

Meopham Bulletin

Term 3



Message from Ms Girling.....

As we reach the end of a very short term I am pleased to say that we have packed a lot in! From formal exams for some Year 11, 12 and 13 students to Drama and Music events for Key Stage 3. Our Students have been working hard in and out of the classroom. I am thrilled to be sharing some of these highlights with you in this bulletin.

The Meopham Family

We are:

Resilient
Reflective
Resourceful
Responsive



As we reach the halfway point in the academic year what has impressed me most so far is the progress I can see in the books across all year groups. Green pen responses, assessment results and the quality of extended writing are truly impressive and a credit to our students and their teachers. I hope you are able to take the opportunity to look at your child's books and that you are as proud as we are of the calibre of work being produced here at Meopham.

I would also like to acknowledge those students attending subject based interventions and enrichment clubs either at lunchtime or after school. These students are building their knowledge, discovering hobbies, developing skills and enjoying a rich and balanced school life. It is fantastic to see so many Key Stage 4 students engaging in our intervention programme; all demonstrating how keen they are to meet their targets. It is also heartwarming to see so many Key Stage 3 students enjoying clubs including Sports, Drama, Dungeons and Dragons and Science club. Our termly enrichment programme is published on our website if you would like details of what is on offer.

Finally, on behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to thank you for your support this term. The Meopham family envelops our entire school community, and together we are working hard to give your children the best of school experiences.

Enjoy a lovely term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 21st February**.

Kate Girling

Key Stage 3

Mr Rigglesworth



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Learning Leader Message

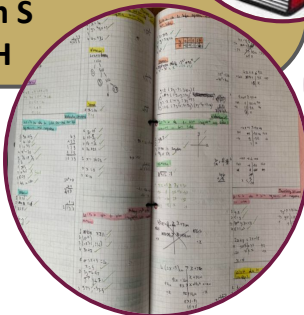
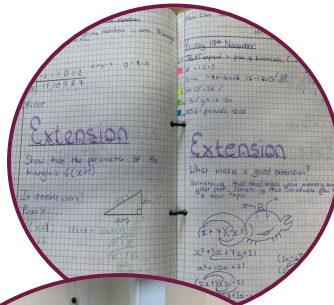
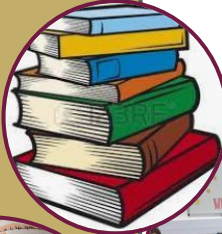
Year 7 have continued to grow in confidence around the school this term and have shown great resilience when learning new skills and topics across the curriculum.

Year 8 have had another successful term which included their parents evening that was well attended.

Year 9 are now preparing for upcoming exams after the February break. The timetable below details when each exam will take place beginning on the 21st February.

KS3 Excellent Work Book

- Amelie S
- Annable M
- Reiss H
- Ollie L
- Callum S
- Reiss H



Excellent work & effort this term

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|------------|------------|
| Maddison G | Grace O |
| Lola T | Danny R |
| Niamh H | Katlyn R |
| Isla C | Scarlett S |
| Morgan B | Joshan L |
| Theo C | Ryder P |
| Hope T | Francis T |
| Siana C | Georgie T |
| Daisy C | Robin K |
| Scarlet A | |

Year 9 Exams Timetable

21/02/2022

	Monday 21st	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th
AM 8:40am	Year 9 Spanish	Year 9 English	Year 9 History	Year 9 Science	Year 9 Catering

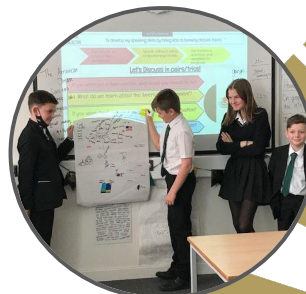
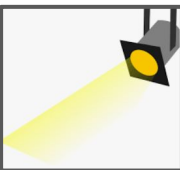
28/02/2022

	Monday 28th	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th
AM 8:40am	Year 9 French	Year 9 Maths	Year 9 Geography	Year 9 RE	Year 9 ICT

Attendance Spotlight!



Congratulations to
Year 7 for having the
best attendance so far
this year!



