

Friday 25 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

MER “Heads Up” News

What a long half-term it has been! Well done to all our students for making it to the end, and keeping the MER standards flying high. I hope that they now enjoy a well-deserved extended half term break, ready to go again when students return to school on Wednesday 6 November. The year 11 students will be coming straight back into their PPEs, so please use this holiday to make sure they check that they have the right equipment such as black biro, calculator, protractor, compass in a **clear/transparent** pencil case. It is also a good idea to have some water with them which will need to be in a clear bottle with no label.

We were delighted last week to have 59 students come to audition for Matilda the Musical, parts have been cast and now the hard work of rehearsals begins as we look forward to showcasing our work in May next year. Details of the performance and how to purchase tickets will be announced nearer the time.

Earlier this week, Mrs Thompson-Delpleche, Mrs Gale and Mrs Lone took a group of students to the Houses of Parliament where they had a tour followed by a workshop on petitions. The guides were excellent at explaining how democracy works with the different Houses of the Lords and the Commons; the ideas the students came up with during their workshop were inspiring, perhaps we may have some future politicians amongst our student body! You can read more about this trip in the latest edition of The Pulse which is out now.



On Tuesday the year 7's & 8's had their disco which was run by our PTA. Half the proceeds are going towards our Awards Event at the end of the academic year and the rest is for the PTA. The PTA raise money year-round in order to buy the school items we wouldn't otherwise be



able to afford, such as the new PA system that we showcased on Sports Day, if you would like to get involved, please email for the attention of Mrs Lawson-Smith on meroffice@maidenerleghtrust.org

Earlier this year we gave some dates for your diaries, unfortunately there is one that we have had to change which is the Student Progress Day, when we invite parents and their children in for a 1:1 appointment with tutors or senior staff to review their progress and development in school. We ran this for the first time last year and it was a great success, look out for your personalised time which will be coming out after half term. The new date is THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024.

Thank you for all your support this half term, wishing you all a safe and happy half term holiday.

Best wishes



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