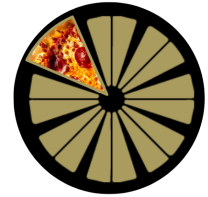


Headteacher's Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome back to the Meopham School newsletter! There is loads to update you on as we have a very exciting and busy term ahead of us!

Headteacher Commendations - Miss Hodd (Assistant Headteacher)



Students who have demonstrated exceptional examples of our **TRUE values** and have nominated for **Headteacher Commendations** are:

Charlie CI (Year 10) - Charlie has grown in confidence in business since January and during some work this week with our external partner Elliott Holmes Memorial Fund's project he asked well thought and inquisitive questions to our guest.

Teddy-J B (Year 10) - Teddy-Joe has demonstrated respect by listening in Business. He also showed excellence in his engagement during the external partner event on Tuesday. He prepared thought provoking and honest emotive questions for the task at hand. He has shown a big improvement, well done Teddy.

Nicole N (Year 7) - Nicole's Geography work is consistently at a very high standard and she completed an excellent research task on Wales.

Freya M & Charlie D (Year 8) - Demonstrating tenacity consistently in French lessons and completing an excellent Trust assessment.

Hudson T & Joseph W (Year 9) - Winners of the 200 Word Library Challenge.

Beth B (Year 9) - Beth has really engaged with the play Romeo and Juliet. She has displayed enthusiasm for the play and has interesting ideas about the characters. She always offers to read, and uses high levels of inference and analysis when considering the characters' motives and Shakespeare's intentions. She also makes perceptive contextual links to the play. Excellent work Beth.

Leo L (Year 10) - Excellent effort consistently in BTEC Sport, always engaged and asking questions which is evident in his work.

George K (Year 7) - George constantly works well and is helpful towards his peers in Philosophy, demonstrating excellent unity.

All students on this list will be invited to Headteacher Commendation on **Thursday at 12:30pm in Mr Roberts' office** for Domino's pizza and their certificates.

Staff Member(s) of the Week(s)

As we haven't had a newsletter for a few weeks, we have a number of staff who have been nominated for excellent work across the school in the last month!

Miss Williams, who has been with the school for 4 years, was nominated last week for her excellent Y12 Sociology lessons! Students were incredibly positive about their experience in Miss William's A-Level classes.

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Ms Shergold, who recently joined the school to support SEND and the Sixth Form, was nominated last week for the amazing impact she has already had on life in the Sixth Form, going above and beyond to support our students. **Mr Smith**, a PE teacher that joined the school at the start of this year, and **Mrs Clements**, the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead for the last 4 years, were also nominated for the incredible pastoral support they have provided to students in recent weeks.

In the week before the half-term break, **Ms Prince**, who joined the school this year, was nominated for her amazing work with our Business students - she has made an incredible impact already in the short time she has been here. **Mrs Fisher**, who has taught English at Meopham for 16 years, was also nominated by a parent for all of her fantastic support of Y11 students in the run-up to their exams.

Well done to these amazing staff - more to be announced in the next newsletter!

Cultural Capital a message from Miss Hodd (Assistant Headteacher)

Congratulations Amelia!

Huge congratulations to **Amelia** in Year 11 for her outstanding performance at the **Junior Premier League in Loughborough on Saturday 9th May**.

In a highly competitive and difficult match, Amelia scored a goal in the 12th minute, securing a **1-0** victory for Brighton & Hove against Liverpool! Throughout the game, she demonstrated incredible **tenacity** and sporting **excellence** under pressure.

This July, once she has finished her exams, Amelia is moving to Brighton to pursue a **professional career in football**. We are immensely proud of her ambition and wish her the absolute best of luck on this amazing Journey! Well done Amelia.



TRUE Awards Evening, Summer Sizzler and Annual Art Exhibition

We are delighted to invite our parents and carers to our **Summer Celebration on Thursday 18th June, 4:30 - 7:pm.** This event combines our **TRUE Awards Evening, Summer Sizzler Music performance** and annual **Art Exhibition** which focusses on the theme 'Tenacity' this year.

The evening is **free to attend** and doesn't require booking. Guests can look forward to **music performances** while enjoying complimentary refreshments proudly prepared and served by our talented **Catering students.**

Students nominated for a TRUE Award will be stepping up to receive their certificates and having a **celebratory photograph taken with our Headteacher, Mr. Roberts.**



Term 6 Enrichment Offering

A reminder for parents and carers of our **Enrichment Programme** that will continue to run through Term 6.

