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CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We're into the final few days of the school year and I am looking back on my first four terms at MECE with a sense of pride. You can read more about all the amazing things that happen here in the final edition of MECE Matters which will be out this week. It is such a privilege to lead this school and though I am looking forward to a rest over the summer, I am excited for what September will bring.

Sports and Enterprise event

In a new venture for MECE, this year's sports day included an enterprise event run by year 10. The sun shone on us as houses took part in a range of activities from skittles, to tug of war, a raffle and even golf - the atmosphere was added to by the year 9 and year 7 bands who played and the teachers who bravely put themselves forward to be sponged. There were several stalls of cakes and CESA sold drinks and ice-cream raising over £300. We are all so proud of the work which year 10 put into the event and the professional way they ran their stalls.



After a morning of field events, the afternoon saw the traditional track finals and some incredible team and individual performances. Special mention to the top students in each year group: Year 7 Georgina and Roshan; Year 8 Thomas D and Sadie S; Year 9 Keandre, Shantae and Imogen; Year 10 Byron and Aleka.



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together



The overall results were:

- 1st Chiltern
- 2nd Abbey
- 3rd Peppard
- 4th Thames.

A particular thank you to all the staff who contributed to making the event such a success: Mr Harte our MC who kept us entertained and announced the races, Mrs Brown for providing the music for the sports festival, the Heads of House - Mr Sheridan, Miss Kirby, Mrs Howes and Mr Spicer, Mr Agar for setting up the tables, Mr Reskalla for the amazing MECE medals which the students loved, Mrs Fearnside for the certificates and of course Mr Caldwell and the PE team who masterminded and ran such a fantastic event for their first one together!

Head students

Following a robust process whereby students had to write an application, present to their year group and complete an interview with SLT, we were all blown away with the quality of the 8 candidates who applied for a Head Student role.

The Head students elected for the academic year 2024/25 are:

- Emma T
- Dariia P
- Charlotte G

Congratulations to all three! I am very much looking forward to the ideas that they will bring and to connecting more with the voices of students across the school. Next year there will be an even broader range of student leadership roles working alongside the Head students including the Well-being team, Mental Health Champions, House Captains, Sports Captains, and Subject Champions as well as a reinvigorated student council.



Duke of Edinburgh

This weekend saw the final expedition for this year's Bronze D of E cohort and the students really did themselves proud showing resilience and great teamwork skills supporting one another. In addition to the expedition, over the year students have enjoyed doing their skill and physical tasks and taken up many volunteering positions. This was Mrs Chopra's final event for Duke of Edinburgh as she leaves us at the end of this term, we are hugely grateful for the time and commitment she has put into D of E this year and wish her the best in her new school.



Looking ahead to the new term

We welcome year 7 and 11 students back to school on Wednesday 04 September and the full school return on Thursday 05 September. Please take time over the summer to ensure that your son or daughter has their full [school uniform](#) ready including school shoes (not trainers) and that their pencil case is fully equipped with all the [tools for learning](#). Uniform and equipment will be part of our standards focus in the first weeks of the new term.

It only remains for me to wish you all a good summer break. Thank you for all your support this year.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "B Bowers".

Mrs B Bowers
Headteacher

