

Meopham School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you got a chance to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend. As we now enter the exam season proper, it is a busy time at the school and of course we wish all students who are taking exams over the coming weeks the very best - we are sure they will do us proud! Plenty more to update you on as well.

Well Done

Congratulations to the following students who received Headteacher Commendations during our Pizza Lunch last Friday:

Fred S, Dylan C, Iustin C and Harry B-D (Y9) - English - an intelligent and well-organised presentation on Post-war Society and the Cold War, which linked cleverly to *Lord of the Flies*.

Albie S (Y11) - English - fantastic creative and persuasive writing for the class magazine, particularly his story from the Itsy Bitsy Spider's point of view.

Lily-Rose C and Aimee T (Y11) - English - for dedication and determination in English, producing extra essays and revising effectively in advance of exams.

Jess R and Kacey S (Y11) - Maths - excellent tenacity and effort.

Mason H (Y7) - Tutor - always following our TRUE values.

Daniel B (Y7) - Tutor - always following out TRUE values.

Priya A (Y10) - Health and Social Care - excellent work ethic and some fantastic coursework.

Nshira A (Y9) - English - her perseverance in memorizing the Prologue of Romeo and Juliet and being able to recite it out loud.

Ella H (Y7) - French - excellent work, effort and progress made in French

Also - a huge congratulations to **Jack H (Y9), Amelia R (Y9)** and **Dolly D (Y9)** who won **Best Main Dish** at the SwaleFeast competition this year!

The theme was 'VE Day'. They made scones with jam and cream for dessert and fish and chips with mushy peas and tartar sauce for the main dish. This is the second year in a row that Meopham School has won this competition, and a big thank you to **Mrs Kerr** as well for organising the team!

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Exams - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Romney

This time of year is always challenging, as students complete examinations and end of year assessments. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students in particular are embarking on their end of course examinations, and we wish them all the best of luck with these.

We would also ask other students to be supportive of those completing examinations, by following expectations and behaving considerately.

Students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) will also have end of year examinations, and we are sure they will be successful in completing these.

We very much encourage all students to take their exercise books home with them to support their revision, and to engage with revision materials in class, home learning, and on Google Classroom so that they are appropriately prepared for their assessments.

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If you have any questions about examinations please contact the relevant Raising Standards Leader or Head of Year in the first instance:

Year 7 and 8 - Mr Bahrawy

Year 9 and 10 - Mr Huggens

Year 11 - Mr Whittle

Sixth Form - Mrs Huggens

Uniform Expectations - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Davies

Now that we are getting into the warmer weather we will still be expecting students to wear the correct uniform. We want to have the highest standards at Meopham School and excellent presentation is an important first step.

C3 detentions will be issued for the following:

Rolled skirt (Not to the knee)

Jewellery

Zip Tops and Hoodies

Fake nails or lashes will result in our SSP unless this can be rectified.

We are seeing the vast majority of students looking very smart and proud to be part of Meopham.

Thank you for your support with this.

VE Day

We have been very proud to commemorate VE day last week through a series of assemblies, learning opportunities and community events.

Students have enjoyed learning about life in World War Two, the events of VE day and the end of the war, and why it is important for us to remember and show gratitude to those who made sacrifices for us.

Students have shown great respect in the way they have engaged with the issues raised, and we hope they have enjoyed this opportunity to mark such a momentous occasion.

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Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been asked to remind all parents and carers who are eligible for Free School Meals to ensure they claim their vouchers.

Reminders have been sent out by 'evouchers', so please check your account.

Parents have until the end of July to access their vouchers, and the recommendation is to do so as soon as possible.

This is a process overseen by Kent County Council, not by the school, and so if you need any support please contact kentfsmenquiries@kent.gov.uk

Moving Forward

As you may know, a few weeks ago I mentioned that as a leadership team, we are beginning to plan all of the exciting ways we are looking to move the school forward even further next academic year. A big part of this is listening to our school community and ensuring they are a part of the decisions we make as a school. For this reason, we regularly hold student voice panels and are currently conducting our termly staff survey. I also recently attended the Meopham Parish Council meeting, where local residents spoke very positively about the politeness and presentation of our students in the local area.

It is important too that as our parents and carers, your voice is heard. Should you like to book a meeting with me personally to discuss ideas or feedback you may have for the school, you can do so by completing the form on the link below:

[Headteacher Meeting Request Form](#)

I look forward to meeting with some of you and hearing about how we can continue to grow as a school, and ensure we provide the very best education for our young people. Have a lovely week.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Roberts', with a horizontal line underneath.

Ethan Roberts
Headteacher