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Key Stage 4

Miss Thornberg



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Learning Leader Message

This term has shown the commitment and motivation of our KS4 students. As Year 11 prepare for their upcoming mock examinations, it has been a pleasure to see them working incredibly hard across all subjects in the school. Year 10 have had their Term 3 assessments to gain experience of sitting exams. We will be working with both years in the coming term to ensure they have a variety of revision techniques and preparation for both mock exams and formal exams.

Year 11 Interventions

Students have been attending interventions both after school and at lunch time throughout this term. The uptake has been brilliant and our students are one step closer to achieving their target grades and reaching their goals!

Next steps...

We have been supporting Year 11 in their applications to their Post-16 choices. Well done to all the students who have managed to apply to all their chosen schools/colleges/apprenticeships. If any students are having difficulties applying or have any questions, please encourage them to speak to a member of the Post 16 team.

Excellent Workbook

This term, there is one stand out piece of work from Barney in Year 10 who received a certificate for his excellent work in English!

★ Name and Fame! ★

Well done to the following students who have attended the most Year 11 interventions this term:

**George L, Chloe S, Chloe P,
William H, Lucy P,
Rhianne W, Liberty R**



Year 7 & 8

Heads of Year: Miss Hodd & Miss Holmes

Year 7- Head of Year Message


Year 7 have officially made it halfway through their first academic year of Secondary School! They have all done so well to overcome some of the new challenges of the transition and have been able to thrive in a new environment. I am excited to see what the next three terms have in store for our Year 7s and I look forward to watching them progress both personally and academically. Miss Hodd

100% Attendance

Leon B	Harry Gr	Scarlet LC
Lauren B	Austin H	Chloe M
Phoebe B	Imogen H	Rowan Mc
Max B	Riley H	Amelia Mc
Darcy C	Antony H	Frankie M
Oscar D	Maisy J	Joseph O
Lily E	Jacob K	Matilda O
Abi S	Jonny S	Kai P
		Jess R
		Cameron S

Achievement Superstars

Ryan R - 195
 Ella M - 175
 Lucinda MC - 173
 Cooper B - 168
 Christian D - 166

Tutor Group	Achievement
7B1	1826
7B2	2748
7H1	2017
7H2	1836
7N1	2069
7N2	2850 
8R1	2635
8R2	2181

Total 18162

Year 8 - Head of Year Message

Term 3 is very nearly over which means we are halfway through this academic year and what a year it has been so far for Year 8! They have been working hard in the classroom, on the sports field and in their extracurricular clubs and it has been a pleasure to see them find new skills that they enjoy. I look forward to watching them continue to explore new adventures in the upcoming terms and I want them to know I am, and always will be, super proud of them! Miss Holmes

Tutor Shout Out

Mrs Jasnoch :

Daniel O - 99% attendance, 0 behaviour points and an exceptional number of positives (117 house points!). Daniel is always engaged in learning, friendly, conscientious and an all round fantastic student!

Mr Savory:

Leon has been working incredibly hard to raise money for Macmillan Cancer which deserves a big shout out! Well done Leon!

Tutor Group	Achievement
8B1	2190
8B2	2095
8H1	1842
8H2	1599
8N1	1848
8R1	2250 
8R2	1877

Total 12821

Achievement Superstars

Sam F - 184
 Archie A - 177
 Fabian O - 164
 Katelyn R - 164
 Ollie G - 157

100% Attendance:


Archie A
 Jake A
 Ben B
 Samuel C
 Emilia K
 Akshara T
 Leon V-W

Year 9 & 10

Heads of Year: Miss Gostling & Mr Wiseman

Year 9 - Head of Year Message

With Term 3 nearing its end, we are officially halfway through this academic year! We have had some really great achievements both in and out of the classroom with a special mention to our boys football team for their excellent performance in reaching the quarter finals of the cup! With the upcoming exams after half term I wish you all the best of luck and know you all have the ability to succeed - remember to revise year 9! You all have exciting times ahead with your option choices coming up, I'm really looking forward to having conversations with you about your choices and seeing you all grow both academically and personally. Remember, we are all part of the Meopham family and as such I look forward to us all working together to ensure our Achievement points go up and our behaviour points stay down! **Miss Gostling**