All students are welcome to attend a club of their choice, whether this takes place during the school day at **lunchtime or after school.**

We encourage our students to attend at least one enrichment club to further **develop their confidence, skills and positive cross-year group relationships.** Learning a new hobby or skill also builds excellent **tenacity and determination,** adding to the enjoyment of the overall school day.

If your child would like to engage in an enrichment activity this term, they can turn up to one of the clubs on the programme and receive their **Queue Jump Pass from the Club Lead.**

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME TERM 5 & 6			
Monday			
Pride Club	Lunchtime	Hums 7	Miss Williams
Debating Society	Lunchtime	English 8	Mr Roberts
Mindfulness Art	Lunchtime	Art 2	Miss Hodd
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Miss Bland & Mrs Hartley
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Cricket Club	Afterschool	Leisure Centre*	Mr Goldsmith & Mr Smith
Tuesday			
English Club	Lunchtime	English 6	Mrs Porter-Clarke & Ms Rajkumar
MFL Club	Lunchtime	Languages 2	Mrs Lajnef
Macramé Club	Lunchtime	Art 2	Miss Jarvis & Miss Kesby
Football Club (Year 8)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Payne
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Miss Bland & Mrs Hartley
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Rounders	Afterschool	Sports Hall*	Miss Broad
Photography Club	Afterschool	IT2	Miss Kerr
Games Club Board Games, Table Tops Games & Trading Card Games	Afterschool	Hums 4	Mr Obbard
History Club	Afterschool	Hums 7	Miss Williams
Wednesday			
Doodle Club	Lunchtime	Art 3	Mrs Nicolaou
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Miss Bland & Mrs Hartley
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Carnegie Book Club	Lunchtime	English 5	Mrs Briscoe
Year 10 Book Club	Lunchtime	English 5	Mrs Williamson
K53 Football Club	Afterschool	Field*	Gillingham FC
Thursday			
School Magazine Club	Lunchtime	English 4	Mrs Williamson
Football Club (Year 9)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Goldsmith
School Choir	Lunchtime	Music 1	Mr Knight & Mrs Hill
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Miss Bland & Mrs Hartley
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff
Dance Club	Afterschool	PA Room (Dodmore)	Mrs Greenwood
Friday			
Equation Invasion	Lunchtime	Maths 8	Mr Hicks
Football Club (Year 7)	Lunchtime	Leisure Centre*	Mr Wood
Year 11 Revision	Lunchtime	English 9	Miss Bland & Mrs Hartley
Homework Club	Lunchtime	Oasis	Oasis Staff

*meet at the main changing rooms for PE clubs

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House Points Update

Students across Meopham School have been working hard to achieve **House Points** for **our TRUE values** this year. Students in the **House with the most points** at the end of the year will have the opportunity to attend a rewards trip to **Thorpe Park** in **September!**

Here are the totals of **House points achieved in the last fortnight** (1st - 12th June). Well done to the **WALMER** students who demonstrated the most **Tenacity, Respect, Unity and Excellence!**



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Mrs Davies-Lane (Assistant Headteacher)

Congratulations Poppy W (Year 9)

Poppy's Netball team KCNC were entered into the **Sisters In Sport** netball national Cup/Plate. They managed to get into the **Elite 8 Finale** this weekend at Loughborough. Poppy's team ended up coming 2nd in the Plate. An amazing achievement. Well Done!



Key Messages

Thank a Teacher Day (17th June) - Mrs Romney (Deputy Headteacher)

This year's Thank a Teacher Day falls on 17th June. This includes ALL staff who work in schools, and is a great opportunity to say a well deserved thank you to our amazing staff.

If you would like to, you can send an electronic thank you card by following this link:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>



Year 10 Careers Opportunities - Mrs Z Romney - Deputy Headteacher

For our Year 10 students their **work experience week** is just around the corner; taking place from **Monday 22nd to Friday 26th June**. This is a great opportunity for students to gain experience of a workplace, and shape their ideas around their next steps.

In addition to this, there is an open event for all Year 10 students taking place on **Monday 6th July from 4.30-6.30pm**. Whilst this is being hosted at **St John's School** in Gravesend, it is a **North Kent event with representatives from a range of schools, colleges, training providers and employers**, and is designed to support students in thinking about their next steps after Year 11. If you would like to attend please use the link below to book a place.

