

Meopham Bulletin

Term 4



Message from Ms Girling.....

I am thrilled to be sharing with you our latest bulletin, exhibiting some of our students' finest work, successes and experiences from this term. We are incredibly proud of the varied achievements of so many of our students.

It was a real delight to finally be able to invite parents back into school at last. We held two evening events this term which were very well attended. The Year 9 Options evening proved very informative and helpful for students and parents alike. Being able to hear about and discuss with staff the details of the GCSE and BTEC courses students can choose to study in Key Stage 4 allowed our students to make informed decisions about their future. The Year 10 Study Information evening was the first of this type we have held for this year group, and this was incredibly well received. Following a presentation on future pathways and examination information, parents and students attended workshops on revision techniques and wellbeing. Thank you to all those who returned feedback. This was overwhelmingly positive, and helps us plan for next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate those students who have gone above and beyond both in and outside the classroom, earning themselves house points.

The following students have achieved the highest number of house points in their year group and will be receiving a certificate.

KS3

Year 7

Scarlett Loveday-Cater
Lily Ripley
Mia Mackinley

Year 8

Sam Fowler
Helaina Tomlin
Ollie Green

Year 9

Alfie Malone
Anupama Biju
James Reader

KS4

Year 10

Poppy Palmer
Jenna Bass
Jaimee Deakin
Jack Hartridge

Year 11

Daniel Chibale
Callum Carew
Harrison
Wood-Heath

The overall winner this term is **Sam Fowler** in Year 8 who will be receiving an Amazon voucher to reward his efforts.

Key Stage 3

Mr Rigglesworth



EXCELLENCE
TOGETHER

Learning Leader Message

It has been another great term of progress and excellent work across Years 7, 8 and 9. A special mention to Year 9 who began the term with their assessments. It was noted by all involved how well the Year 9 students conducted themselves over the 2 week period.

Ms Girling has been inundated with examples for the excellent workbook, with so many students excelling in their lessons.

It has been brilliant to see students participating in the inter house football tournaments, baking for Ukraine, and sponsored run, walk and rowing challenge.

Mr Rigglesworth

Attendance Spotlight

Congratulations to Year 9 who have had the best attendance overall this term, just beating Year 7 by 0.5%

A massive well done to Years 7, 8 & 9 for improving their overall attendance this term.



KS3 Excellent Work Book

Laura Cooke

Millie Dawson

Alfie Malone

Rhys

Declan

Mollie (Art)

Louise (Art)

Louisa (Catering)

Amelia (Catering)

Cameron (D&T)

Ollie (Spanish)

Louie (Spanish & Science)

Frankie (Spanish & Science)

Summer W (English)

Ryan B (Textiles)

Penny I (Textiles)



Key Stage 4

Miss Thornberg



EXCELLENCE
TOGETHER

Learning Leader Message

This term has shown the dedication and commitment of our KS4 students. It has been a long term for Year 11 preparing for the mock examinations and now can see the finish line to their formal examinations this Summer. Year 11 have finished this term with Bucket Days in each of their option subjects which students have been determined to make further progress in.

Year 10 are also preparing for their first set of mock examinations this May. We have carried out student voice meetings and have welcomed student views on many areas of the school.

Year 11:

Year 11 have been hard at work, completing their mock examinations. Students are on their final push towards the GCSE exams this Summer.

Reminder: Parents' Evening is coming up on Tuesday 26th April 2022. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

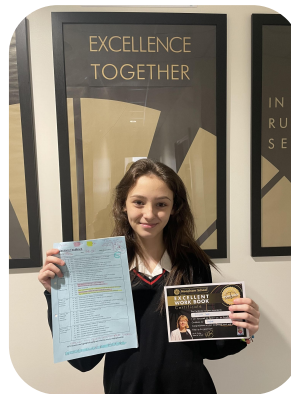
Year 10:

It was brilliant to see so many Year 10 parents/carers and students attend the information evening on 10th March.

Year 10 have been given information to prepare them for post 16 choices. We would like to encourage students to start exploring the opportunities available and the entry requirements for different paths.