Tutor Group	Achievement
9B1	1763
9B2	2028
9H1	1767
9H2	2180 
9N1	1574
9N2	1675
9R1	2121

100% Attendance

Angel A	Gemma F	Chloe Y
Lily B	Harrison F	
Anupama B	James F	
Jeffery C	Jake L	
Holly D	Alfie M	
Trey E	Nicolas R	
James R	Jorge T	


Achievement Superstars

Nicolas R - 188
Cameron L - 171
Charlie F - 167
Alfie M - 162
Albert P - 150 

Total 13108

Year 10 - Head of Year Message


Despite a very turbulent couple of years, Year 10 have been amazing reacting to situations that would throw anyone. I have been immensely proud of how Year 10 have battled challenges ranging from getting on in lessons starting their GCSE and BTEC journeys and succeeding outside of the classroom! Having sports teams working hard both in Football, Basketball and Netball our Year 10 students have performed wonders. Others finding comfort in their abilities in Music, Art and IT. With more challenges up ahead, I am certain that Year 10 will be able to cope with anything thrown at them. Helping each other through tough times is what we do and I cannot wait to see what else this brilliant year group can achieve! **Mr Wiseman**

Tutor Group	Achievement
10B1	1850 
10H1	1535
10H2	1827
10N1	1216
10R1	1494
10R2	1605

100% Attendance

Sian C
Elysia C
Abbie H
Aimee K
Ben M
Ruby W

Achievement Superstars

Tabitha C - 122
Mia N - 120
Isabelle C - 119
Ruby G - 115 

Total 9527

Year 11

Heads of Year: Mrs Greenwood

Head of Year Message

Our Year 11s have been working hard this term preparing for their examinations both in class and in their intervention sessions. It has been a pleasure to see their commitment to their studies and resilience in their preparations.

We also had a drop down day this term with a KS4 focus of ethics. The Year 11 tutors praised the students for their hard work and behaviour throughout lessons.

I hope to see our Year 11s continue to show such dedication in the coming terms as we support them in completing their examinations.

Attendance Focus

Attendance is an extremely important part of ensuring that our students reach their targets and achieve their goals.

There are 69 students in Year 11 that have had 100% attendance for Term 3 - too many to list by name but a huge well done to all of you that have been in every day!



Tutor Shout Outs!

“Resourceful and responsive:”

Daphne H
Isabella L
Harrison W-H
Abigail J

“Resilient:” Dylan H

“Reflective:” Tulsy H
“Resourceful:” Rita S

Achievements

These students have topped the podium for the most achievement points! Well done to:

Jake D 11B1
Ruby M-L 11H
Thomas E-K 11H
William H 11N2

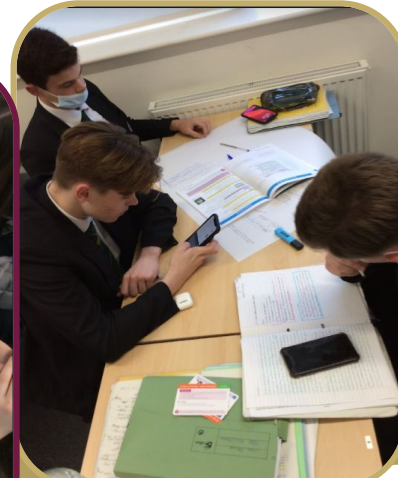
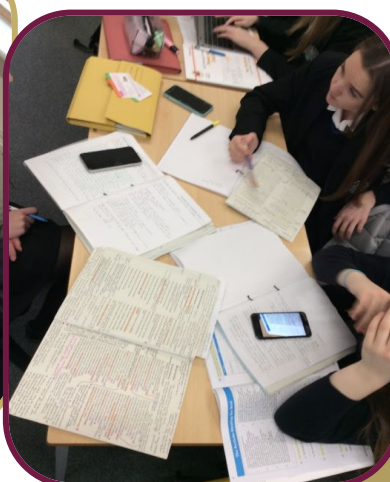
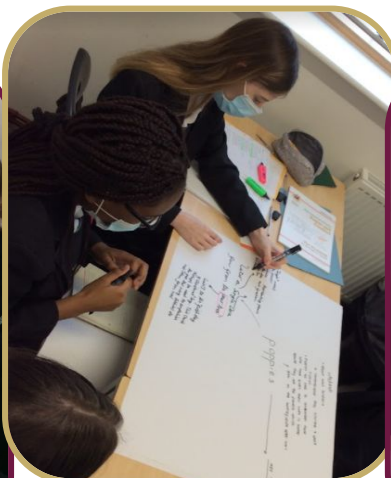
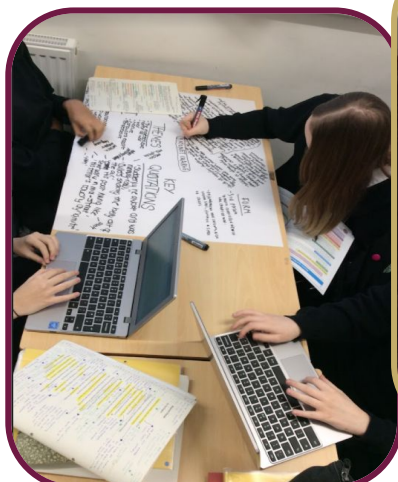
On their best behaviour...