[North Wide Event - 2026 - Pathways for All - Year 10 student and parents](#)

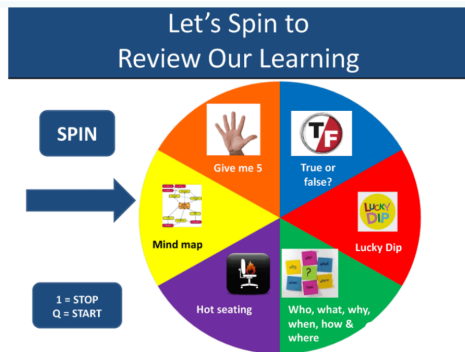
Year 7-9 KS3 Examinations - Mrs Z Romney - Deputy Headteacher

Key Stage 3 (KS3) students are coming towards the end of their assessments in all subjects, but still have reading tests and some exams to complete. Core subjects (English, Maths and Science) will be completed in examination halls, utilising Trust agreed assessment papers. For all other subjects, these will be completed in class, and are decided by the department.

A reminder of the plan for the assessments can be seen here.

Year	Core	Non core	Reading Tests
9	18/5 p5-6 En 19/5 p5-6 Mm (1) 21/5 p5-6 Sc 22/5 p1-2 Mm (2)	1/6- 12/6	19/6/26
8	8/6 p5-6 En 10/6 p5-6 Mm (1) 11/6 p5-6 Sc 17/6 p5-6 Mm (2)	18/5 - 5/6	18/6/26
7	18/6 p5-6 En 19/6 p5-6 Mm (1) 22/6 p5-6 Sc 23/6 p5-6 Mm (2)	1/6 - 12/6	17/6/26

Teaching and Learning Tips - a message from Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Romney



In teaching, the end of a lesson is called the **plenary**. It is a dedicated reflection window where teachers check exactly what has been understood before students leave the room. The final five minutes are used for high-impact checks, such as: **Exit Tickets:** Short, sharp questions that students must answer demonstrating they have grasped the day's core concept.

Brain Dumps: Sixty seconds of silent writing where students list the most important facts they learned in the lesson.

Hinge Questions: A multiple-choice question designed to spot any lingering misconceptions before students leave.

This information is incredibly valuable. It tells the teacher exactly who is ready to move on and who needs extra support next lesson.

To create a predictable, stress-free environment across the whole school, we hold our students to strict, consistent routines as the lesson draws to a close:

Consistent expectations: Students stand behind their chairs, and are all expected to engage in and contribute to the plenary.

Pride in our Environment: Before anyone is dismissed, the classroom must be tidy and chairs pushed in. Taking care of our school environment is a core part of showing **Respect**.

Calm Dismissal: Students stand silently behind their desks, ensuring their uniform is perfectly smart, before being dismissed row by row. This ensures our corridors remain calm and safe between periods.

Conduct and Welfare programme in Term 6 with London Broncos Rugby League Club

We as a school have been very lucky to work alongside the London Broncos and arrange for a coach to visit and teach some of our students. These coaching sessions will take place on **Thursday, 2nd July** for some lucky YR7 and YR8 students.

Students who take part in the coaching sessions will also receive some free tickets to go and watch the London Broncos play their upcoming fixtures at Ebbsfleet on the 4th and 11th of July against Hunslet and Doncaster at Kuflink Stadium. Adults will need to pay for their ticket to accompany your child but the child ticket will be free.

A separate letter has been sent to all Y7 and Y8 families with details on how to get your child involved. There are only 30 spaces available per session so please act fast and complete this survey for this amazing opportunity!





Uniform Expectations - Hannah Davies-Lane (Assistant Headteacher)

At Meopham School, we are committed to promoting a culture of high standards and expectations which our young people will take with them into adult life. As I am sure you will agree, the smartness with which one dresses and presents themselves makes a clear statement about their character and attitude. It is vital that we instil this value in our young people.