Excellent Workbook

Awarded to Ellissia, Sandie,
Bethany and Aaron
for their Macbeth assessments



★ Name and Fame! ★

Well done to these students who have attended the
most interventions this term:

**Zoe A, Daniel C, Alice P, Emily L, Amarissa P
Lia P, Joshua W, Harrison W**



Year 7 & 8

Heads of Year: Miss Hodd & Miss Holmes

Year 7- Head of Year Message


I am incredibly proud of the resilience that I have seen in our Year 7 students this term and hope this is something we can take with us into Term 5. A big well done to all of the form groups that have worked hard on their attendance and have been awarded with an own clothes day. Newton house football team played brilliantly during this term's Football Tournament and won an own clothes day for their house!

100% Attendance

Leon B, Phoebe B, Darcy C, Harry G, Austin H-P, Imogen H, Riley H, Theo H, Antony H, Maisy K, Jonny S, Abi S, Frankie W, Josette A, Maisie D, Louis S, Mike W.

Achievement Superstars

Ryan R - 251
Ella M - 241
Scarlet LC - 234
Lucinda MC - 233
Christian D - 228

Tutor Group	Achievement 
7B1	2753
7B2	3641
7H1	3199
7H2	2569
7N1	3168
7N2	3952
7R1	3833
7R2	3236

Total 26,351

Year 8 - Head of Year Message

It has been fantastic to see students working incredibly hard in their lessons this term! With the sun coming out, there is so much to look forward to and the work ethos continues to thrive. The attendance is on the rise and everybody seems to be enjoying the own clothes Friday! Keep up the brilliant work Year 8.

Tutor Shout Out:

Mr Savory: Samuel Coe and Libby Gruncell


Miss Freitas: Ryan McLaughlin 

Head of Year Shout Out:

Sam Fowler - with 280 achievement points, Sam has the highest amount of achievement points in the whole school - well done!

Achievement Superstars

Sam Fowler - 280
Archie Anderson - 258
Ollie Green - 239
Fabian Odamo - 236
Katelyn Rochester - 231

Tutor Group	Achievement 
8B1	3244
8B2	3024
8H1	2809
8H2	2526
8N1	2451
8R1	3325
8R2	2874

Total 20,253

100% Attendance this Term:

Max A, Archie A, Jake A, Hadley A, Charlotte B, Ryan B, Logan B, Ben B, Kaila B, Sophie C, Amrik C, Mia C, Samuel C, Leon C, Zach C, Daniel C, Federico C, Be E, James F, Sam F, Kieran F, Ollie G, Libby G, William H, Oliver H, Toby J, Elsie J, Harry J, Yuvi K, Lily K, Oscar K, Croyde K, Jacob K, Laure L, Joshan L, Roxanne L, Ellia M, Ryan M, Oliver M, Charlotte M, Declan N, Icen N, Lewis N, Harry N, Grace O, Daniel O, Hannah P, Sienna P, Michelle P, Harry P, Kian P, Calli R, Jess R, Oscar R, Katelyn R, Noah S, Jeremiah T, Aston T, Helaina T, George V, Josh W, Amelia W, Grace W, Charlie Y.

Year 9 & 10

Heads of Year: Miss Gostling & Mr Wiseman

Year 9 - Head of Year Message

There have been some really exciting events this term and it has been great to see lots of Year 9 getting involved in many different things. Some Year 9's in particular have raised lots of money for the current situation in Ukraine and this has been a fantastic achievement. I hope they can continue with this positive outlook into next term - well done Year 9!

Tutor Shout Out:

Mrs Taylor - Anupama

Head of Year Shout Out:

Harry Pope - excellent attitude towards learning across all areas

Achievement Superstars

Alfie M - 243

Nicolas R - 240

Charlie F - 229

Cameron N - 218

Albert P - 194

Tutor Group	Achievement
9B1	2137
9B2	2697
9H1	2262
9H2	2528
9N1	2031
9N2	2020
9R1	2610

Total 16,285

100% Attendance this Term:

