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Dear Parents & Carers

This week at MECE we have been awash onsite with Y6 students and their families taking advantage of our 'Offers Day' Open Mornings. We were delighted to send out over 100 offers for September's Year 7 and around 40% of these families have visited across this week. As ever, a huge thanks to student ambassadors from years 7 and 10 who acted as guides, showing off the school and answering questions about clubs, lessons and pastoral support.

On Thursday we welcomed colleagues from Maiden Erlegh Reading for a phonics session with the Inclusion team, it was a great opportunity to work together and share knowledge.

Following last week's spotlight on World Book Day and a challenge to Year 7 and 8 to push on with their Sparx Reading, I am pleased to report students have finished the equivalent of 51 books over the week – an excellent total! A special shout out to Mrs Flett and Mr Harte's Year 7 and Ms Jackson's Year 8 English groups who are sitting at upward of 95% completion rate for their homework.

With today being National Pi Day (3.14), I wanted to take the opportunity to share the information that students have had on the expectations around Sparx Maths engagement which is used for Maths homework in all year groups. – [Sparx Maths Student Presentation](#). Students have engaged in Pi related activities during the starts of maths lessons and tutor time – some of the best performers are spotlighted below.



Year 9 students have been engaged in an Enterprise Activity within tutor time. where they are working in small teams to agree on a mini-business model and design a brand. Ultimately, they will have the opportunity to put it all into action at a school fair later in the year.

Year 10 have been building their skills and understanding of the most effective strategies for revision as they approach the halfway point of their GCSE courses. Students had a number of workshops to develop their skills which have been built on during Personal Development



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lessons. On Monday, I will be launching the PPE week schedule with the students and communicating this with year 10 parents via email.

Year 11 remain busy and focused on their final examinations. This week we had submissions of Design Technology non-examined assessment (NEA) and practice French Orals. The drama students visited the Oxford Playhouse to watch an excellent performance of 'Pride & Prejudice* (*sort of)' to provide material for their final evaluation unit. The year 11 student leadership team are also finalising plans for the remaining Prom fundraising activities as well as curating their yearbook.

And finally, you will already have received the news that the Trust Board and Executive Leadership Team have appointed me as substantive Headteacher at MECE. I feel extremely proud and excited to lead this wonderful community and would like to thank you all for the kind words and support I have received over the last 10 weeks. I am very much looking forward to this new chapter for MECE.

Yours sincerely



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