



### A message from Mrs Ebanks, Assistant Headteacher

Happy Easter to all our students, staff, and families! As we celebrate this joyful time, we also say goodbye to two valued members of our school community. We wish Ms. Finch all the best as she moves on to her new school – we will miss her and thank her for all her hard work and dedication. We also bid farewell to Mr. Pollok, thanking him for his incredible contributions to our school this year, and wish him the very best of luck as he returns to St. Luke's.

This week we had a very successful Year 13 Film Night – the productions were amazing, well done to all those involved. In preparation for exams, our Year 11 and Year 13 students have received goody bags to help with their Easter revision. With just 12 school days left until Year 11 exams begin next term, please encourage students to actively study each day using past papers and revision cards. Wishing everyone a relaxing and productive Easter break!



### Design Technology – Year 7 Coat Hooks

Year 7 have been learning about birch plywood and mild steel before creating these beautiful designs.





## **English – Key Stage 4**

Using Tassomai for English and hitting the weekly goal is an excellent way for pupils to improve their understanding of key concepts. It is designed to support revision through regular practice to help embed knowledge, improve long-term recall and revisit misconceptions.

### **Weekly Overview**

#### **Year 11:**

15817 questions answered and 59hours 11minutes spent revising.

#### **Year 10:**

14201 questions answered and 53 hours and 21 minutes spent revising.

### **Our national engagement rankings:**

#### **Overall School**

Top 41%

#### **Students**

Top 19%

## **Year 11 Languages Speaking Exams**

Year 11 start their language speaking exams on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, running through to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Year 11 languages students can check the time and location of their assessment on Satchel One. All students should be aware of the need to be calm and quiet when moving around the Sixth Form and Maths areas to provide our language students with the best possible chance in their speaking assessments.



## Careers – Work Experience

As a reminder, all students in Year 10 and Year 12 have the opportunity to be on work experience from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July. Due to limited resources, students (supported by their families) should source their own work experience placements. These placements could be direct with an employer, parent, guardian, family friend or connection.

Congratulations to those who have already found placements.

If your child has not yet secured a placement, please encourage and support them as we need all pavements loaded onto the system by 28<sup>th</sup> April.

We find that doing some research on business directories, popping into local businesses, making some calls and sending emails usually help find the placement.

We are using Unifrog ([www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)) to manage the administration of the work experience programme. Placements need to be added onto Unifrog once all information has been gained.

[www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

Log In ( school email address )

Go to Placements

[Placement - Student - Unifrog](#)

Click Add Placement

**+ Add new placement**

### Some important logistics:

Students need to agree the placement with the employer **first**, and then students will get the ball rolling by adding the placement to their Unifrog account (they'll find the Placements tool on their Unifrog homepage). All placement information must be submitted by **28<sup>th</sup> April**. The system needs fully completed information to process – some information you will need to know:

- School/college placement coordinator name is **Miss Tranter, Careers**
- Name of business / organisation
- Start and End dates – **7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> July**
- Employer placement lead name and **email address**
- Business / organisation **phone number**
- Placement **address**

The Unifrog system will then email the employer, the parent / guardian, and the school, to collect the necessary information and permissions. These emails come from [noreply@unifrog.org](mailto:noreply@unifrog.org). please ask the employer to reply





to this email promptly to enable the placement approval. For the process to work, **it's essential that students add the initial information about the placement accurately.**

Finding out more:

Unifrog have created a set of guides about placements which you can find [here](#).

Within this set of guides, [this](#) is the best one to start with (it includes a short animation of how the whole process works).

[Next we recommend looking at this one](#), because it includes advice on how to find a placement.

Next steps:

Please support your child to find a placement of their choice

Please support your child to upload the placement details on [www.unifrog.org](http://www.unifrog.org)

We wish you the best of luck with supporting your child to find a placement. Please do make use of Unifrog's guides to help you.



## SEND at Melksham Oak

Just a reminder that I will continue to have weekly 'SEND Clinic' appointments which will be a 15-minute online appointment to discuss your child and their SEND needs in school.