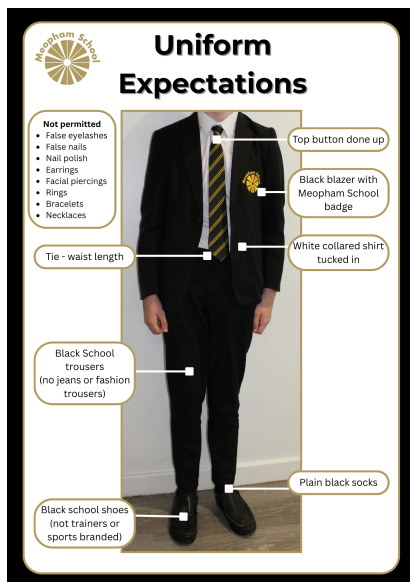
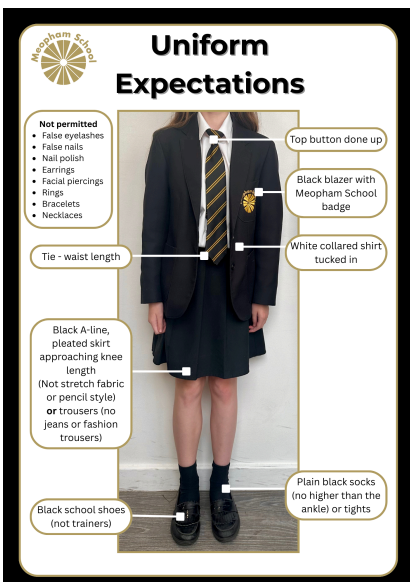
A smart and consistent uniform provides parity amongst all students, fosters a strong sense of school identity, and ensures a culture of formality and pride. Educational research shows that the schools with the best outcomes consistently focus on high standards in every aspect of school life - including uniform.

Firstly thanks to all students in the last week who have followed our conduct policy and have met our uniform standards. We need consistency across all our students when uniform is not correct and if uniform standards are not met then **C3 detentions will be received.**

We will be increasing opportunities to support students to have brilliant standards of uniform on the below thresholds:

- The front gate of the school
- Line ups
- Classroom thresholds
- Break and lunchtime queues.

At these specific places, uniform will be checked and students given reminders to adjust uniform. Assemblies will be delivered to students next week for this. Thank you for your support.



Exciting programmes for Term 6 - Mr A Wood- Assistant Headteacher Conduct and Welfare

As part of the GFC package, they will be delivering a **FREE KS3 Football Club every Wednesday with Gillingham FC** - so please encourage all KS3 Boys and Girls to attend **from 3.15-4.15pm**.



A message from Mrs Hartley, Senior Assistant Headteacher - Raising Standards and Sixth Form

Year 11 and 13 Exams

A huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have made excellent progress with their GCSE and A Level exams, including the attendance of the half term revision sessions. Students should be very proud of the commitment they have shown so far. We wish them well for the last few exams this week.

Year 12 - UCAS

We began the launch of our UCAS programme last week, with Year 12s attending the UCAS Discovery Trip in Maidstone, giving them the chance to explore a wide range of university and apprenticeship options. Throughout the day they spoke with admissions teams, gathered course information, and attended short talks on topics such as choosing the right pathway, student finance, and writing a strong personal statement.



On Monday 13th July, we will also be welcoming ambassadors from the University of Kent into school to guide students through the application process, including how to choose courses, how to write effective personal statements, and key information about student finance.

Year 12 Mock Exams

The Year 12 exams will take place from Monday 22nd June to Friday 3rd July. These assessments are an important part of students' progression into Year 13 and will help teachers identify the support each student needs as they move into their final year of study. Regular, focused revision in the lead-up to these exams will also help students consolidate key knowledge, strengthen their exam technique, and build the confidence they need for the challenges ahead.

Moving Forward

I would like to say a huge well done to our **Year 11 students**, who have finished their exams this week. This is the culmination of an incredible amount of work over 5 years and they should be rightly proud of their achievements. We look forward to celebrating with them all at this Friday's **Leavers Assembly**, as well as the upcoming **Prom**.

Congratulations also to our **Year 13 students** who have completed their final exams this week, bringing to an end a long and memorable time at Meopham School. We said goodbye to students at yesterday's **Y13 Leavers BBQ**, and whilst it was sad to say goodbye, I know they will go on to great things, and make us all proud. We look forward to celebrating with them on their results day.

Thank You

A thank you also to everyone in our school community for their care and support over the past few weeks, which have been challenging for many. As you'll be aware, we had the difficult news that we lost George - a much-liked and valued member of our school community in Year 10 - over the half-term break. It was lovely to see students support each other throughout our Wear Blue Day - George's favourite colour - and everyone raised just over £2,400, which we have passed to George's family, to honour his memory. George will be sorely missed by everyone at the school, and we want to thank you all for your support, care and compassion during this tough time.

Upcoming Events

We have a number of exciting events and activities planned over the course of this summer term, which we hope will give students some lovely opportunities to let their hair down and enjoy themselves! This will include some events like our **Meopham School Colour Run**, our annual **Sports Day**, as well as a few other things we are planning as a reward for students. We'll share more details soon, but until then, have a lovely couple of weeks and - of course - come on England!

Kind regards,



Mr Roberts
Headteacher