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Dear Families

It's the end of a long eight week term and I am reflecting on just how much we have achieved since September. This final week has been no exception and has been packed with opportunities for MECE students. Just this morning at 5.30 am 50 students set off on the Belgium Trip with Miss Smith, Mr Mount, Miss Kirby, Mr Caldwell and Mr Harte, we are so fortunate to have teachers who are prepared to give up the first few days of their holiday to make this opportunity possible - I look forward to sharing an account of the visit on their return.

Lionheart Trip

On Wednesday, a group of students from years 9 and 10 went to Maiden Erlegh School to participate in the Lionheart Challenge. This programme brought together higher attaining students from across the Trust secondary schools to work together in teams promoting the skills of problem solving, teamwork and resilience. It was also a brilliant opportunity to work in a mixed team and connect with students in other schools. We had two students in the winning team and I will look forward to displaying their trophy in our reception.

Year 9 Army visit

On Tuesday, we were lucky to have the Army recruitment team providing workshops and a presentation for our year 9 students. Not only was this an exciting day, but also opened their eyes to the possibilities of a future career in the forces. This was followed up with today's assembly looking more widely at careers in the public sector. The options process for year 9 will begin after Christmas.

Year 11 PPEs

Directly after the half term break our year 11 students will be entering their first round of PPEs (pre public examinations). Studies show that frequent revision in small chunks is most impactful and with that in mind we strongly recommend daily revision from now going forward - all students have created a revision timetable as part of their PSHE lessons - do check it through with them and support them to stay on track.

GCSE food Restaurant visit

Also this week, students in year 10 and 11 went to the Italian restaurant Piccolino's in Henley. Students has a great experience behind the scenes in the kitchens and gained an insight into how the chefs prepared the food including the skills of chopping onions and making pizza dough. Afterwards they were served a two course lunch which included options such as Pizza, Spaghetti Carbonara or meatballs with salad and Tiramisu for pudding. Everyone enjoyed the trip and students learned about the pressures of working in a kitchen and that every detail matters. Thank you to Mrs Ashley, Mrs King and Mrs Bosley for organising and supporting the visit.



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With half term approaching I wish you all a safe and happy break - students return on Wednesday 6th November. Should you be passing by the school during this time you may see our entry for the Sonning Common scarecrow competition - Charlie Cobweb of Chiltern House is sitting out by the school sign - do give him a wave!

Please do get in touch with your questions and feedback, you can contact us at MECEoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Best wishes

Mrs Bowers
Headteacher



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