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Dear Families,

Welcome to term 2 - I think staff and students alike have appreciated the slightly longer break and have returned with renewed enthusiasm for the new term and the six-week run to Christmas.

Ypres Visit

Over the break Mrs Smith led an amazing visit to Ypres in Belgium to significant sites from World War One. The visit included the Flanders Field Museum, the Commonwealth war graves and the site of the Battle of the Somme itself. The trip was a powerful experience for staff and students alike, immersing them in a significant period of our history. Samuel in year 10 wrote this brief reflection on his experience to share with you:

"Rows of sacrifice lay before me as the Belgian sun lit the stones and I stand in silence reflecting the stories of hurt for my peace. The landscape once torn by war is now quiet but as I remember the fallen, I reflect on all those who fought in my midst. The MECE history trip to Ypres and the Somme was a brilliant tour of the past and life in the First World War. From war graves and memorials to bomb craters and trenches, the trip encompassed the scale of atrocity of the war but also the glory of those who were there."

All the students were an absolute credit to the school showing respect at the cemetery sites and an engagement with the stories of the men who fought and died there. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith, Mr Harte, Mrs Kirby, Mr Mount and Mr Caldwell for giving up the first weekend of the holiday to accompany the trip.



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Year 11

This week saw the start of the PPEs (pre public exams) for year 11. These are a crucial opportunity for the students to prepare for the final examinations in the summer and to get a clear understanding of what they need to do to improve. We have been really impressed with the way that Year 11 have conducted themselves in the first few sessions and the way that they have approached their revision. Once marking and moderation is completed, they will receive their results in a special assembly on Thursday 5 December ahead of the parents evening that same day.

Punctuality and attendance

We continue to work hard to improve our attendance which is a national focus from the Department of Education this year. For term 1 year 7 have maintained their strong start with nearly three quarters of the students achieving attendance of 95% or higher. Congratulations to Ms Biddiss and the year 7 tutor team for supporting year 7 to settle into school so well. Remember that each day away from school amounts to five hours of learning which can't be replaced. This term we will also be focusing on punctuality to lessons to ensure that every minute of every lesson counts.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our fantastic staff team here at MECE we will shortly be advertising for a part time behaviour support worker and a receptionist. The vacancies will be on the school website and on the recruitment website my new term so please keep a look out.

Do get in touch if you would like to thank a member of staff or with any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Mrs Bowers
Headteacher

