



CESA Spring 2026 Newsletter – We’re Back in Full Swing!

A warm hello from all of us on the CESA Committee! It’s always a joy to work with the school and our brilliant community to make sure every student at MECE gets the very best experience possible.

You may have noticed things were a little quieter from us over Winter. That’s because some of the GCSE BTEC PE students have been busy fundraising for their exciting trip to Kenya — so we stepped back a little to give them space to shine. It also meant, for once, we had a surprisingly peaceful run-up to Christmas!

But Spring has arrived, and we’ve come back buzzing with activity.

- Our first Uniform Sale of the year raised £277 — thank you to everyone who donated and shopped!
- Our first Prom Sale raised £92.00. This is a project our Chair, Suzanne, is incredibly passionate about. We firmly believe that no student should miss their Prom because of the cost of a dress or tux, and your support helps us make that promise real.

We’re now collecting for the Easter Raffle, and a couple of dates have changed:

Raffle Draw: 24 March 2026

Donation Deadline: 19 March 2026

If raffle tickets have magically appeared from your child’s bag (we’ve all been there!), please do send them back in. And if you meant to donate a prize but missed the original deadline, you now have a bit more time. If life is too busy to get to the shops, you can also donate via BACS and we’ll pick something up for you.



Easter Raffle

2026

DONATE:

Years 10 & 11: £2 paid via BACS
to CESA account number 13019627

sort code 60-10-35

Year 9: seeds and bulbs

Year 7 & 8: chocolate eggs

Donations in by 19/03/26

Draw on 24/03/26



We also had two fantastic evenings running the bar at the Sister Act Jr production last week, raising £547.30. As we said on the night: your treats help fund brilliant opportunities for our students — and they really do.

Talking of treats buying opportunities... thanks to your support, CESA has recently been able to fund a whole range of enriching activities and resources across the school. We've contributed £200 towards the Year 10 Entrepreneur Day, £404.72 for new Food Tech equipment, £220 for Science books, £150 for Geography books, £300 towards the 2025 Prom, and £159.60 for the Year Leaders Club. Every cake, drink, raffle ticket and donation genuinely makes a difference to student life at MECE.

And even more good news! Waitrose in Caversham has relaunched its Community Matters scheme, and thanks to all the green tokens dropped in MECE's favour, we have been kindly donated £1000! A huge thank you to everyone who took a moment to pop a token in the name of MECE — it truly helps us keep supporting opportunities across the school.

And finally, we'd love more volunteers to join us. You don't need to commit forever; even a little time here and there makes a huge difference. Together, we can keep creating opportunities that make MECE an even better place for our young people.





Yours thankfully,
CESA team