The tutor group with the **least** amount of negative behaviour points **this term** is...

11N1
Mr Whitnell

Revision Lessons

Students have been completing revision tasks across the school. Here are some examples from English, where students are planning a lesson on poetry to teach to the rest of the class.





What's new?

Mrs Abbott has joined the Sixth Form Family! She is going to be based in the Sixth Form office with Mrs Metters and is going to be supporting progress.

Mrs Metters -

"I've been really proud of many of our sixth formers this term, from their dedication to their studies to their commitment to their whole School responsibilities. Particular stand outs are Hayden, Dorajet, James and Ashe."

100% Attendance

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|----------|----------|----------|
| Millie | Daniel C | Sid |
| Aaron | Haydn | Dylan |
| Frazer | Otty | Daniel A |
| Lily R | James | Arron |
| Ellie | Jack | Daniel S |
| Alvin | Charlie | Bobby |
| Oliver B | | Amy |
| | | Connor |

Great dedication to your studies!

Social Mentors -

"For the Social Mentor Duty, we usually go outside for lunch or break and it is so much fun when we go outside and communicate with the younger years. This would help the younger years, mainly Year 7's, to feel comfortable and settle in if they haven't already done so. Furthermore, we are also role models to them and it makes us sixth formers feel good about ourselves."

Ethics and Wellbeing

In January Sixth form had a drop down day exploring ethics and wellbeing.

Students explored ethical theory, how ethics applies to the careers associated with the subjects they study and discussed lots of different ethical dilemmas.

Wellbeing and study life balance is really important so all students took part in a session run by our sixth form tutor team.

As apart of their day they worked on life skills with Mrs Vince, learning about healthy cooking, economical recipes and ethical sourcing of ingredients ready for independent living.



Mrs Vince thoroughly enjoyed her day and had this to say... "They were really enthusiastic and a joy to be around. I have had lots of requests for the next cook along!"



What could you study at Meopham Sixth Form?

	BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E
A LEVEL	HISTORY	SOCIOLOGY BIOLOGY	MATHS	ART ENGLISH LIT	PSYCHOLOGY
VOCATIONAL	SPORT (D) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (S) EPQ	BUSINESS (S) EPQ	LIBF FINANCE CRIMINOLOGY	BUSINESS (D) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE (D)	SPORT (S) CORE MATHS & ACCOUNTANCY

Meopham School 6th FORM 2022 Courses

Speak to your subject teachers to find out more information about the courses at our sixth form.

