



A message from Mrs Ebanks, Assistant Headteacher

It has been another lovely week at The Oak with us being able to open the field at lunch for use, now that it is dry enough. The students have really enjoyed the extra space to relax or play ball games and make the most of the lovely sunshine that we have had this week. There have been some exciting trips this week. Sixth form media students accompanied Mr Bedecker to Pinewood studios to see their studies in industry. Ms Munoz took Business Studies students in Year 10 to visit Cadbury World to see a Business in action. With the completion of mock exams for Year 10 and Year 12, we now take a short break until 9th May when our Y11s and Y13s will commence their final exams. Students should have already sculpted their revision plan for Easter and included some opportunities for rest, relaxation and fun. If you have any concerns about your child's revision program please do make sure they have access to the most recent home learning booklet, and if you believe further revision ideas may be needed please contact their tutor for support. The Year 13s will be running an Easter raffle next week and the prizes are looking very tasty! Raffle tickets can be purchased by students during the week and the winners will be announced and prizes delivered on Friday.

Year 10 Cadbury World Trip



On Wednesday, the Year 10 Business Studies students embarked on a deliciously educational adventure to Cadbury World. The trip provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore the world of chocolate making, learn about the history of Cadbury, and gain insight into the marketing strategies behind one of the UK's most famous brands.

The students were exemplary throughout the day, demonstrating curiosity and enthusiasm. During the business talk, they asked insightful questions and engaged actively in discussions about how Cadbury operates, including its ownership, branding and production processes. They also explored how Cadbury has grown into an internationally recognised company, expanding its reach across the globe while adapting to different markets and consumer preferences. This was a valuable experience that linked directly to their studies, offering real-world applications of key business concepts.



A highlight of the trip was witnessing the chocolate-making process up close. The students also had the exciting opportunity to try their hand at piping chocolate, showcasing their creativity in a fun hands-on activity. And, of course, no visit to Cadbury World would be complete without a stop at the shop, where students had the chance to browse a huge selection of chocolates, including exclusive and discounted treats!



A big thank you to the staff for your support on the trip!



Pinewood Studios Trip

The year 12 Creative Media students had the opportunity to visit Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire this week. Pinewood is the oldest and largest film studios in the UK and not only has the reputation of being the home of James Bond but is under the franchise of Disney and is currently filming an undisclosed Marvel Series Production. Not only did we have the opportunity to tour around the facilities (Albrite limited due to the security because of the filming), but also visit Creative Media Skills Institute, which is an industry based skills provider for the film industry. They provided courses lead by industry professionals in Directing and Cinematography, Prosthetics, costume and Media Makeup, Prop's, Set Decking and Set design and Script Writing. The students were fortunate enough to been given a master class on Directing by Ricard Elson who not only provided them with the knowledge but practically demonstrated how this was applied on a film set.



Year 10 Exams

We have been so impressed by the year 10 students conducting themselves in a calm and sensible manner over the last 2 weeks as they went through their first formal exam process. Teachers are now busy marking for both year 10 and year 12 students so please note that the majority of teachers will not be ready to give marks to students until the end of April. This is to ensure that after the Easter break the teachers then have time to moderate marks, share model answers and plan effective review lessons for students to support them making the most progress from this process. We appreciate the students patience during this time as we know they are keen to find out if all their hard work in preparation has paid off! Reports for year 10 are due to be issued to parents on Friday 2nd May.

Mrs Jackson

Late to School

If a student arrives to school after 9:10 then they are arriving after the formal closure of our morning registers. Whilst they may be in school and attending lessons, their late arrival means the morning register mark will be coded as an unauthorised absence from school. If a student accrues ten or more unauthorised absences, in a rolling 6 month period, then you are potentially liable to a fixed penalty notice. A late arrival after 9:10 will generate an automated e-mail from next term.



Year 9 Design Technology

Year 9 have been learning about the properties of aluminium and have designed, cut and marked their own tea light holders.



Year 8 Design Technology

Pupils used 2D design to create their design based on Memphis Design, then laser engraved and cut in Acrylic.





Year 7 Design Technology

Year 7 learning about mild steel and birch plywood. They have cut and formed the materials to produce a design based on nature.



