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MR HUSSAIN'S NOTICE

Year 11 exams have started in earnest and we have been supporting them in starting these in as calm and considered a manner as possible. The day begins early at 08.00 with a breakfast provided at school to get them into the best possible place to succeed in the examinations.

Like many schools across the country, we no longer give study leave wanting to support students throughout these periods of intense pressure by maintaining a routine and giving maximum access to teachers right through till the end of the exam period. Indeed, this year, exams have been spread over more weeks and so there is more time between subjects to revise and review content making time in school more valuable than ever.

With the weather improving I wish to remind students and parents that football is a supervised activity at lunch time where we are able to give the best possible experience that is safe and regulated. Where the field is wet we will close the field to ball games.

We will be launching a safeguarding questionnaire to students next week to help us prepare our next efforts in further improving the school environment and capturing an update on student voice.

Wishing you a restful weekend!

MATHS UK MATHS CHALLENGE

“A 60 minute, 25 multiple choice Challenge. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems on the Junior Maths Challenge are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.” Is how the UK Maths Trust’s describes the Junior competition. We are delighted to be able to announce our list of winners across Years 7 and 8. **Mrs H Shore**



Some of our winners from Year 7

Year 7

Riley B (Silver & Best in School)
Theo W (Silver)
Zofia B (Bronze)
Millie P (Bronze)
Esther VE (Bronze)
Harry C (Bronze)
Alfie S (Bronze)
Jacob A (Bronze)
Callum E (Bronze)
Charlie C (Bronze)
Harry W (Bronze)
Ethan W (Bronze)
Lily-Amelia BR (Bronze)
Mia W (Bronze)

Year 8

Lilly H (Bronze & Best in Year)
Archie LM (Bronze)
Aimee G (Bronze)
Alfie B (Bronze)
Freddie P (Bronze)
Harlun W (Bronze)
Samuel B (Bronze)
Rio L (Bronze)
Evie D (Bronze)
Amber T (Bronze)
Isaac W (Bronze)
Chloe L (Bronze)
Thomas W (Bronze)
Mahir M (Bronze)

Friends of the Oak (PTA): Preloved Uniform call and thank you!

Mrs Hughes-Jones, hughes-jonesv@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk, Head of Year 8, is our key contact for our PTA and we are looking for new parents to join the PTA, please do reach out to make contact if you would like to get involved.

We would also like to ask for donations of items of preloved school uniform that is in good condition. Please separate these at home and we will publish arrangements on how to bring these to school in the next newsletter.

Thank you to our PTA for donating £100 towards Art prizes for upcoming competitions.

MOCS Discovery Centre Book Fair!

The Discovery Centre will be running a Scholastic Book Fair from the 4th-10th Jun. A book fair is a fantastic opportunity to get children and young adults excited about reading! Approximately 25% of the books are below £5 and over 50% of titles are diverse and inclusive. By purchasing a book from the fair, you can help earn between 25% and 60% in free books for our school. Students can also take part in a competition for a chance to win a £5 book voucher to spend on books. More information to follow shortly.

Y11 Art Exam: Well done!

Our Year 11 Art students have completed their marathon 10 hour examination – well done!

6th Form PSHE update

Yesterday the 6th form had a detailed presentation about the importance of dental hygiene and health related issues to do with dental hygiene by a former student who is a dental nurse practitioner. This is part of our continued PSHE programme to support students with their well-being and was very well received by the students.

Reminder of How to Contact Us

We want to make things as simple as possible to raise a query with the school, so please find the information on our website at: <https://www.melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk/contact>

This includes how to log any concerns so the school can track it carefully to get you a response as fast as possible from the relevant team.

Respect for All @ MOCS

We know that we have an enormous responsibility to provide the very best for your child here at MOCS. We know that on occasion events may happen that you are passionate to support and resolve. We have a clear code of conduct for all visitors to the school

site and for how we expect communication to be between all stakeholders. This can be found at <https://www.melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk/about-us/school-information/policies-procedures> under the safeguarding section.

