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Dear parents/carers,

It feels like it's been a long time since I last wrote to you as we had so much happening at school last week I'm surprised we managed to pack it all into one week! It was great to see so many of you at our first TRUE Awards Evening - a wonderful opportunity we took to recognise some of the excellent achievements of our young people this year. Everyone who won an award should be rightly proud of themselves. Another fantastic (but very late!) evening was our first Year 11 Prom in many years. Again, it was brilliant to have an opportunity to celebrate the end of a tough but ultimately rewarding year for our Year 11s and it was lovely to see everyone letting their hair down and enjoying themselves.

Well Done

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

Thom B (Y8) - English - Excellent attitude to learning and great improvement in his work

Joshua G (Y8) - English - Excellent listener and great improvement in his work

Lee O (Y10) - English - Excellent effort in class and enthusiastic participation

Jessica O (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Jessica M (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Lexi P (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Finley K (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Joe S (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Anabelle V (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Scarlett M (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Evie S (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Daisy L (Y8) - History - Excellent presentation

Congratulations to our **Year 9 boys' football team**, who put in a truly outstanding performance in the **District Cup Final**, securing a decisive **4-2 victory** over Northfleet Technology College.

This marks their second consecutive year as District Champions, a testament to their dedication and skill. It's particularly impressive that we had a handful of our **Year 8 students** step up and play a crucial role in the final, demonstrating great promise for the future.

Goals were scored by **Will S** (x2), **Leo A**, and **Billy M**. Well done to all of the boys, and to **Mr Whittle** their manager.

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Cultural Capital

Thanks to **Mrs Huggens** for running our Dance Workshop for those students who are passionate about dance and wanted to experience a variety of dance styles, building skills to put a dance routine together for the Summer Sizzler.

Sports Day

Last Tuesday we hosted our annual school sports day, with plenty of events taking place throughout the entire day to ensure everyone had the opportunity to get involved. Whether it was track and field events, basketball, rowing, rounders, volleyball or even the sack race, there was something for everyone! It was lovely to see the inclusivity of the event and so many of our students enjoying partaking in some friendly, competitive sport. A special thanks to the **PE team** for organising the event. Mr Savory will be providing us some key results from the day in next week's newsletter!

Art Exhibition - a message from Head of Art and Technology, Mrs Morgan

The Art and Technology department would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to our Art Exhibition. Additionally, we would like to say an especially big thank you to all of the students and families who toured the exhibition on our opening night. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive as was the atmosphere and engagement from all of our guests. It was wonderful to see so many people celebrating the hard work and successes of the artists within our school community.

A catalogue of all the excellent pieces from the exhibition has been provided as a separate attachment to this letter if you'd like to take a look at some of the fantastic work our students and staff have provided!

Uniform Update

Supportive uniform checklists will be placed on classroom doors and used by Form Tutors during Tutor Time in the mornings. These checklists will help the students with keeping up uniform expectations and staying smart throughout Term 6.

A reminder of the expectations sent out by Assistant Headteacher Mr Wood recently can be found as an additional attachment to this letter.

Obviously with the hot weather currently we will continue to update you if students do not require to wear a tie or blazer around school. This is the case for today and tomorrow only, but we will continue to monitor the weather and communicate with you expectations regarding uniform.

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A few parents/carers appear to have missed the information in a previous newsletter and have queried why students are still required to bring blazers to school. To clarify: this is not simply a draconian approach to uniform; there was a clear reason outlined for this on 16th June:

"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."

Unfortunately, we have a large number of students who are sent to school without a bag - despite this being outlined as a mandatory part of the school uniform within our policy (see here: [Meopham School - Uniform Policy](#).) If we can get to the point where all students are sent to school with a bag to store their equipment, that would be great, as it would remove the necessity to insist on blazers, however until that is the case, we will need to ask students to bring blazers to school. They will not be required to wear them but I am sure most parents/carers will agree that our priority needs to be ensuring students' learning is not severely disrupted by large numbers of students arriving to lessons without the correct equipment. Thanks for your understanding and support with this.

Year 11 Prom - a message from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Hatch

The Year 11 Prom at Redlibbets Golf Club was a fabulous evening filled with laughter, fun and lots and lots of dancing. Guests arrived in a wide range of stunning cars, and after welcome drinks the venue provided a beautiful meal and a stunning location for the evening drinks on the balcony.

Awards were given out, including Prom King (William H) and Queen (Ellia M), as well as Prom Diva Albie S, and a hilarious dance off for Best Dancer - won by Rhys N - and brilliantly challenged by Oscar R. A massive thank you to Redlibbets, Serena for the balloons, the brilliant photographer and the mums (Ms Reid, Ms Morris and Ms Young) who helped organise the event. An unforgettable evening!

End of Term Arrangements

Our final day of the school year is **Friday 18th July**. School will finish for students at **12.40pm**. We are in contact with the bus companies to let them know that students will be finishing early.

District Sports

Good luck to those selected to represent the school at District sports on **Tuesday, 1st July!** We'll provide you with an update on results next week.

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Detentions - a reminder from Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Davies-Lane

This is just a reminder to use the **MyChildatSchool App** to check your child's detentions. They will schedule daily so that it is clear to see what day and the type of detention has been issued. If you have any questions regarding your child's detentions please contact Mrs Parrott (charlotte.parrott@swale.at) who can then answer any of your queries. Students are reminded by the notice board in the canteen that is updated daily and by their teachers during tutor time.

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

A reminder of the events coming up in school over the next few weeks:

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

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

Thursday 10th July - Summer Sizzler

Friday 11th July - Year 13 Leavers' Event

Moving Forward

In the next week or so, I will be writing to all parents/carers again to ask you to complete a short survey, providing feedback on the school and what further improvements you would like us to make next year. In particular, I am keen to hear your views on home-school communication and home learning, as I'm very aware these are two key areas that it is important we continue to work on. If you can spare a few minutes to pass on your thoughts, it would be very helpful, as it helps us to plan the school improvement strategy for the next academic year. In the meantime, I hope everyone has a lovely week - and make sure you stay hydrated in the hot weather!

Yours faithfully



Mr Roberts
Headteacher