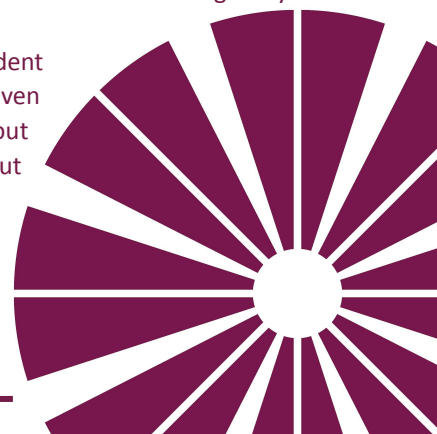
A massive thank you... To the Sixth Form Student Leadership Team (Ethan B, Ethan W, Evie, Freddie and Sophie) for helping with the Year 11 interviews.

Sixth Form Leadership Team Message

"Hi from the student leadership team, Sixth form is a great opportunity not only to expand your educational requirements but also prepare you for the world of work and a professional job. Sixth Form also offers more courses than you would get from college. For example at college you are likely to only do 1 course whereas in Sixth Form you can do 3 or 4 which will give you broader qualifications.

In our drop down day we learnt all about the importance of ethics and how beneficial it is in everyday society. We then had well-being activities such as yoga, board games, music and art. In period 5 and 6 we had a cooking lesson where we cooked stir-fry. This was aimed at preparing us for university life as it taught us how to make healthy and nutritional food when living away from home.

More information about the Student Leadership team forum will be given soon, so please start to think about any issues or ideas you have about the school that you would like addressed. Remember that your Student Leadership team is here for you if you need any help".





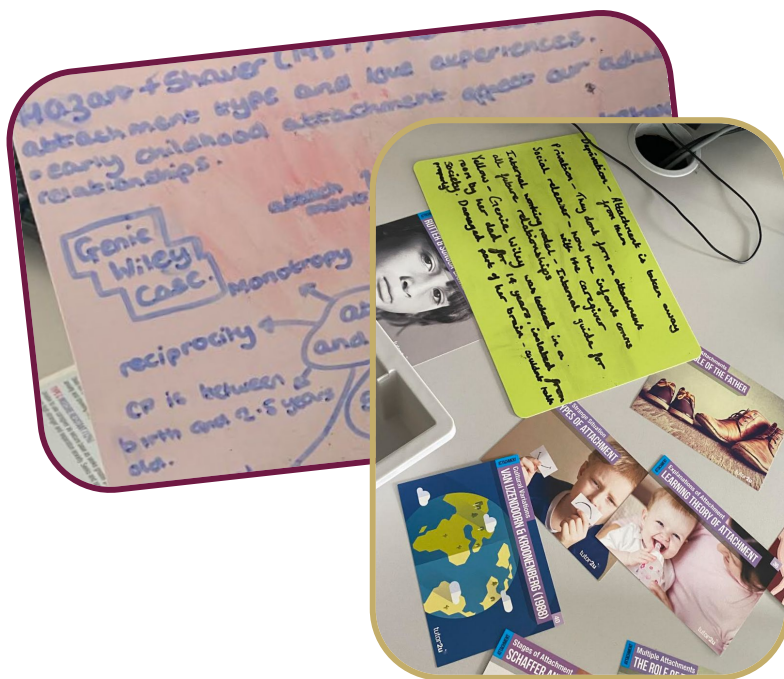
Psychology

Year 12 have been working on establishing their knowledge of approaches and linking this to their understanding of human attachment this term. Every couple of weeks the students take part in either group learning or group based Psychology research. Here the students were working out how to create samples for research. They have also recently carried out their own research into infant attachment and presented their findings to their peers.



Reciprocal Reading

Students have been working in groups to carry out vital pre-learning of the content before covering the subtopic of Romanian orphan as a part of the Attachment for Paper 1 coverage. They enjoyed reading, summarizing, clarifying, questioning and predicting after reading about the research carried out by Rutter into the effects of deprivation.



