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Dear Parent/Carer,

There is something that just automatically feels a bit brighter about “February” in relation to January – whether it be the lighter mornings and evenings slowly starting to creep or just the proximity to Half Term I’m not sure. The rains have continued in strong fashion with parts of our site and local roads looking decidedly soggy!

It has been a week of exciting news at MECE

Firstly, some lovely news from Mrs Hills who has safely welcomed a daughter. Emilia Rose arrived at the end of last week – both mum and baby are doing well and settling into life at home with big sister Lottie



Secondly, from the geography department. Back in the Autumn term students from Years 7 and 8 were invited to create a flag design that was taken to Antarctica with the REWIND ice core drilling team. The team have travelled to the Union Glacier Camp to work on extracting data from some of the oldest ice cores. Yesterday we received some photographs of our flags in Antarctica! Thank you to Mrs Kosch for organising this.



Thirdly, from the Maths department who have received the results from the UK Maths Challenge sat last week. I am delighted to read that for the first time in 5 years we have multiple Gold winners and a bumper crop of students earning Silver and Bronze awards too. Our Gold winners are Dylan (Y10) and David (Y9) both of whom will progress to their respective age group Maths Olympiad later this term.

Excitement around our school production is building with a full run through rehearsal scheduled for this afternoon. I know there have been some last-minute costume adjustments (to account for slightly





shorter Nuns) and there has been a continual hum of the songs coming from the Main Hall and Drama spaces. Tickets are still available via Parent Pay for both nights but selling fast!

At the show CESA, our wonderful Parent Association will be selling refreshments and tickets for the Easter raffle. Thank you to those who have dropped donations off already. We intend to create some prize bundles so donations of all shapes and sizes are very useful – please see poster below for ideas of what donations would be great. Raffle tickets will be coming home via students next week. CESA also coordinate the pre-loved uniform and Prom Dress sales – details of upcoming sales dates are below. Finally, CESA are also keen to recruit parents from across the Community to support their fundraising and awareness events. Details below – please do drop them a line if you feel you might be able to offer time.



Yesterday, colleagues from across other Trust schools were on site undertaking a peer review broadly entitled “Inclusion” focusing on students with SEND and those in receipt of Pupil Premium. This included conversations and observations with staff about readily available provision, interventions delivered “in-house” and through Alternative Provisions as well as speaking with students about their lessons and learning and more broadly about their day-to-day experience in the wider life of the school. We will receive feedback in due course but the students who were part of the panels and those who were spoken to within lessons conducted themselves wonderfully and spoke enthusiastically about the support received both in lessons and through targeted interventions, the extra-curricular offer and could talk with confidence about their learning. One particular comment that was shared was from a Y10 student who stated “I haven’t always got it right, but I know the teachers believe in me and that makes me feel like I can do it and that I matter” – which was both lovely to hear and encapsulates how I would hope all of our students feel being part of our school community.





And finally, our newly gifted football posts have arrived and been installed. Year 10 boys were keen to try them out this morning in PE, despite the drizzle and gave them the seal of approval. A huge thank you to Mr Peck for organising them for us. This week we also received indoor futsal equipment following a successful bid to the Football Foundation.



Next week Year 11 will sit their PPEs and Y9 have their KS4 Options launch – we wish both year groups luck with these processes. Running alongside this we will be marking National Apprenticeship Week during tutor with information for students about this pathway and where to access more information – we will share a link with parents next week for you to take a look too. Looking further ahead to National Careers week in early March there are a number of events being coordinated through Maiden Erlegh Trust – please take a look and sign up if you are interested. [National Careers Week MET Events - March 2026](#)

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

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