



14 June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

Despite the miserable weather that has hampered sports fixtures and the use of the field for much of the week, spirits remain high as the term races on.

A group of Year 9 girls represented the school at Microsoft DigiGirlz event. A write up of the day can be found below. A huge thanks to staff for organising and accompanying.

We welcomed Year 7 parents on Thursday evening to discuss and celebrate student's progress during their first year.

A reminder that Open Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 3 July from 5 to 8pm. School will finish at 12:30pm on this day to allow staff to set up. The bus companies have been informed.

A thank you to those students who have already volunteered their time to help with school tours. We look forward to having more students volunteering to help within departments.

Have a restful weekend,

MOIRA GREEN
Head teacher

DigiGirlz

Some Year 8 girls had the opportunity to take part in the Microsoft DigiGirlz event at their offices in Thames Valley Park this week which was aimed at inspiring girls to go into STEM related careers. It was an amazingly motivational day for the girls, packed with keynote speeches from senior female associates, a Microsoft treasure hunt and a 'Make a More Inclusive World' challenge!. The girls had the opportunity to pitch their Challenge ideas to the CTO of Microsoft. Both teams of girls did fantastically well and should be extremely proud of themselves. To top off the day, MECE were only 1 of 2 schools that got a 'special mention' by the CTO for one of the ideas they had pitched, 'The Breathe Bot'! A bracelet/watch style device the girls had designed to help those with anxiety. With the Mental Health awareness being highlighted more and more, this was definitely a relevant and forward thinking idea that the girls had come up with.

All in all it was a truly inspirational day for the girls!

Spare Uniform

Over the summer holidays lots of you will be replacing uniform that has been outgrown. If you have uniform that is in good condition but is surplus to requirements we would be very pleased to receive it to use as spares at school. Please hand any clean unwanted uniform to reception.



Physical Education Newsletter

Fixture Update

It has been an unexpected quiet week in Physical Education this week due to the horrendous weather. This has affected lessons, clubs and fixtures, so a massive thank you and well done to students for their efforts during the enforced joining of classes and doing some extra fitness in lessons this week. Our scheduled fixtures have been a wash out, from the exception of the Quadkids athletics event at Gillotts School.

Year 7 Athletics

In a torrential storm, the Year 7 students of MECE braved the elements to participate in the QuadKids Athletics Competition at Gillotts School. Their Sherpas during this arduous experience were none other than our very own Mr McDonnell-Roberts and Mr Burningham (the former being the true champion, raking the sand of the long jump pit in the rain whilst the latter hid away from the rain in the bushes with his clipboard). The students were valiant during all of their events (100m, 800m, Long Jump & Nerf Throw). All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day despite the unfortunate weather. We, as a PE Department, are very proud of the students that fully committed in very difficult conditions: Ben, Jerry, Joseph, Tyler, Gemma, Hettie, Amy and Jess.



County Athletics

A massive well done to Alex Ashford who represented MECE and South Oxfordshire on Sunday 9th June in the county athletics competition at Horspath in Oxford. Alex competed against the best athletes in Oxfordshire in both the triple jump and javelin. Alex performed fantastically in both events, coming 6th in the triple jump and 7th in the Javelin overall. Congratulations Alex and you should be super proud of your achievements.





Cycling

On Wednesday the PE department took year 9 GCSE/BTEC sport students to support the 141 kilometer Oxfordshire leg of the OVO Energy Womens Tour which started in Henley and finished at Blenheim Palace. Boels Dolmans Cycling Team's Jolien D'hoore continued her strong start to this year's OVO Energy Women's Tour as she sprinted to victory at Blenheim Palace. This was a positive experience for our students to see elite athletes in action on our own door step. Hopefully we can continue to go and support more elite sporting action in the near future.



Date for the Diary

The PE department are proud to announce that we will be holding our first ever sports Presentation Evening on **Thursday 4 July** to celebrate all things sport. Any student who has represented the school in any sporting activity this academic year will be invited to enjoy the evening and celebrate all your successes in what has been an action packed year for school sport. There will be awards for individual sports, sports personalities, team of the year and sporting achievements from the year. We are hoping to have a sporting guest speaker on the evening and refreshments will be available courtesy of CESA, so we hope to see you all out in force to celebrate our sporting successes with the students.





Alternative Fitness Opportunity for Year 10 Students

Miss Cheeseman has organised for Year 10 students to have the opportunity to attend a Bounce Fitness Trip running after school on **Thursday 20 June**.

Bounce Fitness is an award winning international company that has been expanding since 2014. The Bounce classes run for 1 hour and feature a 45 minute section of choreographed dance-cardio jumping routines and a 15 minute toning session, all on mini trampolines.

The aim of this trip is to encourage our students to engage in different forms of exercise and promote a healthy positive lifestyle.

The students will change into PE kit at the end of the school day and be driven in the school minibus to Coley Primary School. The session will take place in the Primary School Hall and will be run by Bounce Fitness instructor Anna. The class will run for 1 hour and once finished, the students will be driven back to school for pick up.

Collection from Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge at approximately 6.00pm.

The cost of the trip is £8.00 and can be paid via the school gateway.

The deadline for payment is at the end of the school day on Tuesday 18th June.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Tuesday 18 June – Year 10 Athletics Super 6s @ Gillotts school

Wednesday 19 June – Year 7 Rounders @ Highdown

Wednesday 19 June – Year 7/8 Softball @ St Birinus

Thursday 20 June – Year 8/9 Athletics Super 6s @ Gillotts

Monday 2 June – Year 9 Rounders @ MECE

Tuesday 25 June – Year 7 Rounders @ Gillotts

Wednesday 25 June – Year 7 girls rounders @ Highdown

Community Sport Links

Girls Only Rugby

Reading Abbey Rugby Club are running tag (non-contact) sessions on Monday evenings from 6.15pm to 7.15pm starting on the 3rd June for 6 weeks for current year 7s. This is a fantastic opportunity to try a new sport and get active at a flourish rugby club who are excelling within women's rugby.



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Many Thanks - The PE Department