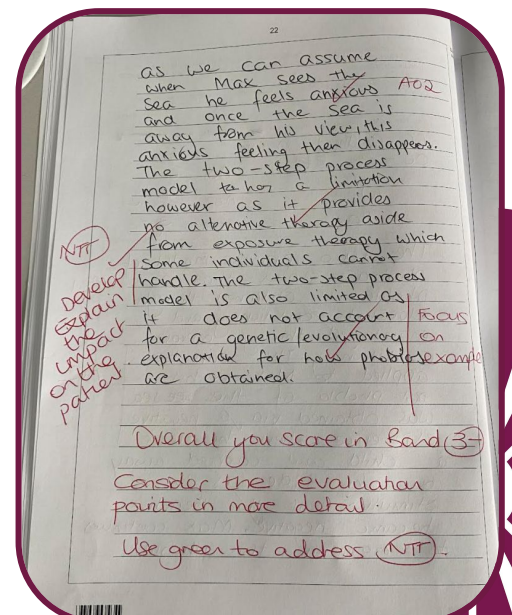
Student Work

Our Year 12 Psychologists have been studying attachment and attachment types this term as part of their Paper 1 coverage.


Did you know that babies do not form any attachment until around three months of age?

Year 13 Psychology Exam Paper

Recently the Year 13 Psychology students have been practicing their examination skills by completing a practice exam in the exam hall in preparation for their Mock exams in March. We aim to make students confident in the exam environment and this year we will be developing our exam skills monthly so that they feel confident and ready for the real thing.



Enrichment & Events




Meopham School

Science Club

Wednesdays
3:05pm to 4pm

Science Room 1
S-137

Contact Teacher: Mr. G. Briscoe



COMING SOON!

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MAGAZINE

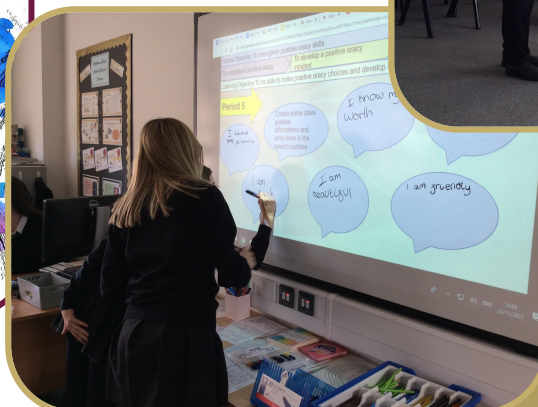
WE
NEED
YOU!

School Magazine Launch!

Editorial meetings have started on Thursday lunchtimes and we hope the first issue will be out in February.

Oracy (Speaking and Listening)

Last term's Oracy Day was focussed on kindness. Students took part in role play activities, creating positive affirmations and discussions on being kind in person and online.



Careers



Careers is a hub of activity at present as Year 11 are in the process of making their applications on Kent Choices for A Levels, College or Apprenticeships.

Many students are being proactive and are already having interviews with their prospective learning provider. Some are not so motivated and Mrs Bishop is assisting pupils with writing personal statements and finding courses of interest.

The 1-1 careers interviews have been in progress since December 2021. There has been an overall good attendance for this but there are still pupils that have not checked their emails or attended that we need to see. Parents have been informed.

TEP will be delivering a virtual talk on Apprenticeships for Year 10 and 11 on 10th February. There has been a lot of interest in Apprenticeships and we thought it would be a good idea to give Year 10 the knowledge of what is available to give them more time to consider their options for post 16.

The Careers day held on 19th January gave students in all years the opportunity to learn about various job roles. Journalists, key workers and scientists were some of the roles learned. Mrs Curtis and Mrs Bishop observed the various learning methods in action and will revise how we carry out our next Careers day to ensure ultimate student engagement on all levels. It was concluded that group work and role play were more popular.

National Apprenticeship week will be here in the first week of March followed by National Careers week.

Work Experience

Students in Years 10-13, have been asked to search for their work experience placement. Placements will be on 28th, 29th, 30th June for Year 10 and 12 and 3 days in July for Year 11 and 13. Mrs Bishop has advised that if possible, students attempt to find relevant work experience that is linked to their prospective area of study.

