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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the last edition of my weekly update for this half term.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of you who were able to join us on Monday evening for the forum with me and members of the Trust's Executive Leadership Team. Whilst the passion and fierce loyalty came as no surprise to any of us, it was hugely uplifting to feel our parent community come together with a renewed spirit of positivity and support. I would also like to extend my thanks to those of you who have been in contact to volunteer your own time or shared links to potential local businesses that we can look to engage with.

I have had the very great pleasure this week of judging the MECE Photography Competition with local Professional Photographer and MECE Parent, Caroline Jones. The winners will enjoy a workshop with Caroline in the Spring Term and their images will be displayed around the school site too.

Year 11 have completed their second set of PPEs with a mature and resilient attitude to their progress in this final stage of their GCSE journey. They can look forward to results in March. Today, they held a bake sale to raise funds for Prom and it was excellent to see so many of the school supporting their efforts.

Years 10 and 9 recently entered the UK Maths Test and 8 students achieved Silver Awards and 8 achieved Bronze Award. Congratulations to all!

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After the recent Options Launch and Parents' Evening, Year 9 rose to the challenge in submitting their options forms on time – the hard work behind the scenes now kicks in.

This week Years 7-10 have had Celebration Assemblies with Heads of Year – particular highlights include 7A, 7B, 8B & 8D's attendance well over 95% to date this academic year and across Years 7-10 there are now over 320 students who have been awarded more than 100 House Points – an excellent achievement.

We bid farewell and good luck to our two trainee teachers who have now completed their first placement – Mr Harris (PE) and Mr Poll (History) have been valued members of the teaching team and we wish them the best of luck for their second placement and in their careers beyond that. Sadly, today, we also said our goodbyes to Mrs Bullivant who leaves for a role outside the classroom. Mrs Bullivant has been an integral part of Chiltern Edge from student, parent and staff member – she has turned her hand to many roles always putting the students at the heart of what she does and will be sorely missed by us all.

Yesterday we received the happy news that Mr Sheridan and his wife welcomed the safe arrival of their daughter Grace – we wish them all well as they enjoy this special time together.

And finally, on a personal note I must also add a thank you for the support that the staff, students and parents have provided as I have stepped into the Headteacher role. I am extremely proud to lead Chiltern Edge and look forward to having a rest next week before returning refreshed on Monday 24 February.

Have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely

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