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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of the final Half Term of 2025-6! I hope you were all able to enjoy the very un-British Bank Holiday weekend weather last week and for those with students deep in GCSE revision I trust there was a good balance of study and relaxation!

We start with Year 11 who have had a busy week of exams – some students have had 7 in 4 days! But we are moving into the final stretch now with *many* students just having 3 Science and 1 maths paper to go! I have been really impressed with Year 11 who have been punctual to exams and well-prepared in terms of equipment. The invigilators report there is furious writing right up until the end of each paper – so fingers crossed this bodes well for celebrations in August! Additionally, we have had exams for students in Y10 who are studying Home Languages in Turkish, Italian, Russian and Polish – the students were understandably nervous but emerged smiling!

Today we have launched the Get Set for Y10 programme with Year 9. This programme of events includes PPEs in Core subjects, workshops on effective revision techniques, taster sessions in their allocated GCSE option subjects and a reflection and goal setting process to springboard into Year 10.

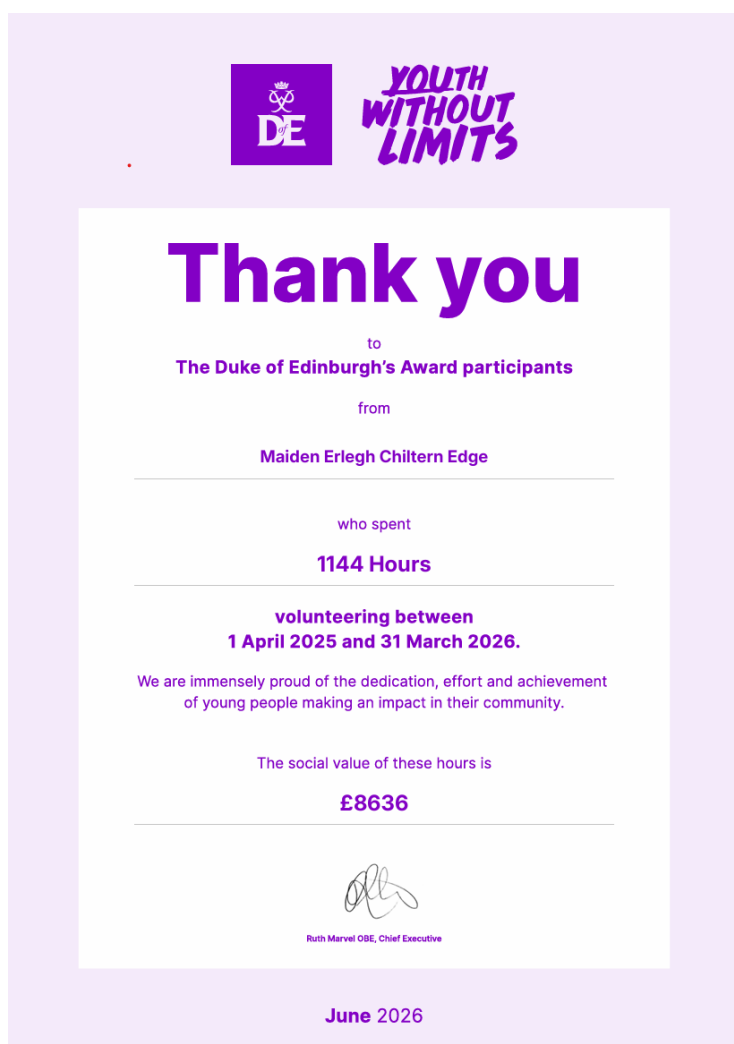
Our Y7/8 rounders team currently sit undefeated in the South Oxfordshire Tournament after a great win over Wallingford earlier this week. We look forward to hearing more of their successes in the upcoming weeks.



On Tuesday, next week, we will launch with the students the House Charity Fayre, taking place in early July. This event will offer students from across the year groups to work together to run stalls to raise money for their chosen House Charities. This project has initially been spearheaded by Phoebe in Y8 (and Mrs Howes, Head of Peppard) who have let their imaginations run wild! Phoebe has already been out collecting prizes for a raffle from local businesses that include products from SpaceNK and vouchers to The Scoop Room in Henley – a truly superb effort! More information to follow in the upcoming weeks as each of the Houses pulls together their ideas.



In the next couple of weeks, we will see our Bronze and Silver DofE students heading out into the Countryside on their expeditions. We have received word from the DofE organisation of our students' contribution via volunteering over the last year and I'm proud to say MECE has contributed over 1144 hours!



Our Y6 Transition activities continue with families taking up the offer of a 1:1 chat with staff this week to share their interests and any worries they might have. We know from our current Y7 cohort that those who took advantage of these chats found them beneficial in supporting a positive move up to MECE. Thank you to Mrs King, Mr Bryant and Mr Mount for their time this week.

A couple of bits of housekeeping to share:

- We have been asked by Oxfordshire County Council to share information about **Private Fostering** – please see leaflet attached.
- For Reading based families (Y8 and above), you *should* have received an email directly from RBC regarding **application for bus passes** next year – this




is a change to their policy for all school users (not just MECE) who are entitled for free bus passes as our students in Y8 and above currently are. Please do ensure you have made your application by the deadline so there are no issues in September.




- We have been made aware of a **free First Aid Course** running at the Hare and Hounds in Sonning Common tomorrow (Saturday 6 June).

 Free First Aid Course –

Tomorrow Morning!  
Just a reminder that we'll be running a FREE First Aid Course tomorrow morning at the Hare & Hounds, Sonning Common.

 Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

We'll be covering:

-  CPR
-  Choking (adults and infants)
-  Early signs of meningitis

Whether you'd like to refresh your skills or learn some potentially life-saving techniques for the first time, everyone is welcome.

No experience is necessary – just come along and join us.

And finally, as ever I like to share our attendance and House Point Successes from the week. With Year 11 on Study leave, attendance for our Y7-10 this week sits at over 90% with 10A, 10B, 9A, 7A, 7B and 7C all registering attendance over 94%! 7B top the charts at 97.8% attendance for this week – superb!

Our House Point high achievers are plentiful this week with more than 40 students earning over 25 points. The highest scorers (over 40 points) mainly come from Y8: Charlotte, Leathan, Paula, Lilah, Lois, Phoebe R, Tyler and Edith W – as well as Gabi and Emilia from Y7 and Achinthya from Y9. A fab effort from all! I am also delighted to share than over half the school haven't picked up a negative point this week, with the highest proportions coming from Years 9 and 10 – a great start to the last half term!

Kind regards,



Miss E Bliss  
Headteacher



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