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Dear parents and carers,

I hope everyone has had a great week and enjoyed the half-term break. My apologies that I didn't write to you on the last Friday before half-term, but we have been very busy over the past few weeks with the interview processes for a number of senior leadership positions at school. I will share more information with you next week, but suffice to say we have had an incredible level of interest and some very high calibre candidates keen to work at Meopham, and some appointments I am excited to announce soon!

Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who have received Headteacher Commendations in the past two weeks:

Archie S (Y9) - Geography - Excellent work in Geography. This student presented a very good quality of work and was very eager to claim Top Geographer. Well done Archie.

Lucille B (Y10) - Science - Engaging with new material, fantastic note taking and presentation with work, responsive to tasks

Jess B (Y10) - Science - Engaging with material in a new topic, fantastic note taking and a positive attitude to learning.

Brandon M (Y9) - Music - Excellent work in Music. He has really developed an understanding of the 12 bar blues structure and how to play it quickly.

Caitlin W (Y10) - Science - Excellent revision work in science

Joe O (Y10) - Science - Excellent revision work in science

Luke F (Y10) - English - Excellent portrayal of Macbeth in the banquet scene. Excellent delivery of the lines.

Louise-Jane L (Y10) - English - Excellent portrayal of Lady Macbeth in the banquet scene. Excellent delivery of the lines.

Hudson T (Y8) - History - Excellent homework this term. Particularly his speech encouraging Britain to continue fighting against the Nazis - inspired by Churchill's speech.

Alex H, Izzy W and Ibbly T (Y9) - Maths - Excellent layout of notes in books with clear examples and steps written down. They used these to complete the challenging GCSE topic of writing recurring decimals as fractions.

Jack W (Y11) - History - completing all of his work before any other student has - making excellent progress.

Abigail P (Y7) - English - Always answering questions.

Henry A (Y7) English - Completing all work and homework to a high level.

Oliver T (Y7) - English - Completing work in a focussed manner.

Kaitlyn Y (Y7) - English - Working well and staying focused.

Keoni A (Y7) -English - Having a dedicated attitude to learning.

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Dilpreet D (Y9) - English - Excellent effort on homework all this term. Brilliant use of research and vocabulary.

Mia C (Y9) - English - Excellent homework completed all this term. Well researched, neat and detailed.

Frank M (Y9) - English - Excellent effort on homework all term. Good detail and analysis.

Jack L (Y10) - English - Consistently kind, helpful and organised. A model student!

Jack H (Y9) - Philosophy - Achieving 100% on his assessment.

Zac B (Y9) - Philosophy - For great improvement in Philosophy.

Alice P (Y9) - Philosophy - For demonstrating resilience and tenacity.

Tara M (Y9) - Catering - Good work ethics in lesson.

Ella T (Y9) - Catering - Good work ethics in lesson.

A huge **well done** to **Talia J-E (Y9)**, who took part in her first British Championships in Sheffield. She is now number 1 in the UK and British Champion in the 60m hurdles! A huge achievement - congratulations!

Congratulations to our Year 9 girls football team, who have made it to the **Kent Cup Final**. They will play Bullers Wood SFG on **Saturday 1st March at Herne Bay FC (14:00)**. Your support would be greatly appreciated

You can purchase tickets from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1234911235749?aff=oddtcreator>

Cultural Capital

Thanks to **Mr Huggens** and the Maths team for arranging this week's **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) trip to Legoland**. Our Year 8s had a fantastic time and this was a great opportunity to hone their Maths skills outside of the classroom environment!

Thanks again to **Mr Huggens** who organised to take the Year 10 Sport Education winners to **Gravity at Bluewater** in the week prior to half-term.

Thanks to **Ms Flavelle**, who took a group of young leaders to **Three Hills Sports Park in Folkestone** on the **'Go-Lead' Programme**.

Year 8 Parent and Carers Consultation Evening - 02.04.25

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers of our Year 8 students at their consultation evening on Wednesday 2nd April. More information will be sent out soon with details on when and how appointments can be booked, but please put this date in your diaries.

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Year 10 and 12 Exams

Year 10 and 12 exams are on the horizon, and students will be working towards these in their lessons. Further information about the timetables for exams will be sent out in the next few weeks, but now is the perfect time for students to start to complete some revision tasks. Please encourage them to speak to their teachers for more information.

Equipment - a message from Head of Year 7, Ms Tiller

Please ensure that your child has the correct pencil case equipment, Maths equipment and a reading book for English every day for silent reading in English. Information regarding equipment can be found on the school website. It is essential that students are prepared fully for learning at Meopham school. Thank you for your support.

Moving Forward

It's an important week at school, with our Year 11s in the midst of their second round of mock exams. As we all know from our school days, exams can be a very stressful time for young people, but it is so important students use this opportunity during mocks to get used to the examination process for the summer. It's important during these mocks that students try their very best, so that they can demonstrate all they can already do, where they are still struggling, and most importantly so that teachers can provide them with excellent feedback that will help them prepare over the next few months. A big **well done** to all of our **Year 11s** for their hard work across this mock exam period already.

As I mentioned in recent letters, our School Improvement Plan is now publicly available on our school website. To read this please click here: [Meopham School - School Improvement Plan - 2024-2027](#). If any parents/carers have any feedback on the plan, we would be more than happy to hear your views.

Have a wonderful weekend and I will speak to you all again next week!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Roberts', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Roberts
Headteacher