Mataya A, Max A, May A, Mia B, Brooke B, Anupama B, James B, Aedan C, Jeffrey C, Alfie C, Harrison F, Freya H, Christopher H, Max H, Maddison-Mae H, Alara K, Anuraag K, Akshith K, Ava K, Ava K, Travis K, Alfie M, George M, Ellie M, Jack M, Tudor N, Josh P, Dex P, Preston P, Dylan P, Mahi P, James R, Charlie R, Kian R, Luke R, Oscar R, Nicolas R, Brooke R, Amaya S, Kyle S, Lois S, Charlie S, Ollie S, Henry S, Jack T, Jorge T, Maksim T-W, Nathaniel W, Nancy W-H, Jakob W, Thomas W, Noah W

Year 10 - Head of Year Message

With the sun coming out, the Year 10s have been thriving! After a very successful Information Evening, we have seen great effort in lessons and in extracurriculars! With the introduction of the O behaviour point raffle, students are getting excited and also enjoying the non-uniform days! Keep up the hard work and enjoy the new and improved weather!

Tutor Shout Out:

Mr Berry - Oscar Y

Head of Year Shout Out:

Luke R-W - Fantastic attitude in school, shows the Meopham spirit and always strives for greatness

Achievement Superstars

Tabitha F - 152

Gabriella A - 146

Jack H - 144

Mia N - 142

Poppy P - 142

Tutor Group	Achievement
10B1	2226
10H1	1812
10H2	2163
10N1	1517
10R1	1887
10R2	1812

Total 11,417

100% Attendance this Term:

Gabriella A, Morika A, Poppy A, Benji A, Jenna B, Beau B, Kyle C, Adam C, Sian C, Dylan C, Hollie C, Elysia C, Kristopher E, Felix E, Jack H, Abbie H, Reece I, Oliver J, Jack J, Ellie J, Daisy J, Owen K, Maddi K, Emily L, George L, Lukas M, Thomas M, Mia M, Ben M, Alfie N, Indie O, Jame O, Emmanuel O, Toby O, Kate R, Stella R, Rebekah S, Caileigh S, Liam S, Gideon S, Brooke S, Charlotte T, Ruby V, Damien W, Harry W, Harrison W, Bethany W, Oscar Y.

Year 11

Heads of Year: Mrs Greenwood

Head of Year Message

This term the Year 11s have completed their mock examinations alongside their studies and intervention sessions. This is a challenging time of year for our Year 11 students and they continue to show resilience and resourcefulness as they devise the most effective revision strategies. I hope that they find some time over half term to relax and recover while they continue to prepare for their final examinations.

Mrs Greenwood

Attendance

Form groups that meet our attendance target have been rewarded with own clothes days on Fridays this term. Our Year 11 attendance superstars this term are

11N1



Term 5 Focus

Term 5 is a very important time for our Year 11s and we recognise that they will be anxious about this. While preparing for their examinations it is vital that the students maintain their attendance and manage their behaviour both in and out of class.

Students should be focusing their efforts on making the most of the time in their lessons and ensuring that others can do the same.

Tutor shout outs!

Mr Briscoe:

Amanda
Diart
Savannah
Georgia
Olivia
Franky
Raluca

Tutor Group	Achievement
11B1	292
11B2	382
11H	477
11N1	317
11N2	426
11R	729





Mrs Metters - "Lots has been happening in Sixth Form this term.

We've had a drop down Personal Development session, our Year 13 have sat mock examinations and our Year 12 have organised a football event for their business studies to name just a few of things we've been up to.

It's also been really good to see our students making the most of our school spaces and studying outside in the sunshine."

100% Attendance

Daniel	Amy	Henry
Ethan	Haydn	Lewis
Oliver	Otty	Alvin
Evie	Freddie	Arron
Bobby	Pramiga	Joe
Daniel	Aaron	Charlie
	Frazer	

Great dedication to your studies!

History

"Our Sixth Form History class has been busy forming a judgement on Edward IV and whether he was right to marry Elizabeth Woodville or not. He turned down a French princess and a strong political alliance, choosing instead to marry for love.

Year 12 had to decide if he had made a mistake, and how he was going to manage the realm and the repercussions of his marriage. All of our students learn about this as part of the Wars of the Roses, which were a series of brutal conflicts that led to the Tudors taking the throne of England."