Book here— <https://MOCS.schoolcloud.co.uk/> - Miss H Ornov, SENCo



### **Wiltshire SEND Local Offer**

[Wiltshire SEND Support for 0 to 25 - Local Offer](#)

[Wiltshire Local Offer - English BSL](#)

The local offer explains what help and services are available for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities in your local area.

### **Supporting Literacy at Home**

Every student has access to boost their literacy skills through our online literacy platform.

Go onto [www.lexiapowerup.com](http://www.lexiapowerup.com)

If asked to enter teachers email –

[Ornovh@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Ornovh@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk)

Username: Your school email address – e.g.

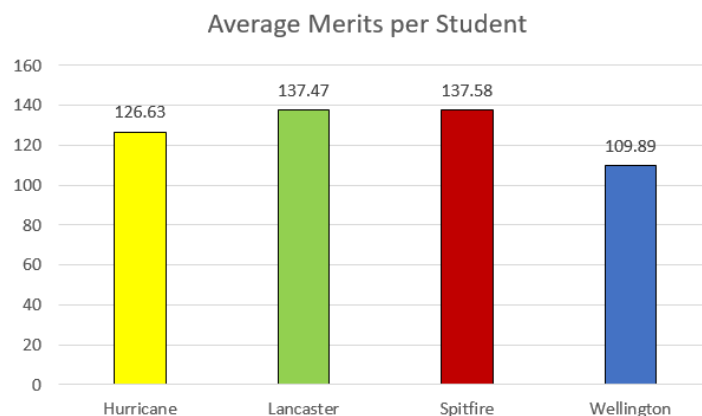
[24smitha@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:24smitha@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk)

Password: ABC1





## Merits



## Key Contacts

In the first instance please contact your child's tutor, who will be best placed to answer your query or direct you to the best person who can give you an answer. Details of the pastoral team are below:

### Pastoral Manager

Ms A. Berry

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### Heads of Year

Year 7	Mrs H. Pearce	<a href="mailto:pearceh@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk">pearceh@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk</a>
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Year 9	Mr L. Ballinger	<a href="mailto:ballingerl@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk">ballingerl@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk</a>
Year 10	Mrs C. Hughes	<a href="mailto:hughesc@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk">hughesc@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk</a>
Year 11	Mr J. Oatley	<a href="mailto:oatleyj@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk">oatleyj@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk</a>
6th Form	Ms R. Cooper	<a href="mailto:cooperr@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk">cooperr@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk</a>

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with a subject line of FAO: <staff  
name>

### Head of Careers Education

Ms C. Tranter

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00.





## Safeguarding

Safeguarding in the school holidays.

School holidays can be a wonderful time for families and give children a break from the routine of school and an opportunity to spend time outdoors.

It can also bring new challenges and different environments for both children and their families. The Child Accident Prevention Trust gives lots of advice on how to stay safe whether that be by checking holiday accommodation, being near or in the water, camping, caravanning or being on a boat to encountering new dogs.

You can sign up for resources from them here:

[Sign up to stay up-to-date | Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)

Water safety in particular can be a real concern for parents and older children can often according to national statistics feel that they are invincible in the water if they can swim. We all can forget that conditions in the water can change rapidly and the underpull of the sea in particular cannot be seen.

Please watch this video with your children or explain it to them to help keep them safe in the water:

[How to float in water: 5 simple steps that could save your life](#)

Their parent pack is excellent and you can find it here:

[250325 Parents-Pack-1.pdf](#)

We hope that you all have a lovely happy and healthy Easter break.



**Have you got what it takes  
to play girls rugby?**



**Melksham Fawns U16s**

**Inaugural training - 06.09.25**

**Think you've got what it takes?  
Join the squad!**

**Use the QR code to DM Melksham Minis &  
Juniors for info.**



**We also have teams in the U12  
girls and U14! So whatever year  
you are in, there is a squad for  
you at Melksham Rugby Club**





## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

### BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

### FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

### ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

### CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

### COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

### PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

