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Dear Parents & Carers

Well, that was a hot one! I am sure we are all grateful for the slightly cooler weather that we have finished the week with and hopefully a return to easier sleeping at night that goes alongside. Despite the extremely hot days on Monday, students conducted themselves sensibly, and maturely. It was great to see lots of students bringing in re-fillable water bottles and using the taps provided to keep hydrated – I would continue to encourage students to do this throughout the year irrespective of the heat.

This week in school we have had a number of workshops and events taking place – as ever a huge thank you to the staff for coordinating them.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we held the 3rd and 4th in our Summer Series of Open Mornings for prospective parents. The uptake across the four sessions was excellent and the feedback was positive and encouraging for future cohorts. As ever our student ambassadors acted as guides and the praise from parents for them was gushing. I wanted to share with you a snippet of one email from a current Year 5 parent that was received after their tour, which as you can imagine truly warmed my heart:

“Throughout the visit, both Samuel and Jorgia impressed us deeply with their maturity, politeness, and confidence. They explained the school’s facilities and environment in great detail, and their presentation was clear, thorough, and very well-organized. When answering questions, they demonstrated strong analytical and communication skills.

Their performance truly exceeded our expectations and left a lasting positive impression on all of us. I have participated in many school tours before, but Samuel and Joorgia are by far the best student guides I have ever encountered. They are outstanding ambassadors for the school and a testament to the excellent education and values promoted at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.”

Creating an environment for students to develop their leadership skills through opportunities like the Ambassadors’ Programme is an important aspect of our Character Education and I am always grateful for the huge numbers of students who proudly want to represent the school.

On Tuesday morning Year 9 were treated to some financial education delivered by Mrs Priest and members of the Bank of England’s School’s Outreach Team. These



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workshops form an important part of our preparation for future life and start the conversations around credit, debt and “what is a mortgage?”

On Wednesday all students had a presentation from Charlie’s Promise, a charity created in the memory of 17-year-old Charlie Cosser who was fatally stabbed at a party. The presentation, delivered by Charlie’s dad, shared shocking statistics around knife crime as well as detailing the devastation the family have faced in the wake of the tragedy. The over-riding message was for young people to not carry knives and to seek help and support if they are worried about peers who might be. These sessions are incredibly hard-hitting but hugely important and the themes will be touched upon through Personal Development lessons. You can find more information about the charity, and it’s work here: [Charlie's Promise | Working to prevent knife crime](#)

Wednesday evening, we welcomed Year 7 parents for the Parents’ Evening. The turnout was fantastic, and the evening was characterised by positive and productive conversation around progress and engagement as well as a chance to reflect on their first year at MECE. Year 7 may be a small year group, but they are certainly mighty, and their enthusiasm and good nature underpins some excellent achievements across the year.

On Thursday Year 10 BTEC Sport students visited The University of Buckinghamshire’s Sport and Exercise Department to see what further study in this discipline might involve. The day included sessions on types of physical fitness, rehab/prehab injury management and even some opportunities to pit themselves against benchmarks by completing VO2Max tests and sprint tests in the Sports Science Gym.



This week we have formally welcomed two staff to our MECEFamily: Mr Khan and Mr Kafroshi. Both join us having successfully completed their PGCE courses part of which included training at MET schools.





“I am thrilled to be joining MECE as a new PE teacher, especially after recently completing my PGCE Teacher Training here. It has been a fantastic experience in every aspect—from the supportive staff and welcoming students to the strong sense of community that runs throughout the school. I am really looking forward to continuing my journey at MECE and contributing to the development and enjoyment of PE across the school.”

Mr Kafroshi is a familiar face for MECE students as his second placement has been here and we are delighted that he will be joining the PE department full time. Mr Kafroshi has been getting stuck straight in and will be an integral member of the team in the upcoming Inter Trust Sports events and our very own sports day the following week. Mr Kafroshi has a particular passion for PE coaching and officiating and is already looking at opportunities for MECE students to develop their own practice and earn qualifications in these areas.

Mr Khan joins our Computing team fresh from his second placement at Maiden Erlegh School. Mr Khan has spent time this week getting acquainted with the site, staff, and students. He will be supported in his role by Mrs Blight, Computing lead from MES who will be at MECE on Mondays from September.

“I am excited to start my teaching career within the MET family and look forward to getting to know the MECE students and inspire them into a love of computing.”



Next week we have lots of visitors on site over the course of the week. On Monday we have our Enhanced Transition morning for a small number of our incoming Year 7s to have an additional bit of time on site, getting to know key staff from the Transition and Inclusion Team and taking the chance for an additional tour of the site so that they know where they are going come Thursday morning. On Thursday and Friday, we welcome our full upcoming Year 7 cohort for their induction days whereby they will sample lessons, meet their tutor, as well as be adopted into their House Teams.

Monday evening, we have our New Parent Welcome Evening whereby excitement is high as they get a first look at which tutor group and House, students have been placed in as well as the chance to meet Head of Year and other key staff including the Y7 tutor.

On Tuesday Andy Johnson, Director of Education, and on Wednesday Jon Peck, CEO are coming to visit, and I look forward to updating them on the great strides we have made



as well as our plans for the upcoming year. Jon's visit will coincide with the Intra-Trust Inclusion Sports Day which MECE are hosting and Andy Caldwell, Head of PE, is leading.

Finally, it falls on me to share some sad news. Last night word reached us that former member of staff, Dave Robinson, had passed away. Mr Robinson has been suffering ill-health in the recent months, but his death was sudden and unexpected. Whilst our current student body would not know Mr Robinson a number of current staff and many of our wider parent community will certainly have very fond memories of him. Mr Robinson served at Chiltern Edge for over 30 years as a teacher, (and then Head of) History. He is remembered for his subject knowledge and passion as well as his calm temperament and gentle but relentless encouragement of students in his charge. Mr Robinson retired in 2016 but remained a firm and loyal advocate for the school and its community; he was forefront in the "Save our Edge" campaign in 2017 and remained a Regional NEU representative for a number of years. Our condolences go to his family at this sad time.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



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