

Meopham School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter break and got to spend some quality time with family and friends - and more importantly eat plenty of chocolate! We're well and truly back in the swing of things at Meopham and we have plenty to update you on for this week and beyond! Apologies you are receiving this letter on Tuesday; moving forward (apart from next week due to the Bank Holiday), this newsletter will be sent out every Monday.

Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who will receive Headteacher Commendations during our Pizza Lunch this Friday:

Kaya A (Y9) - Maths - Beautifully presented work, excellent effort with both school and home learning.

William E (Y8) - Geography - Highest mark in the end of topic test on Brazil.

Bray P (Y10) - Maths - Amazing effort in Maths.

Elisavet P (Y7) - Science - Excellent work, always doing the right thing and being a good role model.

Elisia G (Y7) - Science - scored the highest in the class in a recent test, always asks for extra work to do at home, and pushes herself in class. She is an excellent role model and demonstrates the Meopham TRUE values.

Kate R (Y13) - Health and Social Care - exceptional coursework - Kate has produced outstanding coursework to a Distinction level.

Olivia T (Y13) - Health and Social Care - Excellent coursework!

Mia C, Dilpreet D, Sienna H, Amelia R (Y9) - English - An absolutely brilliant presentation on 'The Island' in *Lord of the Flies*. Well researched, designed, organised and delivered. Outstanding.

Elijah A, Charlie G, Charlie W (Y9) - English - An excellent presentation on Leadership and Power in *Lord of the Flies*, delivered with flair, humour and intelligence.

Cultural Capital

A big thank you to **Mr Huggens, Mr Goldsmith, Miss Flavelle** and **Miss Freitas** for taking students on an excellent **Outdoor Activities trip to Bewl Water** during the Easter holidays. After a few action-packed days I'm sure everyone was exhausted but the students had an excellent time and were impeccably behaved throughout!

This week sees some of our Year 7s go out on their **Rewards Trip to Legoland**, recognising some of the excellent effort our newest students have put into their first year at Meopham School - a very well deserved day out!

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Year 11 and Year 13 - Preparation for Exams

A huge **well done** to all of our Year 11 and 13 students who attended the Easter Holiday Revision Programme. Attendance was very high and engagement very good throughout the two weeks. This time of year is always tough for those preparing for exams, but their dedication and commitment will pay off! A big **thank you** to all the staff that gave up time in their holidays to support students, and also thanks to our parents/carers for supporting us with ensuring students could get into school and benefit from the programme.

Year 10 and 12 Mock Exams

Over the past week - and continuing this week - our Year 10 and 12 students have been completing their mock exams in preparation for next year. This is an invaluable opportunity to get used to the format of formal exams and receive some useful feedback from teachers. Throughout last week, students rose to the occasion well and - whilst there will undoubtedly have been some nerves - it has been great to see so many students putting in a strong effort, and there will be plenty more support to come over the next year to get everyone ready and confident they can do their very best at the end of their time here with us!

Uniform Focus - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Davies-Lane

We appreciate the support of our parents and carers in ensuring that we set the very highest standards for our students, and this begins with their presentation. At the start of term, just a reminder on two aspects of the uniform policy where we have seen some issues recently:

Skirts

As you will know, for some months now we have been outlining that skirts should be worn to knee length, and we are grateful to parents/carers for ensuring the large majority of students are now wearing appropriately sized skirts. However, there appears to be a growing issue of skirts being rolled up throughout the school day.

Skirts that have been rolled will shortly be sanctioned using our school detention system. A C3 detention (lunchtime) will be issued by class teachers to those students that continue to wear their skirts to an inappropriate length. This message will be shared with students this week.

Hoodies / Zip Tops

Hoodies and zip tops are not to be worn anywhere on the school site. We are seeing more students wearing these in place of their blazer. A coat can be worn by students if it's cold outside of the school building, over the top of their blazer. Students who continue to wear these non school uniform garments will be issued with the sanction of a C3 detention (lunchtime).

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Attendance Information: Absence Requests - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Miss Hodd

At Meopham School, we believe that regular attendance is crucial for the success and development of our young people. Whilst we understand that absence from school cannot always be avoided, we encourage our students to attend school every day.

On the rare occasion that an absence from school is required and you wish to request that this absence is authorised, please complete an Absence Request Form using the following link: [Absence Request Form](#). Please send the completed form to an attendance officer **at least five days in advance** of the date requested. If your request is submitted after this time, the absence requested may not be authorised. Please note that absence will only be authorised under exceptional circumstances.

Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

A reminder that our Year 7 Parent/Carer Consultation Evening will take place on **Wednesday 7th May** from **4.15pm-7.30pm**. Mr Baharwy will be in touch with parents/carers of Year 7 students again with further detail on how to book appointments later this week. We look forward to having the opportunity to welcome our parents/carers on site once more and tell you all about how your children have been getting on in the first year of secondary school!

Moving Forward

We are at the crucial stage of the year for lots of our students and we know that it can be a stressful time for those taking exams. However, it's important we keep things in perspective. Of course, exams are important and preparing for them is key, but as I always say: exams open doors, they don't close them. I urge all of our students to see exams as an *opportunity* to demonstrate all the excellent things they've learnt at school and all the talents they've acquired. And if they go wrong? It won't be the end of the world. Passing exams first time round makes things a lot easier in terms of moving on to next steps etc., but there are always other opportunities and routes should things not quite go to plan. The key thing is: you try your very best. If everyone does that, well then there really isn't any more we can ask of anyone. So take them very seriously, yes, but no one should put undue pressure on themselves. Students have prepared well - and if they try their hardest - they will do well.

Away from the business of exams, I'm happy to say there have been lots of improvements to the school site over the Easter holidays - and I am grateful to our site team and our Deputy Headteacher Mr McQuillan for overseeing this. New fencing has been installed, grass seed and shrubs have been planted and there are plenty more exciting improvements to the school site to come.

On the note of school improvement, I have now also provided a number of opportunities to book a half-hour meeting with myself to discuss school matters and answer any questions you may have. These can be booked later this week - a separate letter will follow detailing how to do

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this. I'm looking forward to getting the chance to chat with more of you about the changes we have made to the school and the improvements you feel we can continue to make. Moreover, next week we will be providing an online survey to parents/carers for those who would like to share their views - we welcome your feedback and encourage you to have your say.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely week and I look forward to writing to you all again next Tuesday.

Take care,

Yours faithfully

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

Mr Roberts
Headteacher