- Mr Finch

Shout outs

This term the Sixth Form Leadership Team has heard nothing but praise for Ella's contributions and work ethic. Keep up the amazing work.

Well done to all the Year 13 for the revision and hard work that went into your mock examinations.

Business

"A massive congratulations to the Year 12 Double Business students for completing their 3 day football tournament. The organisation, planning and running of the event is part of their Unit 4. It was clearly visible that each student that participated had enjoyed themselves and it even created excitement between students, staff and those parents that attended. It was also very encouraging and visible that planning this event has brought this team of 6 young men closer together.

Well done boys, we are very proud of you all!"

- Ms Eloff, Ms Olu-Garrick & Mr Beacher

Meopham School Charity Event

Our Sixth Form students supported the school in raising money for Ukrainian refugees by collecting donations, helping with the bake sale and taking part in the sponsored run.

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

The Business students-

"We decided to host a KS3 football tournament to assist students through difficult times. COVID-19 has impacted everyone's mental health and we arranged the event with the purpose of participants' satisfaction which was a success. We desired to engage the audience and fill that social aspect which was missing during lockdown. Overall, the event resulted in positive responses from teachers, parents and the students involved and we can confidently say the event was successful."



A massive thank you...

- Ethan B, Ethan W, Evie and James for their help during Year 9 Options Evening.
- Amy C, Ashe, Ethan B, Evie, Haydn, Paige H and Oliver C for touring and supporting with Sixth Form Interviews.



Enrichment & Events

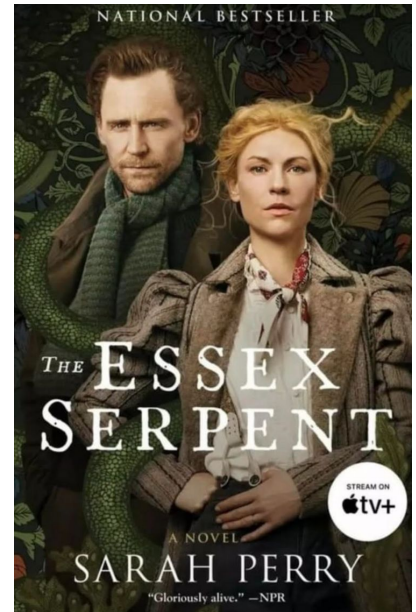
Student Spotlight

Ryan (Year 7) has recently finished filming for a TV series called The Essex Serpent!

He will be appearing alongside Tom Hiddlestone & Clare Danes with the show streaming on Apple TV.

Ryan has faced a number of setbacks in his career so far but his determination and hard work really paid off when he landed the part in this show!

Well done Ryan!



Ukraine Fundraising

A huge thank you to the Meopham School family: students, families, friends and staff. Everyone came together to make our Ukraine Charity Day a real success. Proceeds from the charity buckets, cake sale, sponsored run/row and digital donations have exceeded £1390 - all of which is going to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

School Magazine

We had some brilliant feedback for the first issue of the School Magazine and the second issue will be out soon! If you have any suggestions or comments, please email mss-magazine@swale.at

Here are some of the editorial team during one of their weekly meetings.



Careers



Careers has been a hive of activity in Term 4. Year 11 1-1 careers interviews have drawn to an end and Year 12 and 13 have all received their interview. There have been mixed reviews from students with their plans for post 18. For the more specific careers such as medicine, teaching or finance, it is considered that university is the best option as there are specific qualifications that need to be obtained in order to enter their chosen career at a certain level.

There has been a lot of interest around apprenticeships and where to look for them and how to apply. Students have been introduced to the guide for career options 2022 which is full of current apprenticeship providers ranging from technology and sales to Business, hospitality, retail and construction. National Apprenticeship week ran from 1st-7th March. Students were made aware of current apprenticeships available to them and any that required help with applications made an appointment with Mrs Bishop.

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 are being urged to find a suitable placement for work experience and hand in their forms once they have done so. Mrs Bishop has recruited local businesses to assist some students that were finding it a struggle. Barnside Cattery, The Chestnuts nursing home and the Hazlitt Theatre are all new additions.

