



19 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Christmas term, I wanted to take the opportunity to say a very big thank you and to celebrate another successful and busy few months at school.

It has been a term full of highlights – from the hard work and progress pupils have made in lessons, to musical performances in Battle of the Bands and this week's Christmas concert, community events and sporting activities that have brought our community together. Most importantly, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, kindness and resilience our pupils show every day. They continue to make us proud at school and beyond.

This final week at MECE has been a particularly special one. The Christmas concert last night was a real highlight and a lovely way to celebrate the season together. In front of a fully packed audience, students from across the school performed traditional and modern festive pieces showcasing their talents and enthusiasm. A massive thank you to Mrs Brown for coordinating and to all the staff who contributed behind the scenes. The evening was also the first of the Kenya fundraising events – a huge thank you to those who donated prizes for the raffle and bought tickets (and/or cakes!) on the night.

This week, pupils have also taken part in our Santa Run, (with a surprise visit from The Grinch himself) enjoyed a festive Christmas dinner, and embraced Christmas Jumper Day with great enthusiasm. Thanks to your generosity, Jumper Day also helped us raise over £200 for Save the Children, which we are very proud of.

In Year 11 this week there has been a real buzz as their efforts for fundraising for Prom have stepped up a gear with their Christmas card initiative – students (and staff) have bought cards & candy canes, and they have, this morning, been delivered by Father Christmas to the recipients. It has been great to see Year 11 work together on this initiative and I know they are now feeling inspired for future fundraising ideas in the new year.



I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. Whether through encouragement at home, attending events, or working with us when challenges arise, your partnership is greatly appreciated and makes a





real difference. To those who dropped cards and chocolates in, a massive thank you – that sugar hit at break time has kept many of us going over the last few days!

This afternoon we bid farewell to Mrs Allen who has been a member of the Inclusion team since 2009. Most recently Mrs Allen has delivered our ELSA interventions – supporting students with emotional regulation, developing an understanding of social situations & boosting their self-esteem. In her time at MECE Mrs Allen has supported hundreds of students and has become a trusted, valued and cherished colleague amongst the staff. We wish her the very best of luck as she embarks on a move closer to family in Wales.

As the festive season begins, I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break, with time to rest, relax and spend time with family and friends. I wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy, positive start to the New Year.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the new term on Monday 5 January.

With best wishes,

Miss E Bliss
Headteacher

