



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parents and carers

### SAB Summer Newsletter

I would like to start this year's newsletter with a huge thank you to you as our supporters and community. MECE has faced another year of hard work and dedication to guiding its pupils through another year of education and your support in achieving that and getting the best experience for students is fundamental. Thank you for your engagement in school events, showcases, trips, homework support and parent feedback opportunities. I have seen firsthand the joy your feedback brings to the staff when it is received. Your contribution and engagement in the school makes it what it is and this year has reinforced how powerful joined up thinking and positive community relationships are for MECE.

I would like to offer our new head teacher, Emma Bliss, huge congratulations for her first few terms in her new role. Her passion and dedication to the school are obvious and are a huge asset to the school. Since taking post, she has worked tirelessly to put MECE back on the local map and highlight all its successes as is deserved. She advocates for the school in every conversation and is so proud of the community that has been created around MECE. Her knowledge and care of each individual pupil is impressive and forms the base of invested and respectful relationships. I am confident that our school will go from strength to strength under her leadership next term.

Leadership is of course important in a school but an equally huge thank you is deserved by all the teaching staff who go the extra mile to not only create exciting experiences in the classroom but also look for ways to inspire and support outside of it. Their hard work, care and effort ripples through the school and beyond.

Last but by no means least an enormous thank you is due to the backbone of the school that is the admin and support staff. They work incredibly hard to make sure the building, school day and after hours run smoothly. Without them there would be no delicious lunches, clean hallways, exam entries and friendly welcomes. Whilst they aren't always visible, it is without questions that the school wouldn't be the same without them. Thank you to the whole staff team for your contributions in making MECE the impressive team that it is.

We are thrilled to announce we are fully staffed for September and are looking forward to new staff joining us and bringing their experience and enthusiasm to join our team. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to some much-loved staff this year as they start new chapters of their lives, starting families, moving abroad and to other corners of the UK. Thank you for your dedication to MECE and we wish you all well on your next adventure.



Aim High



Be Inclusive



Work Together

Alongside a full staff team, we also have a growing governance team. This year our School Advisory Board (SAB) welcomes a new parent member and 3 new community governors. As a team of 8 we represent the staff, parents and community in offering the school support and advice with a sole focus of enabling our pupils the best experiences and outcomes during their time at MECE. We are proud that as a small school we offer big opportunities which this year have included trips abroad to Iceland to support the geography curriculum, a ski trip, work experience, many students working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award, a wonderful production of Bugsy Malone and many classroom successes.

This year the school has worked hard to maintain open communication with you as the wider community and have welcomed your engagement in this. There are many channels created for you to use to share your experiences of our school and we encourage you to continue using them for the positive experiences you would like to share and to unpick any worries you have. The whole staff team and the wider support team are committed to growing MECE into an outstanding school and we welcome your experiences and opinions to do that.

Wishing you all a happy summer break.

The MECE School Advisory Board