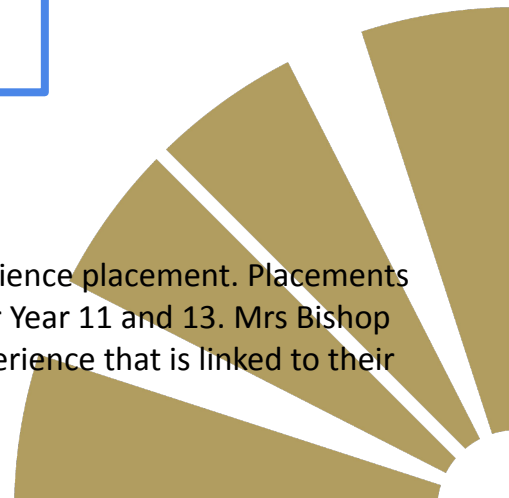
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Meopham School Careers Education Advice and Guidance

IF YOU ARE A LOCAL EMPLOYER AND WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN WORK WITH US TO PREPARE THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE.....

GET IN TOUCH TODAY

Call 01474 814646 and ask for the careers advisor
Email mss-careers@swale.at



Sport at Meopham

Football

Our football teams have been competing all season with our Year 8 and 9 teams making the Kent Cup Quarter Finals. Unfortunately, both teams missed out by losing 4-3 and 2-1 which are very impressive scores!

Netball

Our netball teams have also been competing all season, where we play in weekly tournaments. Our Year 8 team being our most improved team. Our 2 Year 7 teams were both 1st & 2nd at our last tournament! Our Year 9 team also won 3 out of 4 games!



Rugby

The first time we have competed in rugby fixtures. Our year 7 and 8 boys rugby team have been doing extremely well! They have won over half their games! Super proud!!

Basketball

Our Year 7 girls basketball team had their first game. It was a tough game, but through strong resilience and determination they won 12-8!

Badminton

KS3 boys came 2nd with the girls group making it into the Kent finals!



PE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

TUESDAY
FOOTBALL

THURSDAY
NETBALL

FRIDAY
BASKETBALL

WEDNESDAY
RUGBY

FRIDAY
FITNESS

I'M NEW!



Science

KS3

This term students in Year 7 have been carrying out various physical and chemical changes, and looking for signs of chemical reactions.

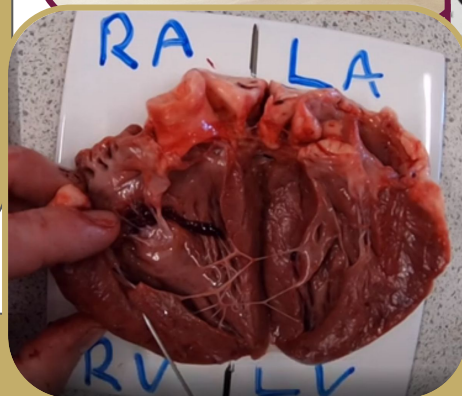
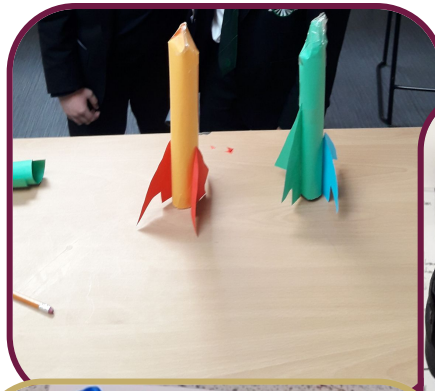
Students in Year 8 have demonstrated how white light can be dispersed into 7 different colours.

Year 9 students been learning how the human body defends itself against disease causing microorganisms and the function of the immune system.



STEM Club

This term our STEM club has been able to carry out some really exciting experiments! So far we have done; flame tests for metal ions, egg drop challenge and the diet coke and mentos eruption. Our club seeks to explore and try new things, gain knowledge, and skill sets through fun, exciting activities. Teamwork is promoted to help boost confidence and gain employability skills. Come join us today!



KS4

Students in Year 10 have continued to work through the content of the Combined Science GCSE. This term topics they have covered include the heart and circulation, some students have even been able to dissect a heart!

Students in Year 11 are finishing off being taught the content for the exams, and preparing for the cold assessment coming up. Students continue to work hard and the entire science department is really impressed at their attitude and tenacity.

