



THE PULSE

Monday 19th June 2023

Week 1

Our Weekly
information
bulletin for
Students, Staff,
Parents &
Governors

Dates for your diary:

-  15th-26th June - GCSE Exams
-  12th June- 24th June GCSE Exams
-  19th June – London Trip
-  19th June-24th June- Geography GCSE Field Work
-  30th June- Arthog (Year 9)
-  30th June- Year 11 Prom
-  26th June-7th July- Year 10 Mock GCSE's
-  10th July – Sabrina Jazz Band Boat Trip
-  19th July – France Trip

First Aid Notices:

-  Students are **not** to contact home themselves if they feel unwell. Please ask your teacher & go to the First Aid Office. If required, First Aid staff will contact home.
-  Students should not be carrying their own medicine. Medicines are to be handed into the First Aid Office.
-  Please remember to name ALL items, including clothes, bags, pencil cases, water bottles etc.
-  Period Products- The govt has offered schools free access to period products. If your child or any family members would like to take some home, please come to the First Aid Office & help yourself. These are available during break times or at the end of the day.

ATTENDANCE

Getting to School on time:

The school day starts at 8:50. Pupils should be in their tutor rooms at this time. Our three pupil entrances are open just before 8:40; pupils need to come onto school site and go straight to their tutor rooms. The gates are locked at 8:50 and any pupil arriving after this time is late to school. They will need to go to the main gates and then to reception to sign-in. They no longer line up on top yard and, instead make their way straight to their form room. If you need help or support in getting your child to school on time, please contact your child's tutor or Head of Year.

To report a student absence from school, please email: attendancembs@meole.co.uk



"Volunteers Required!"

The Biology Department would like to offer someone the chance to take home Hicks the Leopard Gecko for the summer holidays. This is an ideal opportunity for someone who would like the experience of caring for a reptile or just to own a pet for a few weeks! Hicks is very easy to care for and comes with everything that would be required for her mini-holiday. Any interested parties can email Hurlstone.R@meole.co.uk

Included this week: An important notice from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service regarding water safety.

MFL: Word of the Week

Le Department de Langues de Meole Brace School vous offre...

Father's Day
 Father's Day is a holiday honouring one's father, or relevant father figure, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

La Fête des Pères

Der Vatertag

El Día del Padre

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Literacy:

Here are some exceptions to a very common spelling rule:



'i' before 'e'
 except after 'c'
 when the
 sound is /ee/
 believe
 receive

Think of a word that has the digraph "ie" or "ei" for the definitions below:

- 1) accept that (something) is true, especially without proof
- 2) cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain
- 3) the upper interior surface of a room or other similar compartment
- 4) a feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or distress OR the differences in height from place to place on the land's surface
- 5) a leader or ruler of a people or clan OR the most important
- 6) a person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection

Choose from:
 friend believe relief chief deceive ceiling

What is the rule?

'i' before 'e'
 except after 'c'

It is important to remember that there are many exceptions to this rule. However, there is an extra line to the rhyme which might help us:

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The exceptions to the rule can be frustrating!
 If in doubt, check!

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The "i" before "e" except after "c" rule applies only to words where the "ie" makes the "ee" sound (e.g. "achieve," "piece," "belief," "receive," "ceiling," "receipt," etc.). Some spelling textbooks even record this as part of the rhyme:

I before E except after C,
 When the sound is "ee"

How many exceptions to the rule can your form think of?

SCHOOL SHOP direct



Jumper embroidered with same crest for all year groups



White Shirt



Meole Brace School Year 7-9 Tie



Meole Brace School Year 10-11 Tie



School grey skirt with navy insert. (The only acceptable skirt for the new uniform)



School Grey trousers (No skinny fit/leggings/jeans/joggers)



Uniform Update for September 2023

You will be aware that we introduced our new uniform last September, which is currently compulsory for Year 7, with other year groups being given 12 months to transition to it. I am just writing to remind you that the new uniform will be compulsory for all students from September 2023 and a mixture of new and old uniform will not be allowed.

Financially, we know these are difficult times for families so if you need support in buying the new uniform, please do contact Mr Rob Carlyle at newuniformmbs@meole.co.uk. This offer is available to all current Year 8-10 students until September 2023. The new uniform comprises of a white shirt, key stage 3 or key stage 4 tie, blue jumper with school logo for all year groups, 'school grey' trousers or school Meole Brace School skirt. Shoes should be smart, plain black leather (or leather look) with no sports logo evident. Trainers and boots (including Airforce 1) are not permitted.

The only items that have to be bought from our main uniform provider, School Shop Direct (<http://www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk/>) is the tie, jumper with school logo and the one option skirt - everything else can be bought from other sources should you wish to do so. Further details and pictures can be found on the school website.



Examples of Appropriate School Shoes

We are of the opinion that the new uniform is a much better portrayal of what Meole Brace School is all about and we are keen to support families to it being fully in place where needed from September 2023.

