes to year 11 at their prom at Badgemore Park. It was wonderful to see the effort which had been put into all the outfits from sharp suits to party dresses. There was a lovely atmosphere with dancing and karaoke - a good night was had by all. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Ashley for her support for year 11 all this year and her work organising such a wonderful event. We will look forward to seeing year 11 on results day on Thursday 22 August.

This week we also hosted two open mornings for year 5 students and their parents considering MECE for September 2025. They listened to a presentation from me and then toured the school with student guides from year 7 and 8. Despite the hot weather, the guides wore their full uniform with pride and all the visitors were impressed with the calm and purposeful lessons they saw and how confident and articulate the guides were - true ambassadors for the school! Next week we are hosting the year 5 pupils from Sonning Common Primary School to give them a taster of life here at MECE.

Additionally, Year 9 have been undertaking taster lessons in their GCSE options subjects to set them up for September and year 8 have taken part in a morning workshop run by The Talent foundry. They worked in teams to come up with an idea for a social enterprise which could utilise technology to make a difference in society. We were blown away by the level of creativity on display with tech solutions to potholes, loneliness, and litter amongst the ideas. We have some future inventors and entrepreneurs amongst year 8 which was very exciting to see. Thank you to Lesley from The Talent Foundry and Mrs Hills for organising the event as part of the year 8 careers programme. It certainly opened our eyes to what a career in technology could involve.

The week ahead

It is a busy week ahead so here are a few reminders of what is coming up over the next few days...

Tuesday 2 July Non-uniform day in aid of the Weller Centre for us to show our appreciation for the great work they do in our community.

Students wishing to take part should bring their contribution of £1 to hand in to their tutor on Monday morning.

Fundraising
Non School
Uniform Day

Tuesday, 02 July
2024
Donation: £1.00

Raising Funds for The Weller
Centre in Caversham, who
help and support so many
local families

WELLER CENTRE

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Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

Wednesday 3 July - The school is closed for a staff INSET day.

Thursday 4 July - Parent Forum 6pm - 7pm please book a place [here](#).

Please note Thursday is a full school day **not** a half day as in early editions of the school calendar.

Staffing update

We are now fully staffed with teachers for September. I am delighted by the appointments we have made, and it shows that staff appreciate the chance to work in a small community school such as MECE. This week's new staff profile is Mr Clark who will be joining us as Assistant Headteacher.



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Introducing our new Assistant Headteacher

▶ Roddy Clark



We would like to welcome Roddy Clark, as our new Assistant Headteacher.

Roddy, who joins us in September, is currently an Assistant Headteacher in charge of student engagement at a secondary school in Slough, where he has been working for the past 13 years. He has a degree in Physical Education from The University of Wolverhampton and went on to complete the Graduate Teaching Programme through The University of Reading in 2011. Within this time he has conducted a number of roles within the PE department, Head of Sixth Form and most recently within Senior Leadership.

Growing up in the area, sport has been a mainstay in Roddy's life participating in Football, Basketball and Rugby. However, more recently he is taking pleasure in spectating rather than playing! Roddy is very much looking forward to joining Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge and hopes his experiences will add value to the Trust holistically.



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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
Headteacher

