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CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are now settling into the rhythm of the term and with great fortuitousness we have so far avoided too many Covid complications. I am sure, like all schools, we will be affected at some point but please be assured we have plans and processes in place if partial shutdown is needed.

Our battle with the roadworks on Reades Lane continues although I am hopeful that they should be finished at some point next week. We'll see! However, the upside of these roadworks has been the chance to see so many of the students each morning, check uniform and greet them. We have picked up many favourable comments on both the appearance and conduct of the students on their walk to and from the school which has been pleasing and is hopefully going some way to promote positive perceptions of the school with the local community. However, please can I once again make a plea for you to persuade your son or daughter to wear a mask on the bus especially given the recent rise of infection rates.

I had the pleasure of attending the AGM of CESA on Wednesday evening. The new Chairperson, Suzanne Lovegrove, was proposed and accepted in post and it will be exciting to work alongside her and her team in raising money for student focused projects. Suzanne has a plethora of ideas so watch this space. If anyone would like to get involved with the team at any of the events or initiatives please do not hesitate to drop a line to the following e-mail cesasect@yahoo.co.uk It was also great to be able to say thank you to the outgoing team who have been so important during the 'Save the Edge' campaign and at raising money for so many events. Just recently, they have purchased football goals for the courts, reading books for the tutor reading scheme as well as bike racks (these have just been installed, so if anyone wishes to cycle to school the racks are on the wall at the front of the school in the 'Bishopswood' car park). They have also agreed to fund some new benching and outdoor tables, another set of goals, entry to the Mock Trial competition and some library software that we need to open our library for book lending. In these cash strapped times having an active and successful PTA is absolutely vital in ensuring the school can provide new resources so as a leadership team and wider staff we are really grateful to have one at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

I have used morning tutor time this week to check Tools for Learning and have been delighted at the levels of compliance from the students. Staff are unanimous in their support of the positive impact this initiative is having on the students so thank you for your support. As a reminder, students can purchase any missing items from Student Services before school for the following prices.

The MECE Tools for Learning

- Large see through pencil case
- Three black or blue pens
- HB pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Protractor
- Highlighter pen
- Scientific calculator
- Coloured pencil (or pens)
- Glue stick

The MECE Tools for Learning



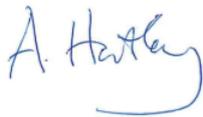
Stationery Supplies - pupils	
Item	Student Price
Calculator Casio FX-83GTX	£9.45
Pencil case 125mm x 330mm	£0.60
Eraser	£0.05
Glue stick	£0.35
Pencil Sharpener Metal	£0.15
Pencil	£0.05
Pen Black	£0.05
Highlighter Yellow	£0.15
Highlighter Green	£0.15
Protractor 180 degrees	£0.10
Ruler 30cm clear	£0.15
Coloured pencils (pk 12)	£1.00
Set inc calculator (1 highlighter)	£12.20
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Today we held a slightly extended tutor time to present to all students the art and craft of how to learn, how to revise and how to improve memory skills. This has been a follow up to assemblies of last week by Mrs Hills on how the memory works. Please follow the [link](#) to the PowerPoint slides that were used with our students this morning so that parents can read and discuss with their children, as much of the graft of learning goes on at home so it is really good for stakeholders to understand how we are approaching this topic.

Our main assemblies this week have been on relationships and respect for each other and this is so important especially given the current national situations that we learn to be kind to each other and give gratitude when it is necessary. However, Year 11 had an assembly about UCAS and steps beyond school which was really well received and from the conversations had afterwards it was clear that many of our Year 11s are very keen to push themselves and dream of great things.

I have set aside regular time this week to visit as many lessons as possible and have been delighted at what I've seen. The staff have really bought into the focus on knowledge retrieval, alongside direct instruction and the students seem renewed in their efforts and focus. There have been one or two issues this week but these have been dealt with so that the vast majority of students can stay focused on their learning and academic progress. We are therefore very frustrated that we can't show off our school to any prospective parents because of the Covid situation. However, we will be hosting a series of virtual events over the next few weeks. A link to these events can be [here](#) so please do not hesitate to pass these details on to anyone you know who may be interested.

Take care and stay safe



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