English & Drama

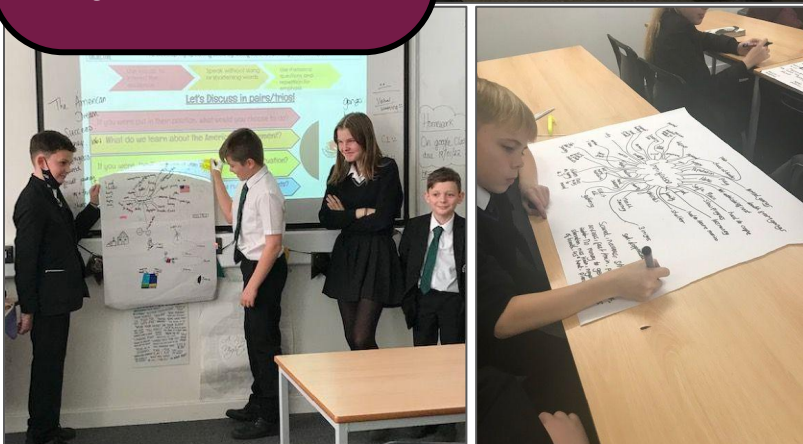
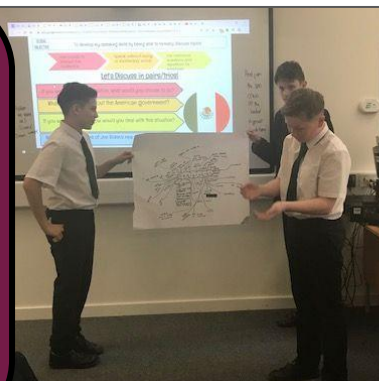
Devising Theatre Workshop

This term our Year 10 & 11 BTEC Performing Arts Students had the opportunity to participate in a Devising Theatre Workshop. The students spent the entire day engaging in a variety of creative exercises, with a particular focus on improvisation, culminating in a final piece of comical work. Pupils rose to the challenge of creating 'theatre from scratch' with all of them creating true comedic masterpieces!



Oracy Lessons

Oracy Lessons are a chance for students to organise their thoughts, in order to present ideas clearly. Here are some of our Year 7s planning and sharing their ideas about immigration.



Reading Reward Scheme - Congratulations!

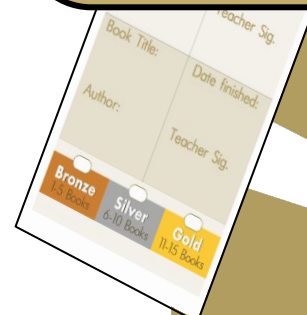
Well done to all of the following Year 7 and 8 students, who have recently received certificates and badges for their reading:

Eoghan H: Bronze

Dylan R: Bronze

Maisie D: Silver

Laura C: GOLD!



Art/Music/DT/Catering

KS3 Music

This term students in Year 7 have been developing their understanding of the Musical Elements further and preparing performances of their Elements compositions.

Students in Year 8 extended their understanding of The Blues further by learning to play the 12-Bar Blues, walking bass line and even going so far as creating their own improvised riffs over a backing track using the C Blues Scale.

Year 9 are busily preparing for their end of KS3 assessments. In Music students will be assessed on their practical 'Video Game' performances as well as completing a written assessment (on Google Forms) which will assess their knowledge of Music theory.



KS4 Music

Students in Year 10 have been developing their performance skills and completing coursework for Unit 5. This culminated in them performing their 'Halfway Point' audition for Unit 5. All students did a fantastic job considering it was their first performance in front of others!

In Year 11 students have also been developing their musical repertoire as part of their Unit 2 studies. So far in this assignment they have created a plan for a musical event in school and now they are learning the repertoire for this performance! As well as Unit 2 students are also working to complete their Unit 3 work - this unit sees them developing their understanding of how to setup the equipment needed for a live musical performance.



Towards the end of the term students in Year 7 & 8 were treated to musical performances from **The Bollywood Brass Band**.

The band played music straight from Bollywood movies and demonstrated the Musical Elements in full swing as well as demonstrating how improvisation works as part of a live performance!

Here's what some of our students had to say about the event!

"It was SO cool!"

"I loved seeing the instruments"

"How did that many say those words so quickly!"

A big thank you to the band, all school staff involved and to Kent Music School