🎵 Summer Concert 🎵

Attention all students! If you are interested in performing in this year's **Summer Concert**, please inform **Mr. Zaidi or Mr. Thomas** as soon as possible so that your name can be added to the list.

If you need any assistance with **performance ideas** or have any **equipment requests**, let us know in advance so we can support you.

We look forward to seeing your amazing performances! Thank you. 🎤 🎸 🎸



Sparx

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent effort with their Sparx Maths homework last week. Here are the Top 10 students from across the entire school... well done for your hard work!

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	George 10E	3180 XP
2	Evie 7H	2360 XP
3	Dylan 7L	2152 XP
4	Yasmin 10S	1950 XP
5	Elizabeth 7E	1942 XP
6	Kacie-Alicia 9L	1789 XP
7	Hayden 9L	1625 XP
8	Lilly 8L	1445 XP
9	Xavier 7A	1415 XP
10	Alfie-James 8O	1370 XP

English

Corsham Story Prize competition

11-15-year-old category:

Third Prize: Ruby C from 8A



Harmony Charity Shop Collection Bin

Harmony Charity Shop in town is shutting down and they will arrange for someone to collect the bin up at a later date. They have requested for no more donations to be dropped in their bin effective immediately.

Easter Raffle

Sixth form students will be selling raffle tickets next week during break and lunch to raise money for their prom. Bring in some change for your chance to win a selection of Easter Eggs! 50p a ticket.



Year 8 Football (Boys) vs Clarendon (5-2)

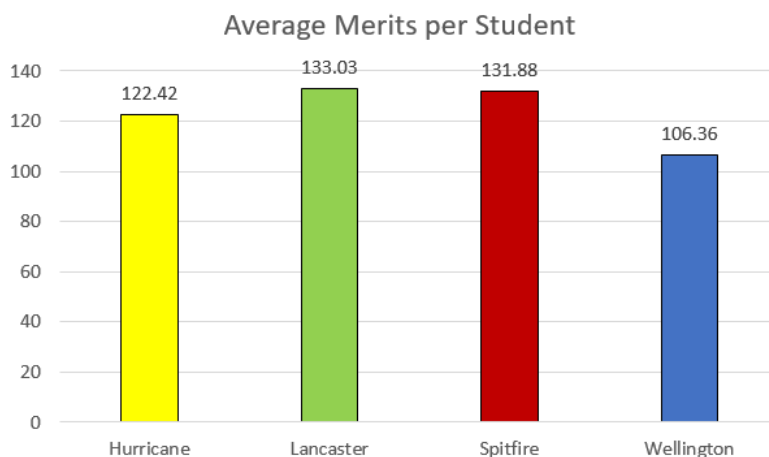
The Year 8 boys football team won their league fixture against a strong Clarendon team Thursday after school. An outstanding performance from all involved, showing great effort and attitude the entire game. The game started highly competitive, with MOCS applying pressure and scoring first to make it 1-0. It didn't take long for Clarendon to return the favour scoring with a tidy finish to level the score 1-1. MOCS didn't let the goal get the better of them and came back from the kick off applying the pressure back onto Clarendon ending the first half 3-1 up, with thanks to composed finishes from Finley S (2) and an excellent top corner shot from Lucas J (1). Second half started strong, with Finley S scoring another great goal to round off his hat-trick afternoon! The game opened up a little bit more after the score went 4-1, but all the boys maintained great composure on the ball, with special mention to Lucas C in the midfield earning him a 'Player of the Match' performance.

Huge congratulations to all 14 Year 8's involved for a very enjoyable afternoon of football at MOCS: Ryan M (GK), Zach D, Ethan W (c), Zach S, Finley S, Lucas J, Noah S, Olly M, Lucas C, Josh M, Oliver S, Milo P, Jack W, Callum E.

One more win will hopefully secure the Year 8 team with winning the league and a potential visit to Stanley Park next term for Final's Day.



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:

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday 2nd April: Year 13 Film Night Event

Friday 4th April: End of Term early finish at 12:40

Thursday 8th May: Year 7 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00

Thursday 22nd May: Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00.



