

Meopham School

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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you've had a lovely weekend.

Well Done

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

Oscar Reeves (Y7) - Culture and Ethos - Showing tenacity.

Lacey Lawson (Y7) - Culture and Ethos - Showing respect towards the staff and students.

Scarlett May (Y8) - Science - Always working her absolute hardest and applying her knowledge to questions.

James Calow (Y9) - Philosophy - Going above and beyond in Philosophy.

Khadijah Mudassar (Y9) - Philosophy - Going above and beyond in Philosophy.

Dolly Darby (Y9) - Philosophy - Going above and beyond in Philosophy.

Jack Hollis (Y9) - English - A superb piece of creative writing produced for the Year 9 Trust Assessment.

Leo Allen (Y9) - Geography - Dedication to the subject and working to the best of his ability.

Cultural Capital

Meopham Sports students travelled to **Istead Rise Primary School** on Tuesday 10th June to support with their annual Sports Day. They supported students with many events, including running, hurdle, and sack races. Both Meopham and Istead Rise students had a fantastic day full of activity and fun and we are really proud of our students who took on these leadership roles within one of our local primaries.

Mrs Morgan also led an **Art trip** for our Y10 students to both **the National Gallery and the Tate Modern** in London. This was an excellent opportunity for our Art students to experience a broad range of classic and contemporary art and will hopefully act as a huge influence on their own portfolios moving forward!

On Thursday, **Miss Bishop** arranged for some of our Y10 students to visit **North Kent College** for a taster day, providing them the opportunity to experience a range of vocational courses available post-16.

On Friday, **Mrs Greenwood** organised our partners from the **Rotary Club** to put our Y12s through their paces in a **Mock Interview Day**. We are so grateful to the Rotary Club, who provided expert advice to our students and ran a very realistic and thorough interview process for each Y12, who applied for a range of different real-world job roles. The feedback

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we received was excellent, with interviewers commenting on the preparedness, preparation and professionalism of our Sixth Form students - well done to all involved!

Upcoming Events This Term - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hatch

There are a range of events coming up over the next few weeks so we thought it best to provide you with a clear list of what's going on!

Monday 16th June - Yr 11 Photos

Friday 20th June - Yr 11 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June - Art Exhibition Opening Evening and TRUE Awards Evening

Thursday 26th June - Yr 11 Prom

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July - Year 6 Transition days

Thursday 3rd July - Year 6 Transition Information Evening

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th July - Year 5 Science Fair

Thursday 10th July - Summer Sizzler

Friday 11th July - Y13 Leavers' Event

National Thank a Teacher Day - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Romney

A reminder that the **18th June** is national 'Thank a Teacher Day'. Thank you to everyone who has already completed the form to say thank you to a member of staff.

If there is someone you would like to say thank you to, there is still time. Please complete this form, and we will pass your messages on to them.

[Thank a Teacher Day 2025](#)

Updated Detention System - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Davies-Lane

We have had a successful first week of using the updated detention system. Can we remind you that **to access your child's detentions you must use the MCAS App**. This will show you when your child's detention is and if they attended or not. Students can also look on the app and it will be scheduled in their timetable. We will of course still remind students at school of any detentions using our Detention Notice Board and alongside this during Tutor Time by staff.

If you do not currently have login details for the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App, we kindly ask you to email Charlotte Parrott (mss_pastoral@swale.at). She will be more than happy to assist you in obtaining the necessary information to gain access.

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

As the weather continues to be very warm, we have taken the decision that - from tomorrow - students will not need to wear the school blazer around school but **students must bring a blazer to school**. This is for two main reasons.

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Firstly, as we all know English weather can be very changeable, so we want to ensure students have their blazers should the weather change, especially for their journeys to and from school. Moreover, we may well have entire weeks in June/July where summer uniform is not appropriate, so it is important students continue to bring blazers into school.

Secondly, students very commonly keep important items - such as their timetables, pens and other stationery - in their blazers. As such when these are not brought to school, we often find we have large numbers of students without pens and other necessary equipment! This can be quite disruptive to lessons, so to ensure that all students are fully equipped, students will be required to continue to bring blazers to school.

Whilst walking around the school site, students do not need to wear blazers but need to carry them. They should not be put into school bags as this often means blazers are scrunched up and creased, and we also want to ensure that all students have blazers available should they need.

Students without blazers will be sanctioned following normal procedures.

Moving Forward

As you will know, many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students will be finishing their exam season this week. We want to congratulate them on this superb achievement, and we look forward to celebrating with them at their respective leavers events! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the exam season, and for regularly going above and beyond to ensure our students fulfil their potential and achieve their aspirations for the next steps in their education.

I would also like to thank you - our parents and carers - for supporting your children throughout their exams. We know it can be a stressful and anxious time for students (and I am sure for you at points too!) but I can honestly say that this cohort has displayed one of the most impressive approaches towards their exams that I have seen during my career. They have approached their exams maturely and the large majority have worked very hard right to the end of their season. They are a credit to you and the school.

Have a great week,

Yours faithfully

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

Mr Roberts
Headteacher