



7 June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have had another busy week here at MECE. Year 10 spent the day working on a science eco project in the woods with Ms Hardman.

Year 8 have been engaged in positive mental health workshops with CAMHS. The workshop leaders were impressed with how the students conducted themselves and engaged in the sessions. The leaders said,

'The best-behaved students we've ever taught & we've been in to so many schools'

These comments reflect the recent students and parent surveys. Students feel safe here and have told us that incidents of bullying are very rare, they have also indicated through the survey that they feel staff are caring and supportive.

Continuing our positive support to encourage girls to keep breaking through the glass ceiling, a number of our girls are involved in a DigiGirlz Microsoft project to encourage women into computing. There are more careers events planned for all of our students to help them to fire their ambitions and aim high.

Talking of ambitions... we are very excited to be following former student, Fran Kirby, who is captaining the England team in the FIFA Women's World Cup Tournament 2019 which started in France today. We wish Fran and her team the best of luck as they chase their dreams.

I hope you will all be watching at 5pm on Sunday to cheer them on!

MOIRA GREEN
Head teacher



Performing Arts Newsletter

In Performing Arts this term, we are pleased to be running lots of extra-curricular clubs for our budding dancers, actors and musicians.

In Drama:

Drama Club will be running on Mondays 3.20 – 4.00 in the Drama Studio for those in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

In Music:

Wednesday – Music Maestros. An instrumental group for pop music musicians

Thursday – Choir. Available to all the school.

Friday – The minuets. Available to anyone who plays an instrument and would like to get involved.

In Dance:

Monday – KS3 Club from 3:15 – 4:30 pm. Years 7, 8 and 9 welcome. We are about to create another dance for the Dance Show, so if you would like to be part of Edge fest, make sure you come along!

Tuesday lunch - Boys Club - Any KS3 boys wishing to attend are welcome to come

Wednesday - Year 10s. Compulsory until 4pm; this is rehearsal time for their solo set phrases. Then from 4 – 4:30 will be Edge Fest practice.

Thursday - Edge Company Elite until 4:30pm. Selected members will need to attend every week until the show!

DRAMA

“...After all, drama is life with the dull bits cut out” – Hitchcock

Year 7

This term in Drama, Year 7 are going to be studying the popular Victorian performance style of Melodrama. This over-the-top genre features stock characters, evil deeds and heroic endings and was a forerunner for today's Pantomimes. Oh no it wasn't! Oh yes it was!

Year 8

This term, Year 8 are going to be exploring the supernatural world of witches, prophecies, ghosts and murder most foul as they learn about Shakespeare's Macbeth, or should that be 'The Scottish Play'!

Year 9

Year 9 will be delving into John Godber's comedy play 'Teechers'. This is a play about a school in the late 70s /early 80s with misbehaving characters, hilarious pranks, and dodgy drama lessons – and that's just the teachers! With a focus on multi-rolling and fast-paced comedy using many stereotypes, this play is a challenge and a joy for any actor.

Year 10

Year 10 are in the midst of developing their own performance for their first component which comprised 30% of their final grade. In addition to the performance, the students also have to write a portfolio which tracks the development of their ideas and the success and impact of the techniques used in performance.



MUSIC

A plea from the music department: If you have any working instruments not being used at home, we will gladly take them and put them to good use here in school!

Year 7

Students are forming bands to play the jazzy and incredible catchy, 'In the Mood' by Glen Miller, one of the most enduring figures of the Swing era.

Year 8

Students are using their 'musical futures' skills to cover a pop song. The students have chosen their own songs and using their teamwork, co-operating, instrumental and performing skills to work together as soloists, duets and bands. I am looking forward to hearing how they have developed in their instrumental and performing skills.

Year 9

Students are working on their performance and instrumental skills to pieces of their choice - incorporating GCSE criteria such as technical control, accuracy and fluently and expression and interpretation to promote high standards of their performance.

Year 10

Students have been working on their compositions creating very catchy and well thought out songs. They have also been analysing John William's 'Star Wars' and Henry Purcell's 'Music for a while' in preparation for their mock exam.

Dance

DANCE SHOW!

On Wednesday the 10th at 6:00pm, Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge pupils will present the annual EdgeFest Dance Show!

More information will come out through school comms, including ticket prices and important details - but for now - *keep the date free!*

Year 7

This term Year 7 pupils will be exploring basic Contemporary technique. They will learn stylised positions and movements and perform a contemporary dance for their end of term/year assessment. Through-out the year pupils have explored a variety of dance genres including African Dance (Lion King), Hand-jive (from 'Grease') and Hip-hop styles such as Locking and Waacking.

Year 8

Year 8 pupils will be looking at. They will learn about the musical 'West Side Story' and the links to Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. This will include learning stylised positions and movements in the style of Jazz and Musical Theatre, and then perform a WWS dance as their end of term/year assessment. Through-out the year pupils have explored a variety of dance genres including Contemporary, Tutting, Krumping and Parkour, which included performing outside with a number of obstacles and props. The rain kept us inside form so the term but eventually the assessments were all able to take place on the field!

Year 9

This term Year 9 pupils will be exploring the Roaring 20's, and styles of Swing dance such as the Charleston. They will learn stylised positions and movements and perform a Swing Dance mash-up for their end of term assessment. Through-out the year pupils have explored a variety of dance genres including Kung Fu, Capoeira, Popping and Locking and also Ballet. I was extremely impressed with the commitment and energy from the year 9s last term - they rocked Billy Elliot and had some fabulous pirouettes and hand springs from the boys specifically!



Year 10

Obviously the dance show is coming up and they have been very busy bees arranging auditions and marketing the performance. Pupils are required to be in one Contemporary GCSE dance, and then perform in another. Some year 10 pupils are in as many as 9! In lessons, the dancers have already begun learning their solos for Component 1a Performance. This term, they will be learning the second.

For their MOCKS, they will complete a 1 1/2 written exam, and this is the examination that was realized last year - so it's tough, get revising! 😊 Also for their MOCKS, they perform their two solos and receive feed-back.

It will be a very hectic term – but I am sure it will be worth it!



MAIDEN ERLEGH
CHILTERN EDGE



CHILTERN EDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



WE WANT YOUR FOREIGN MONEY

Have you been on holiday abroad? Have you got a bit of foreign currency left over that you'll probably never use?

Don't leave it lying there, all lonely at the back of that kitchen drawer... Chiltern Edge School is accepting donations of all foreign currency, whether it's Euros and Dollars, or Rand and Rupees, we are collecting it all.

We will even collect obsolete currencies, so if you've been wondering what to do with those French Francs or those Greek Drachma from that fabulous holiday you had in the 1990's...

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