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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you all were able to enjoy a restful Easter break with some time to relax and recharge. It feels typical that the gloomy weather from the Bank Holiday weekend has extended into our first week back as we start the Summer term, however I was pleased to hear on the radio this morning that sunnier and warmer days might lie ahead next week!

The Easter holidays for around 80 MECE students and staff included trips abroad as the Geography department led a trip to Iceland and others joined the Trust-wide METSKi trip. I am hoping you enjoyed the regular updates across our social media platforms showcasing the amazing scenery, Geography and character-building opportunities! All the feedback I have received from staff (both MECE and Trust) who were accompanying the trips has filled me with pride as it has been both positive and bursting with enthusiasm about the conduct, engagement and attitude of the MECE students. I would like to take the opportunity to thank not only the staff who volunteered their holiday time to provide these opportunities but also to staff from within our support staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes ensuring that paperwork and trip logistics were all in place.



The return to school has seen the roll out of Class Charts. We had a successful first morning logging the students onto the new platform and giving them a whistle stop tour of the features of the App. One feature we have disabled for students is the timetable feature as we were finding ourselves in conflict during the day with students “checking their phones” to see what they had. In place, we have re-printed paper timetables for all students and will expect them to be carrying them in their planners. Thank you to all of you who have successfully activated your accounts too – we are currently at around 70%. If you have yet to activate and would like some support in getting it up and running please do contact the Office team.

Year 11 are firmly in the final furlong with the first of the GCSE formal written exams just 10 school days away. This week those who take French have completed their Oral examinations and afterschool revision sessions in both English and Maths have seen a notable upturn in attendance. Details about study leave will be shared with students and parents next week.

Year 10 are gearing themselves up for a busy 2 weeks with PPEs taking place next week and then World of Work week (including a day of Work Shadow) taking place the following week. I wouldn't necessarily say students are excited by the prospect of exams next week, but I hope they are



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preparing themselves as necessary and will approach them with an open mind as an opportunity to experience exam hall conditions and an opportunity to find out how they are progressing in their subjects. A copy of the exam timetable can be found [here](#).

Year 9 have, today, received their provisional KS4 Options allocations, after a patient wait across last term. There was a definite air of excitement this morning and lots of very happy faces. As with all things we do, sometimes, have to make difficult decisions but that the vast majority of students have allocated the subjects that they opted for.

Yesterday Year 8 were engaged in one of two STEM workshops focusing on either engineering or robotics. A huge thank you to Mrs Hills for organising and coordinating the sessions and to Mrs Audsley for designing, creating and delivering across the day.



Year 7, along with others across the school, have engaged well with the annual Book Fair – picking out some new books from the exciting selection available. The fair is still available on Monday in the library for any students who have yet to visit.

A quick update on some of our wider community events. On Wednesday we held our inaugural Year 6 New Starters Social event afterschool. This was designed to provide an informal opportunity for parents and Y6 students to come up to school and meet each other as the newest members of the MECE Family. Across the hour there was a workshop on managing SATS stress for parents alongside arts & crafts and table tennis for students as well as opportunities to meet with key staff, current MECE parents and purchase second hand uniform. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was lovely to see new friendships start to blossom. A massive thank you to Mrs Haycock and Ms Marden for organising as well as the staff, students and parents who volunteered their time to support.



Tomorrow, Saturday, we are hosting the Spring School Clean up event between 3-6pm and I am excited to see what our group of volunteers can achieve in the time. We have been hugely grateful for the donations via the Amazon List as well as the ParentPay fund which has allowed for the purchase of plants and resources. I look forward to sharing pictures of the progress we make.

And finally, a reminder that in a couple of weeks time (Friday 9 May) we have our annual CESA quiz – this year hosted by Quiz master extraordinaire Mr Perry with me as his trusty side kick. We are enjoying pulling together the quiz rounds as well as dusting off our favourite jokes and fun facts to keep you all entertained. Details on how to book your place can be found [here!](#)

Best wishes,



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