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Dear parent/carer,

I hope you have had a great week.

It's been an excellent term at Meopham School with lots going on and lots being learnt! The half-term break is finally upon us, and I'm sure all of our young people are looking forward to a bit of rest after working hard all term.

Well Done

Well done to all of our players in recent matches. There have been so many recently it is becoming tricky to congratulate them all individually but suffice to say we are proud of all of our students – win or lose – for having the grit and determination to step up and represent the school:

Football

<u>Year 7 Boys</u> Meopham School 4 – 1 St George's <u>Year 8 Boys</u> Meopham School 4 – 2 Thamesview Meopham School 1 – 1 St George's <u>Year 9 Boys</u>

Meopham School 2 – 1 St George's

<u>Year 10 Boys</u>

Meopham School 0 – 3 St George's

Meopham School 1 – 1 Thamesview

<u>Year 9 Girls</u>

Meopham School 7 – 2 Maplesden Noakes

Congratulations also to the following students, who all received Headteacher Commendations over the previous week:

Leo A - Geography Ethan P - Geography Georgia W - Geography Cass B - Geography Laura S - Geography Julia B - Science Fiola A - Geography Caitlin W - English Stella S - English



Netball

<u>Year 7 Girls</u> Meopham School 0 – 2 St John's Meopham School 0 – 3 St George's <u>Year 9 Girls</u> Meopham School 5 – 9 St George's <u>Year 10/11 Girls</u> Meopham School 10 – 23 St George's Meopham School 8 – 17 St John's

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A reminder that you can share any good news from across our school community with us via this email address: <u>meophamgoodnews@swale.at</u>.

Uniform and Presentation

As half-term is upon us, I'm aware that sometimes during the holidays youngsters will get things done such as piercings, nails or lashes. A polite reminder that these items are not permitted as per the school's uniform policy, and as such need to be removed whilst students are at school. Furthermore, please ensure that – when students do return after the break – they keep to the excellent standards they have had with uniform and presentation recently. Should you wish to review our uniform policy, it can be found here: <u>Meopham School - Uniform Policy</u>.

The school is also aware that some parents and carers are still waiting on PE kit to arrive from our suppliers. Should this be the case at the start of the new term, please ensure students wear their old PE kit. If they have outgrown this, they are permitted to wear acceptable dark sportswear (preferably black and minimal branding) for their PE/Dance lesson, but if staff deem any sportswear inappropriate because it is too short, too tight or for any other reason, students will be expected to change in to the spare kit provided by the school, and will be sanctioned if they refuse to do so.

Should financial hardship mean that any families require support with uniform, please contact Mr Rigglesworth at <u>andrew.rigglesworth@swale.at</u> and the school will provide support.

<u>Y11 Mock Exams</u>

A reminder that from **Monday 11th November – Friday 22nd November** our Year 11 students will have their mock exams in school. It's important that our Year 11s are using the resources and guidance provided at Parent/Carer Consultation Evening and are revising hard in the run-up to the mock exam season!

Sixth Form Open Evening

A reminder that our **Sixth Form Open Evening** takes place on **Wednesday 6th November.** As part of our Open Evening we will be showcasing all the new, exciting subjects we can potentially offer to our Year 11 students, should we generate enough interest. There will be a number of stalls available on the evening for students to visit and discuss courses with subject experts. Following that, after the mock exams we will also be delivering a range of **Sixth Form Option Assemblies** to our Year 11 students so they get a very clear idea of what all the different courses have to offer.



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Enrichment

A few parents and carers have enquired about the programme of enrichment activities on offer to our students in terms 1 and 2. There is lots going on, and we would encourage your youngsters to get involved in as much as possible! This information will be on the website soon, but I've also included it below so you are all aware of locations and times:

	ICHMEN M1&2	IT PROGR	AMME
Monday			
Fidget Club - Yr 7&	8 Breaktime	English 9	Miss Tiller
Basketball	13.10 - 16.00	Leisure Centre*	Mr Whittle & Mr Goldsmith
Mural Club	15:15 - 16:00	Art 1	Mrs Morgan
Tuesday			
Pride Club	12.50 - 13.30	Hums 4	Miss Williams
Youth Theatre	15:10 - 16:00	New Drama Studio	Ms North
History Club	15:10 - 16:00	Hums 7	Miss Williams
Warhammer Club	15:10 - 16:00 12 pupils max per term	Hums 4	Mr Obbard and Mr Finch
Netball	15:10 - 16:00	Playground/ Leisure Centre*	Miss Flavelle & Miss Freitas
Zine Club	15.15 - 16.00	DT1	Miss Slingsby & Miss Austin
Maths Homework Club	15.15 - 16.00	Maths 1	Ms West & Miss Garrett
Singing Club	15.20 - 16.00	Music 2	Mr Knight
Wednesday			
Doodle Club Yr 7& 8	12.50 - 13.30	Art 3	Mrs Nicolaou
Thursday			
School Magazine	12.25 - 13.30	English 4	Mrs Williamson
Arabic Culture & Language Club	12.50 - 13.30	Languages 2	Mrs Lajnef
Stem Club	15.10 - 16.00	Science 3	Mrs Williamson
Football	15.10 - 16.00	Field*	Mr Savory & Mr Huggens
Dance	15.10 - 16.00	New Drama Studio	Mrs Greenwood
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Moving Forward

At the end of a long term, I think it is fair to say that everyone deserves a well-earned break. I am incredibly proud of the hard work both our students and our staff have put in throughout this term, and the progress we have made as a school. Having time to rest and recuperate is important. Enjoy time with friends and family next week, have a great break, and I'll see you all refreshed and ready to embark on another fantastic term in a week's time.

Yours faithfully

Mr Roberts Headteacher