Fixtures Update

Sixth Form Boys attended John of Gaunt School yesterday to participate in a basketball match. The game remained close with both teams stealing the ball and scoring plenty of baskets. There was a high rush of adrenaline throughout and the MOCS boys worked hard to keep the score line close. When the final whistle blew we fell short and lost to a very good JOG side 44-54.

A fun filled afternoon and something we hope to continue between the two Sixth Forms.

Participants: Joshua Wiltshire, Lewis King, Caleb Durrant, Deyshon Allison, Ollie Amor, Vincent Matthews and Joseph Haddjeri
Miss E Pratt

SAFEGUARDING: WHISPER

We want students to be able to raise any concerns remotely from the school environment. This is a key area we wish to enhance, and we want our students to be able to report issues anonymously as well.

For more information on this service please visit: <https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/twh1/>



QR code to take you to the reporting page

YEAR 11 AND 13 EXAMS

We have reviewed our support for students and for the duration of the examination period we are offering all Year 11 and 13 students:

1. A provided breakfast at 08.00 to help start the day in the right way
2. The canteen area as a supervised, quiet and calm space to revise with friends, have access to staff etc...
3. A measured start to the exam process at 08.45

We would like all students to be in school by 08.30 so that we can register and process students smoothly without having to rush the process.

SAFETY: UPDATING ROUTINES

As I briefed parents last week, we are developing new routines for:

1. **New assembly point:** for fire that is located at the furthest edge from the road – now the MUGA. In the event of an emergency evacuation, we would then relocate over to the adjacent facility at the Football ground without having to cross where the emergency services would be accessing the site. ***This will be practiced in the coming week and come into effect from the practice session onwards.***
2. **Lockdown routine:** students and staff will be briefed but no practice will happen until we know that students are fully understanding of the process and that they are not alarmed by this. ***We will advise before we undertake this drill.***

PARKING @ MOCS

We know that parking to collect children is always busy and we are lucky to have a large car park. The entrance to the school is busy with the crossing being adjacent to the bus lane entry.

- Please do NOT park in the bus lane entry, or use this for entry or exit.
- Please do USE the car park to park safely and collect your child.
- Please AVOID USE of the disabled bays and the collection points for our most vulnerable students to access transport.

KEY EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERMS

- Summer Term 5 begins on Monday 15th April
- 15th April till 26th April: Year 10 and Year 12 mock examinations
- Thursday 2nd May: Senior School (Y11 and Sixth Form) Awards Evening -> moved to September after formal exam results released
- Wednesday 09th May: Examinations season begins
- Thursday 23rd May: Year 10 Parent's Evening after Reports have been received **[NEW DATE]**
- Thursday 27th June: Year 7 Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July: Y6 Transition Days
- Tuesday 9th July: Summer Concert
- Thursday 11th July: Sports Day
- Thursday 18th July: Y9 and Y10 Awards Evening
- Tuesday 23rd July: Y7 and Y8 Awards Evening
- Wednesday 24th July: Summer holidays: School closes at 12.40

OUR CURRENT DAY ROUTINE

We have now completed 2 weeks with the new day pattern and continue to monitor its' implementation.

- Only students who arrive by 08:00 will be able to access the Breakfast Club, regardless of whether they eat in the Canteen.
- Those students who arrive after 08:00 will wait at the Main Gates as usual until 08.25 when they can access the school site.
- **Students can arrive up till 08:40 when the Main gate will close** to allow our morning routine to begin promptly at 08.45.
- From this time (08.40) students will access the site via Main Reception to be marked late.
- The end of the day remains the same at 15:00.

Start Time	Year 7,9,11	Year 8,10 & VI	Start Time
08.00	Breakfast club		08.00
08.25	Student Gate		08.25
08.40	Student Gate closes at		08.40
08.45	Roll Call & Tutor time		08.45
09.15	Period 1	Period 1	09.15
10.05	Period 2	Period 2	10.05
10.55	Break	Period 3	10.55
11.10	Period 3		Break
12.00	Period 4	Period 4	12.00
12.50	30 mins Lunch	Period 5	12.50
13.20	Period 5		30 mins Lunch
14.10	Period 6	Period 6	14.10
15.00	Students depart		15.00

We will be seeking feedback from students and parents later in this term once we have had opportunity to see how this new pattern works for our students.