Important Notice:

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service backs national Drowning Prevention Week campaign

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging parents to make sure their children know how to stay safe and enjoy the water this summer.

Whether heading abroad this summer or opting for a staycation, the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK), fears that families will head to beaches and inland water locations this summer, without considering the potential dangers, putting themselves and others at risk. Those of us who will be venturing abroad for their summer holiday, may find themselves using non-lifeguarded pools and therefore be at risk if they do not have the necessary water safety skills.

Figures indicate that around 25 per cent of primary pupils leave school unable to swim, and experts fear that as a result of the pandemic many young people lacking the ability to swim or self-rescue.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service is supporting RLSS UK's national Drowning Prevention Week campaign, this year running from 17-24 June 2023.

Drowning Prevention Week aims to equip everybody across the UK and Ireland with the skills and knowledge, to make the right decisions about water safety.

Over 300 people accidentally drown in the UK and Ireland every year and many more suffer injury, sometimes life-changing, when they survive drowning.

James Sutherland, Road and Water Safety Officer said: "We are proud to play our part in ensuring our families have a safe summer. We recognise how vitally important it is for children to know how to stay safe near water and urge everyone to access RLSS UK's free water safety resources on the Charity's website, which include fantastic theme week lesson plans to allow schools to incorporate the resources into existing lessons. We want everyone to enjoy all of the fun and benefits of being in and around water but be educated on how to do that safely."

The Royal Life Saving Society UK's Charity Director Lee Heard, said: "The UK's beautiful waterways should be places where everyone feels at ease, and can take pleasure from their surroundings, whatever their age, whatever their activity level. But we're urging people to educate themselves and others on how to enjoy water safely and prevent a fun day out ending in tragedy.

"The Drowning Prevention Week campaign is crucial this year. In recent years, young people have missed out on the vital opportunity to swim, leaving a dramatic gap in school swimming and water safety education.

"RLSS UK believes that through free, accessible education and training, everyone can enjoy water safely. We urge as many parents as possible to get involved with the campaign, use our free online resources, and give their children the skills to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water."

Visit www.rlss.org.uk/DPW to access the Charity's free water safety resources.

Wellbeing:



YOUNG CARERS



Workshops for P2 Tuesdays:

20.06.23 – Self-esteem

27.06.23 – Internet

04.07.23 – Respectful
Relationship

11.07.23 – Anxiety

Student can sign up 1 week
before.

Young Carers Group:

3:15 – 4pm

The Space

Break time drop-in:

The Hub

Tuesday- KS3 (Years 7,8 & 9)

Wednesday- KS3 (Years 7,8 & 9)

Friday- KS4 (Years 10 & 11)



Wellbeing Team Social Media:

Follow us on Twitter & Instagram to keep up
to date with the latest Wellbeing Team news!



@mbsstudents



@studentwellbeingmbs

LGBT

3:15 – 4pm

The Hub

All year groups
welcome!

HappyMaps

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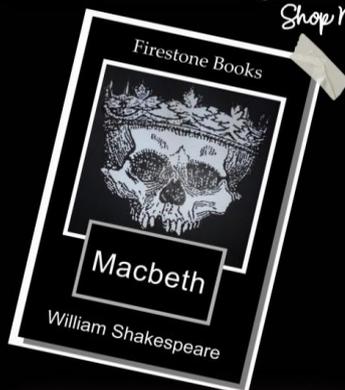
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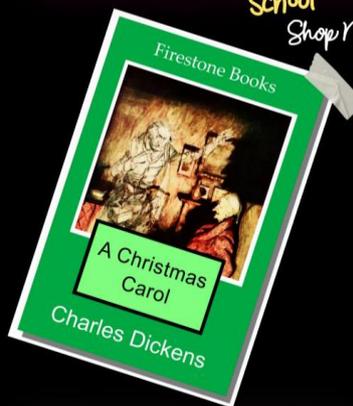
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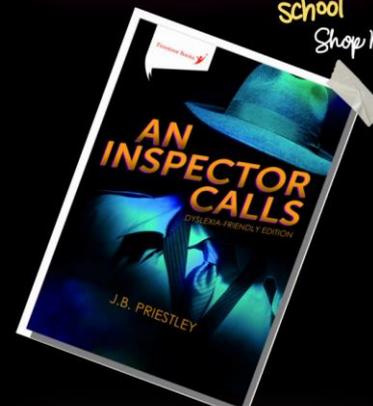
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THE GREAT BIG BIOLOGY BAKE OFF!



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

ARE YOU A BORN WINNER?

SUBMIT YOUR HOMEMADE BIOLOGY THEMED CAKE TO MRS HURLSTONE ON FRIDAY 23RD JUNE IN S5 TO BE IN FOR A CHANCE OF WINNING THE GREAT BIG

BIOLOGY BAKE OFF CASH PRIZE!

EVERY ENTRY RECEIVED WILL GAIN HOUSEPOINTS AND HOUSEPOINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD place.

CAKES WILL BE SOLD AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIME IN THE FOYER SO BRING YOUR SPENDS!

