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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another busy week for Year 11, and one that has given me plenty of reasons to feel proud of our students. As we reach the end of the first round of PPEs, it is important that we take a moment to recognise the effort students have put in, celebrate their successes and, most importantly, look ahead to what comes next.

Attendance This Week: 90% - Come on Year 11, let's increase this please!!

Henley College Visit – A Huge Well Done!
This week, our Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit Henley College and take part in a range of taster sessions to explore potential post-16 pathways.
I was incredibly proud to hear the feedback from Henley College staff, who were full of praise for our students. They specifically commented on how polite and courteous our young people were, from saying hello and asking staff how they were, to the way they conducted themselves throughout the visit.
These might seem like small gestures, but they say so much about a person. Manners, confidence and showing genuine interest in others are qualities that will take our students a long way.
They were fantastic ambassadors for MECE, and I hope they enjoyed exploring some of the opportunities available to them after Year 11. Well done!

Our first round of PPEs has now come to an end, and I want to congratulate students on the way they have approached this important period.
I have been so proud of the focus, preparation and maturity shown by so many of our Year 11s. We have spoken repeatedly about our mantra: *"It's not good luck, it's good preparation."* And you have certainly demonstrated that!

However, it is really important that students understand that the work does not stop simply because the PPEs are over. In fact, this is where some of the most valuable learning begins.
Students should take time to reflect on their results, listen carefully to feedback from teachers and identify the areas they need to work on. What went well? What could have been better? What do you need to do differently next time?

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Please continue to encourage regular revision at home, attendance at intervention and a positive attitude towards learning. We still have time to make significant progress, but we need to keep putting in the effort.

Our Prom fundraising continues, and we are delighted with the support we have received so far.
We will be holding another cupcake sale next **Thursday** lunchtime, and we would really appreciate donations from parents and carers to help make it another success.
Whether you are able to bake a batch or donate some cupcakes, every contribution helps us raise funds towards making this a really special evening for our Year 11 students.

We are also continuing to welcome support with Prom supplies and potential donations. If you have any contacts with local businesses or companies who may be able to offer services or items at a reduced rate, please do get in touch.
We are particularly interested in:

- 📸 Photo booths
- 🍭 Sweet carts
- 💡 LED Prom lighting
- 🎉 Any other entertainment or special extras!

We are determined to make this **the best Prom yet**, and every bit of support brings us closer!

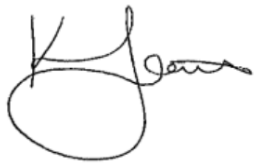
97 school days until the first GCSE examination!
We are now firmly into the countdown, and I want students to remember that every single one of those days is an opportunity to make progress.
Don't become complacent now that the PPEs are over. Keep attending school, keep engaging in lessons, keep attending intervention and make time for revision at home.
You don't have to get everything right first time. You do, however, have to be willing to learn from mistakes, take responsibility and keep trying.
Year 11, I genuinely believe you are capable of achieving fantastic things. But success will come from the effort you put in between now and May.

Keep showing up. Keep pushing yourselves. Keep believing in what you can achieve.

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." – Mark Twain

Let’s make the next 97 school days count!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support
Kind regards,



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