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Dear Parents & Carers

I wanted to start this week's update with a well done to students who have coped so well in the past couple of days with the soaring temperatures. They have heeded our advice in terms of keeping hydrated and remained sensible at breaks and lunches in not overly exerting themselves! Next week we will continue to not require blazers, but seek your support in ensuring students are correctly dressed in terms of ties, shoes, and shirts tucked in.

Year 11 exams have (finally) finished and with just Prom to go, the realisation that the Class of 25 leaving us has really hit home this week. Over the course of the exam period the students' attitude and engagement with the exams has impressed all involved. It is most validating to have individual invigilators take the time to stop by my office to share their delight at the interactions they have had with students across the exam window.

With the Year 11 door finally closing we turn our attentions to the incoming Year 7 – plans for their induction days are fully underway for later in July. Mrs Haycock has been busy meeting students and teachers from our feeder Primary Schools to get a good understanding of the students joining us – from the notes I've seen it sounds like we might have a group of students very keen to uphold our long-held tradition of Performing Arts which is just fabulous!

Next week we have the first of our Summer Open Mornings where we encourage current Year 4 and Year 5 students and their families to come and have a first look at the school. These events include a brief introduction from me, a welcome from Head Students and then short tours to see the school "in action" led by student ambassadors from across Years 7-10.

Last week I shared that Bronze DofE were completing their qualifying expedition – I am pleased to report that this was an incident-free trip with students successfully navigating their routes (after a handful of small detours for some). This weekend sees a group of Year 10s completing their Silver Award Expeditions – we are fortunate to be able to piggy-back onto the Award running from Maiden Erleigh School to be able to provide this opportunity for MECE students. Again, a huge thank you to Mr Caldwell for his collaborative cross-Trust work and dedication to give up another weekend to facilitate the opportunity for the students.



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

Year 7 have been starting to get their results back from core assessments sat in English, Maths and Science. There have been many wonderful results reflecting the commitment of students to their studies and the progress they have made over the course of the year. We look forward to Year 7 Parents' Evening taking place in a fortnight's time where parents, students and staff can discuss progress, celebrate successes and identify key areas for focus for further improvement. A reminder to please book your appointments via the booking system – details of which can be found [here](#).

Year 9 have completed two days of Core exams this week and have approached them positively and (dare I say) enthusiastically. It was heartwarming to hear reports of study groups taking place to support each other's preparations. We also witnessed a student-led English revision session this morning before school whereby 'contestants' had to identify the correct grammatical term before being allowed to shoot a penalty! Excitement and momentum towards Year 10 continue next week for them as they have Introductory sessions for their allocated Options subjects.



Year 8 students David and Jayden are celebrating mathematical successes this week too. Following earlier success in the UK Math Challenges they progressed to National finals (Kangaroo Round) and have both been awarded Gold Awards – this level of award is only issued to the top 10% of participants. This is a first for students at MECE and the boys can be very proud of their achievements – we certainly are. Pictured is one of the students who was successful at both the first and Kangaroo rounds.

And finally, I had the great pleasure of catching up with Suzanne who runs our Parent Association CESA. It was wonderful to reflect on some wonderful events from across the year and planning out next year's calendar. We also identified some saving goals – top secret at the moment whilst we iron out some details! Keep your eyes peeled on social media for information on what is coming up and ways to get involved.

If you are around and about on Sunday do consider dropping into the Sonning Common Village Fayre – I will be there with various student helpers, so do come and say hello! Also, a reminder that the following weekend is the Sonning Common Primary School Fete where we will also be present selling pre-loved uniform and fundraising for school funds.

Have a relaxing weekend.

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