National Careers Week

National Careers week ran from 7th March to 11th. We managed to arrange suitable days that worked well with students revising for their mock examinations. On the Monday, Nuffield Health presented an inspiring talk on how to enter work in the fitness industry. Speakers consisted of a Fitness Manager, a Personal Trainer and Triathlete and a Membership Advisor. All gave a good account of what consisted in their job role and expected hours and salary. Thursday was a busy day starting with Charlton Athletic Community Trust. Michael Ward spoke about the variety of opportunities available to young people. He gave a very informative talk about apprenticeships in health improvement, youth services, football and sports development and nutrition. many questions asked with complete student engagement along with some added banter to and fro with regards to football teams and who supports who.

In the afternoon, Rob Johnson from Kings Estate Agents gave a detailed overview of how he started as an apprentice Estate Agent and also what Kings can offer our students.

Careers Week ended well on Friday with a visit from Georgie Saville; a student midwife in her last year at Greenwich University. She shared information about how to apply to university as well as explaining the entry requirements for students.

Sport at Meopham

SLYR



Thank you to London Youth Rowing for giving us the opportunity to use their rowing machines this year.

Meopham Competed in NJIRC (National Junior Indoor Rowing Competition) against over 4000 entries!

Erikas, in Yr 8 came 14th out of 980 other year 8 boys!



NJIRC 22
NATIONAL JUNIOR INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fixtures

Year 7 Football Won the 5-Side tournament
Year 8 Football 2nd Place!

All our sports teams (Football, Rugby & Netball) have had a great term and it's come to the end of the winter sports. What an amazing season it has been! A massive big shout out to Mr Savory for his hard work and efforts for the Football season!

Watch out next term for the summer sports!



Well done Lilly in Year 7 and her team for becoming National Champions in cheerleading!



We have been introducing some new sports in PE this term such as OAA and rowing!
Here's a human M for team Meopham!



Maths

KS3

So far this term our students across KS3 have worked on a range of different topics including: Year 7 have worked hard on topics involving fractions, decimals and percentages and multiplying and dividing.

Year 8 have made good progress in their understanding of sequences and algebraic topics involving brackets, equations and inequalities

Year 9 have completed their exams recently and have also been learning the topics of constructions and also fractions, decimals and standard form.

KS3 Stars of The Term:

Year 7: Eddie A, Theo C, Laura C, Chloe W

Year 8: Owen D, Emilia K, Akshara Tannedi

Year 9: Bradley C, Joel K, Joely T

Numeracy Day - 15th March 2022

KS3 Numeracy Day happened on the 15th March for two lessons in tutor groups. Students got to complete mathematical puzzles, quizzes and anagrams throughout this time to celebrate Pi Day.

Our Numeracy focus for this term has been fractions, decimals and percentages.

Who stole the pie?



The π -rates.

KS4

Year 11 have just finished their maths mock exams! Their first exam is on the 20th May. On the lead up to this we hope that more students will start to attend interventions on a Wednesday afternoon.

A big shout out to the Year 10s who have already started to attend our weekly interventions. We have had a total of 44 students attend on the first week, well done all!

KS4 Stars Of The Term:

Year 10:

Aaron B

Arturo P-S

Bethany W

Hollie C

Year 11:

Amanda A

Dylan H

Natasha S

Science

KS3

In Year 7 the students have been learning about energy, the greenhouse effect and all the ways we can reduce our carbon emissions

Year 8 students have been studying about Space and this week have been building and testing rockets.

The students in Year 9 have been learning about ecosystems and how all living things interact with each other.

Scientists of the term!

