

# Meopham School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a great week. A slightly shorter letter this week but still some important information to share with you all.

## Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who have received Headteacher Commendations this week:

**Daniel C (Y11) - Business** - Daniel put so much effort into the end of topic assessment and wrote detailed responses in all questions.

**Reece O (Y11) - Business** - Reece provided very detailed responses in ALL questions on the end of topic assessment. He has come a long way and is building resilience and commitment to this work.

**Charlie Y (Y11) - Maths** - Excellent work ethic. Challenged himself on an already very complicated topic and solved numerous quadratic simultaneous equations.

**Sophie H (Y11) - Maths** - Excellent work ethic. Challenged herself on an already very complicated topic and solved numerous quadratic simultaneous equations.

**Millie D (Y12) - Sociology** - Millie is always well organised with both class work as well as independent learning and is early to lessons. Millie will also verbally contribute to class discussions and debates showing an excellent understanding of sociological content.

**Sebagh C (Y12) - Sociology** - Sabegh is always well organised with both class work as well as independent learning. Sabegh will also verbally contribute to class discussions and debates showing an excellent understanding of sociological content.

**Evie W (Y7) - English** - Always well behaved, focused and diligent.

**Molly K (Y10) - English** - Fantastic recall and application of knowledge on *Macbeth*.

**Amelia S (Y10) - English** - Fantastic recall and application of knowledge on *Macbeth*.

**Elisia G (Y7) - Mathematics** - Excellent attitude to learning every day, going above and beyond to improve.

**Theo H (Y10) - Science** - Consistent positive attitude towards learning and producing extremely good work!

**Evie W (Y7) - Science** - Consistently trying her hardest with everything she does! Her book is exceptional and she is a positive role model to others.

**Talia J-E (Y9) - Science** - Producing fantastic work in her book and improving her practical skills.

**Miley M (Y7) - History** - Excellent work completed in lesson with consistent dedication to improvement.

**Freya H (Y9) - Music** - Excellent development of skills on the ukulele. Freya has moved on to playing the piece of music making use of the correct and rather tricky rhythm.

Well done also to the **Year 9 boys football team** who defeated Orchards Academy **5-1** a couple of weeks ago. Congratulations also to our **Year 8 boys football team** who **won 4-3** against Wilmington Academy. Really great to see that the school's football success continues!

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## **Cultural Capital**

Thanks to **Mr Huggens** and **Mr Savory** for organising the Year 10 PE Reward trip to Gravity in Bluewater. Not sure how much I'd fancy that after Lunch but I'm sure the students had a great time!

## **Year 7 Rewards - a message from Head of Year 7, Miss Tiller**

Lots of our Year 7 students have been working really hard all term and, to celebrate this, a number of students are going to be treated in the final week of term with some hot chocolate and biscuits in Miss Tiller's office during Tutor Time.

## **Year 10 Work Experience - a message from Careers Advisor, Miss Bishop**

Work Experience is an exciting and important part of the Year 10 curriculum, where our young people take the first steps into the world of work and gain that vital experience, which both prepares them for adult life and provides them a brilliant reference when they first seek employment. Year 10s should be busy researching and finding a work experience placement. This is a fantastic opportunity to see what full time work is like and to see if a career path is right for them. The deadline to find a place is **3rd March**, please contact our Careers Advisor, Liz Bishop, if you require support ([liz.bishop@swale.at](mailto:liz.bishop@swale.at)).

## **Punctuality Strategy - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Romney**

Thanks to everyone for their support in getting our new punctuality strategy up and running. As you will know, ensuring students are in school and in lessons on time is vital to ensuring we maximise their learning time and are able to unleash their full potential. **A reminder that Year 11 students should be in Tutor Time by 8.30am to ensure they are benefitting from the additional Morning Intervention in key GCSE subjects.**

This week, no sanctions were set for lateness to help students get used to the system, but a reminder that next week, the system will be fully functional, with sanctions in effect.

Students who are late to school will receive a range of sanctions, depending on what time they arrive.

- Arrival between 8.40am and 8.50am will lead to a C3 (15 minute) lunchtime detention.
- Arrival between 8.51am and 9.09am will lead to a C4 (30 minute) after school detention.
- Arrival after 9.10am will lead to an SLT (60 minute) after school detention.

We know that in some situations where there are traffic issues for example, this can lead to students being late through no fault of their own. In this situation they will not receive a sanction.

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Students should also ensure they are on time to their lessons. They have 5 minutes to move from one lesson to the next, which is more than enough time. If they arrive to lesson more than five minutes after the start of a lesson, these minutes will be logged. They will then have to make this time up on a weekly basis via a detention.

If they have been late for less than 30 minutes over the course of the week, they will complete a C4 (30 minute) after school detention. If they have been late for 30 minutes or more over the course of a week they will complete an SLT (60 minute) after school detention. For persistent offenders this will lead to time in SSP.

## **Sixth Form Parent/Carer Consultation Evening**

Thank you to all those families who we welcomed into school on Wednesday to discuss the progress of our Year 12 and Year 13 students. Even at the ages of 16-18, it is still really important that students receive as much support from home as possible, as they face some of the most challenging academic work of their school career. It was great to see so many positive conversations going on and we hope that our families benefited from the advice and support provided by staff.

## **Year 9 Options - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mr McQuillan**

The exciting process of our Year 9 students selecting their Options is now well underway. Letters will go home today detailing what Pathway students are on. A reminder that the majority of students will be on the Purple Pathway, which is the Government-recommended curriculum. We encourage all parents/carers to sit with their children and go through the various subjects they have to choose from, to ensure they make the right choice for the next exciting step on their educational journey.

## **Moving Forward**

Last week, I mentioned that our School Improvement Plan - the document that outlines our strategy for the school over the next three years - would be available this week on our school website. Some may already have seen this but, for those who haven't, this can be accessed via the following link:

[Meopham School - School Improvement Plan - 2024-2027](#)

We are really excited to have begun the work contained within this document, which we know is going to continue to take the school from strength to strength.

We welcome you to take a look, and should you wish to provide feedback, please contact [mss-reception@swale.at](mailto:mss-reception@swale.at)

Have a lovely weekend,

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