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Dear Families,

It's been another great week here at MECE with lots going on both in and out of the classroom. The big landmark for year 11 has been completing their PPEs (pre public examinations) they have worked really hard and had a taste of what the summer exams will feel like - we are very proud of them.

Reading Museum Visit

Our Year 7 Historians had a fantastic time at Reading Museum and Reading Abbey on Thursday. They are currently studying the Battle of Hastings and the Bayeux Tapestry in their History lessons and so it was amazing seeing the tapestry in real life! The students re-enacted the whole of the Norman Conquest which not only saw some fantastic acting, it also brought to life such a significant historic event. Our students did us proud, engaging in all of the sessions and asking some really brilliant historical questions. A big thank you to Mrs Smith for organising the trip and to Mrs Gopal, Mr Perry, Mr Mount, Mrs Ely, Mr Cuthbert and Mr Poll who accompanied the students.



Henley College Visit

Following a successful week of exams, Year 11 all visited Henley College for some college taster sessions. They engaged actively throughout the sessions, with particular enthusiasm in business studies, forensic science, and criminology, which they found both challenging and inspiring. The students also enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends from other schools, adding a social aspect that made the day even more enriching. They remarked on how valuable the experience was in helping them explore potential future pathways and left with a great impression of college life. They were also great ambassadors for MECE representing the school.

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exceptionally well. The college experience day is part of our planned careers education which ensures that all students understand the options available to them once they leave MECE. Thank you to Mrs Hills and Miss Dunn who organise the careers programme and to Miss Cheeseman and Miss Woolridge for organising and accompanying the trip.

Sporting success

MECE students have been smashing it this week across a range of sports. Our year 9 girls won the duathlon, beating seven other schools, we have taken part in a fantastic year 7 and 8 girls rugby tournament and the girls' football team are currently unbeaten in their league.

Behaviour and attendance

We continue our focus on improving behaviour and attendance across the school and next week Mr Clark's assembly will focus on tightening up some elements of the on call and detention system and also renewing our focus on punctuality. A prompt start to lessons is vital to maximise learning and those students who persistently arrive a few minutes late are not only losing out themselves but are also interrupting the learning of other students in their class. A student who is 5 minutes late every lesson across a whole week has lost a massive 125 minutes (just over 2 hours) worth of learning time. We will continue to reward students who always do the right thing and make good choices and have reinstated the "Golden phone call" which is worth 5 house points!

Thank you

I've had some lovely messages of thanks this week and I can't tell you how much it means to our staff to be recognised for their hard work - so if there is a teacher or member of support staff who is making a difference for your child, please do get in touch via the usual address: MECEoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Best wishes



Mrs Bowers
Headteacher