Safeguarding – Emojis

EMOJI'S EXPLAINED

FROM SECRET SLANG TO CODED MESSAGES, EMOJIS ARE OFTEN USED TO CONVEY MEANINGS THAT PARENTS MIGHT NOT RECOGNISE. UNDERSTANDING THESE HIDDEN MESSAGES CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GENERATIONS AND ENSURE OPEN, INFORMED CONVERSATIONS.

DRUGS RELATED

Cocaine	Cocaine	Cocaine	Cannabis	Cannabis	Cannabis	Joint
MDMA	MDMA	Heroin	Heroin	Meth	Mushroom	Ketamine
Gassed	Lit	Dealer	Dealer	Dealer		

VIOLENCE

Weapon	Weapon	Weapon	Crime	Crime	Murder	Murder
		Threat	Locked Up	Snitch		

SEX

Penis	Penis	Genitalia	Bum	Vagina	Vagina	Nudes
Porn	Orgasm	Orgasm	Oral Sex	Lust	Lust	Anal Sex
Intercourse	Fingering	Playful	Horny	Lets Hump		

SELF HARM

Cutting	Cutting	Burning	Trapped	Sad	Down	Anxious	Not Eating
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EXTREMISM

Neo Nazi	Neo Nazi	Neo Nazi	IS Extremist	IS Extremist	Far Right	
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INCEL CULTURE

Red Pill	Black Pill	Hopeless	Emotional Detachment	Men are kings	Extreme Masculinity	Power	Older woman
Lone Wolf	Incel	Incel	Incel	Incel	Anti-Women	Anti-Women	Anti-Women

HEARTS

Love	Horny	Friends	Interested	Loyalty	Platonic	Pretty	Trust
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Easter

CHILDREN'S CODING CLUBS



MONDAY 7TH APRIL	LEGO SPIKE ESSENTIAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:30-12:00• 8-11 Year Olds• £18 LEGO SPIKE ESSENTIAL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:00-2:30• 6-8Year Olds• £18  
TUESDAY 8TH APRIL	LEGO SPIKE PRIME <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:30-5:00• 10-13 Year Olds• £18 
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL	SPHERO INDI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:30-4:30• 4-6 Year Olds• £12 
THURSDAY 10TH APRIL	CODING WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00-12:00• 9-13 Year Olds• £24 

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Melksham Skate Park Event

Thursday 17th April // 10am-3pm

- > **FREE** Scooter/Skate Workshops
- > **FREE** Tuition & Hire
- > Competitions
- > Healthy Breakfast Included
- > **HAF FUEL** Scheme - Food Bookable via App
- > Games and Prizes to be won
- > Ages 5 to 16 years, Parents Welcome



Skatepark // King George V Playing Fields // Melksham // SN12 6LP



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A vibrant, colorful poster for 'Circus Skills' activities. The background is dark blue with confetti and streamers. At the top, 'HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'Circus Skills' is written in a large, white, stylized font with a green flag on top. In the center is a green and white striped circus tent with a yellow star on its front. Three cartoon characters are performing on small blue and green platforms in front of the tent: a clown in a red and black outfit, a jester in a yellow and red outfit, and a girl in an orange outfit. The text '10TH APRIL' and '11AM TO 2PM' is written in white on the red platforms. Below the tent, the text 'KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD, MELKSHAM' and 'FREE ENTRY' is written in white. At the bottom, 'PROVIDED BY MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL' is written in white, with the Melksham Town Council crest to the left. A small logo for 'Clare's Circus' is at the bottom center, and a yellow star is on the right.



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THE PIG AND WHISTLE
A Traditional Pub

Bloom
MELKSHAM

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A colorful poster for the movie 'Chicken Little'. At the top, several decorated Easter eggs hang from a string. Below them are two white clouds. On the left is a small image of the movie's poster, showing Chicken Little in a car. The text 'EASTER MOVIE' is in large blue letters, followed by 'CHICKEN LITTLE' in even larger blue letters. Below that, in red letters, is 'MELKSHAM ASSEMBLY HALL' and 'THURSDAY 10TH APRIL'. The time '11AM' is also in red. At the bottom, in red letters, is '£3.00 PER PERSON'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with several large, colorful Easter eggs and small flowers.



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