*KS3: Laura C Yr7 and
Monica S Yr9*

*KS4: Amanda A Yr11
Luke R-W Yr10*

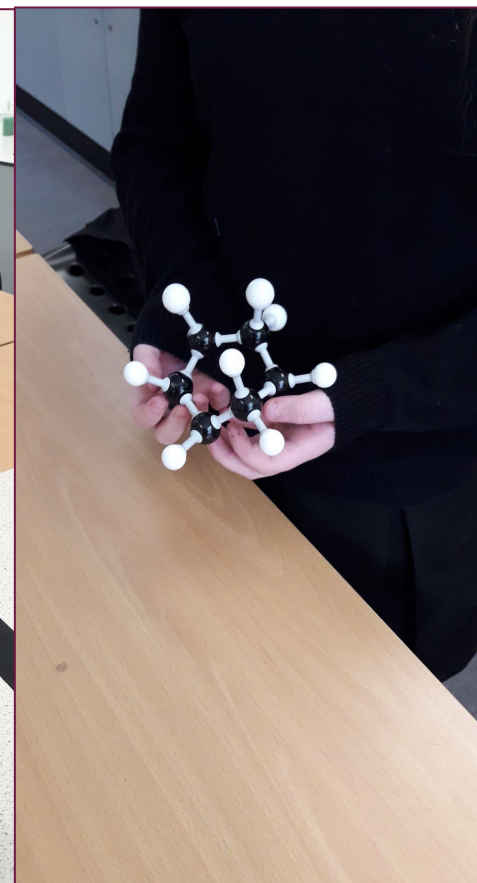
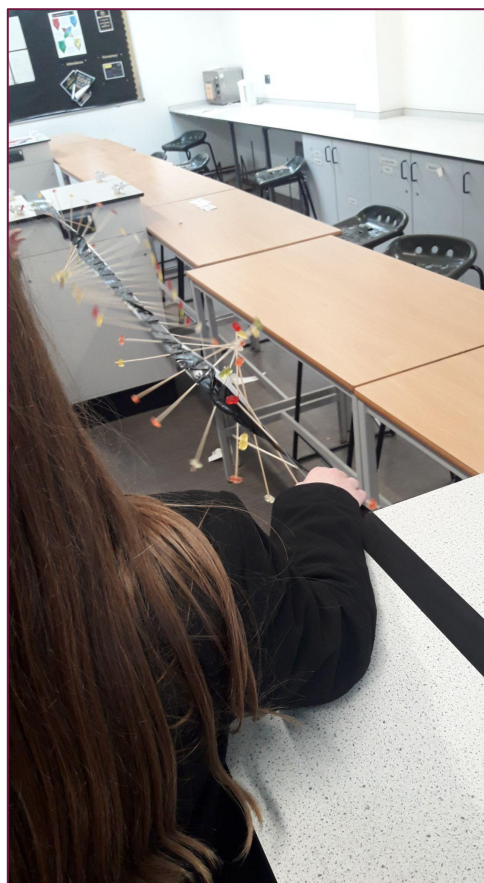
KS4

Year 11 have been working hard towards and throughout the mock exams this term. They have sat 3 exams; Biology, Chemistry and Physics. From now on the majority of their lessons will consist of revision and catching up on practical opportunities.

Year 10 have been studying acids and alkalis this term. Which consists of learning about pH, indicators and neutralisation reactions.

STEM Club

In term four our STEM club has been able to continue to carry out some really exciting experiments! We have done the collapsing can experiment, a wave machine and pressure experiments.



English & Drama

World Book Day Poetry Event

A group of students visited the Turing School in Eastbourne on 3rd March as part of a World Book Day event for all schools in the Swale Academies Trust. Students met with the awesome World Poetry Slam Champion, Harry Baker, and were encouraged to get creative with words themselves.

We were really impressed by Fabian in Year 8 poem about football:

Football, they call it the beautiful game,
Even with all the money & the fame,
It's still the beautiful game,
When the game starts,
You hear the gasps,
When you prime the ball in the net,
That feeling you get,
You feel the best,
You will always say lest not forget,
When I first striked the ball in the net,
My life would be nothing without it,
When you first get on the pitch,
You feel the shiver,
Just like when you hop in a river,
I scored and I scored,
It opened a new door,
And I always stopped to say,
Lest not forget,
When I first striked the ball in the net.

Year 10 Trip to the Globe Theatre



48 students from Year 10 were lucky enough to visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on 17th March to see a production of 'Macbeth'. Students really got into the spirit of the show, cheering when tension was high; one student said: *"It was very exciting and engaging, especially getting into the fight scene at the end of the play."*

Year 7 Drama - Fairy Tales

Year 7 have been creating some fantastic costumes in preparation for their end of term performances. I have been very impressed by their efforts and dedication to the subject.

Miss Smith

