Meopham School

A Member of Swale Academies Trust

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Dear Parents, Carers

As we reach the end of Term 3, I thought it would be timely to update you on a few key areas.

House Point and Achievement Postcards

At Meopham, we are always keen to celebrate every kind of success. House Points are given as a reward for academic success, effort, community service, good conduct, and performance in oracy and numeracy across the curriculum. They are, therefore, a clear measure of all-round performance. I would like to congratulate every student who has proudly been earning House Points. Particular congratulations to the three students in each year group with the highest number of points, who will receive a postcard from me. You can use the BromCom App to track the house points your child receives at school

Pupil Conduct

As Head of School, it is my privilege to walk around the school every day, witnessing students in lessons and during break and lunchtime. I am, equally, delighted to take visitors around the school to witness the excellent work ethic and general conduct of our pupils. Recent visits from our Trust CEO and Trust Executive Headteachers were extremely positive as they observed lessons where students are focused, collaborative and ambitious in stretching themselves in their learning. Our young people are a real credit to both their school and their parents, and I am really proud of the way we continue to work together to achieve this.

<u>Uniform</u>

As we move into the later half of this academic year, I thought it would be useful to remind you of our expectations in terms of uniform. On the whole, students at Meopham School wear their uniform with pride. The boys are smartly dressed with shirts firmly buttoned to the top, ties tied correctly with the logo just below the knot, and shirts tucked in. Formal shoes (not trainers) are worn by all. For girls, skirts are worn to the knee (or just above) and must not be rolled up. Please would you check the length of your daughter's skirt and ensure it reaches close to the knee. Jumpers, if worn, should not be tucked into skirts or tied at the back. Cosmetic additions that students may enjoy during the holiday such as nail and eyelash extensions must be removed before we return on Monday 21st February.



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Attendance

It is important that every student attends school every day and on time in order that they may give themselves the very best chance of success. We set a target of 96% attendance for all our students as we know that missing days costs grades. We do not want any of our students to be missing out, we want everyone to have the full experience of school life including developing their relationship with their teachers and friends. This can only happen when we are all in school, every day. Our attendance team is happy to work with any family who may need some support in improving the attendance for your child..

Yours faithfully

Ms K Girling Head of School