



MAIDEN ERLEGH

CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Families

After a frosty start MECE is bathed in sunshine this Friday as we close the week! My highlights of the week have been the two open mornings which we held for prospective students and their families. The tours, which give visitors the chance to see the school on a normal working day, were fully booked and so we have put on a final date next Friday 18th October - do encourage anyone you know who is considering MECE to come along.

Hot chocolate with the head

This week I met with the winners of the 'All about me' competition in year 7. We had a lovely chat about their first six weeks at MECE.



Improvements to the school site

Those of you who came along to the open evening will have seen some of the recent improvements to the school site - in addition to the refurbished toilets which were completed over the summer we now have House colours proudly on display in the quad and the hall, a new projector and screen in the main hall and attractive subject specialist vinyls in the Maths and Science corridors. Our business manager Mrs Gehlot is currently obtaining quotations for refurbishment of the Science labs which we expect to begin work on during this academic year. This will be funded by the Trust from their capital budget.

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As well as financial support, this year we are very fortunate to be receiving support from a range of staff from across the Trust. We have the English and Science curriculum leaders working with us two days per week and members of the Trust leadership team in school with us on a regular basis. This week Mrs Walker has been supporting us with our 'attendance is everyone's business' strategy and will be meeting with Mr Clarke every month to ensure that we are on track against our targets. Remember that we expect individual student attendance to be above 95% - Congratulations to year 7 who are maintaining their position as top attending year group with a rate of 97%.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DIRECTOR: CULTURE AND SAFEGUARDING

Alison Walker



Alison oversees and leads on all matters of safeguarding, behaviour, and inclusion across the Trust. She works with school leaders to ensure that they act fairly, proportionately and within the law. In addition to this she supports schools with their approaches to personal development, behaviour management and child welfare. She also is a strong advocate for trips and visits and leads on this area for the Trust.

Alison is a maths teacher and prior to taking up her current role she held various roles in pastoral leadership up to and including Deputy Headteacher. She is an accredited safeguarding trainer and regularly delivers training for Designated Safeguarding Leads across the area, as well as bespoke inhouse training for non-Trust schools.

Finally, I was delighted to see the Henley Standard have published this lovely article about our new team of Head Students, have a read of the online version here:

[New head students want to give fellow pupils a voice](#)

Do continue to get in touch with your questions and feedback, perhaps there is a member of staff who deserves a thank you. You can contact us on the usual address.

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Best wishes



Mrs Bowers
Headteacher



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