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Meden News

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Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this academic year, it is with great pride that I can look back at the many achievements of our students. They have worked so hard despite every changing demand that the pandemic has thrown at them, and not used these challenges as an excuse.

This term has been an exceptionally busy one and many of our students' achievements have been captured in this newsletter. Having an outstanding Attitude to Learning is extremely important in students fulfilling their potential and it is great to see so many students improving their ATL score. We have celebrated this with them in recent assemblies and tutor time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this year. It has been a year of continual changes and they have embraced this with resilience and creativity whilst continuing to provide the best education for our students. They are ready for the new academic year, planning and organising to ensure that students build on their prior learning and move forward to challenge themselves to achieve well. Furthermore, I would also like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing. We look forward to working more closely with you from September.

Finally, I would like to wish all students who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. They have worked hard and I know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. Have a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September!

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Achievements

UCL Scholars Programme Achievers



Annabella achieved a Gold Award

The UCL Programme is an online literacy scheme that runs across the whole country, in partnership with the National Literacy Trust. Students sign up to the programme independently and complete the work in their own time. The project looks to improve literacy skills and confidence, increase knowledge of university, and the steps to take in order to get there. Participants are also given the opportunity to interact with a current UCL student through online mentoring.

Emily Shutt and Annabella Ballinger, both in Year 9, worked extremely hard to successfully complete the programme. Emily achieved a silver medal award and Annabella a gold medal award.



Emily achieved a Silver Award

During the summer both students are looking forward to taking part in a celebration showcase to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to both Emily and Annabella for your initiative and hard work!



ATL Awards

At the end of every half term we assess our students in terms of their ATL (Attitude to Learning) achievements and celebrate not only the highest

performing students but also those who have improved the most.

Each half term we like to mark the celebration by taking a picture of our students with the ATL trophy for each of their year groups to display on twitter, the website and also to display on the wall in our school hall. The taking of photos has proved impossible this time round due to students isolating at home, however we would still like to celebrate the following students for their excellent ATL.

Well done to all our amazing students!

Year group	Top ATL	Most Improved
Year 7	Will E Will H Chelsea L	Emily H Caitlin R
Year 8	Tyler J	Kaden D
Year 9	Terry C Bobbie W Tom W	Lauren T
Year 10	Lewis K Ashley L-S Luke M Caitlyn R	Will P Dylan S



Riding Success.

Well done to Evie Steed Y11 who came 2nd in the HSBC National Youth Girls Mountain Bike Race recently. This is Evie's best result at a national race. Proud mum Samantha Steed told us "This is a major achievement for Evie. She is the youngest in the age category and came 2nd across the whole country."

Reading Achievement

Super reader Megan in Y7 is so passionate about reading.

Her latest read was War and Peace! Not only did she read the whole book but went on to score 80% in the Accelerated Reading Quiz!



Lewis Signs Motorsport Deal

Lewis Jones, Y11, is embarking on his second season in the British Superbikes Series by signing a deal to ride for motorsport team, Rich Energy. The teenager made an



immediate impact on the club racing scene in 2019 by winning all four races in one Brands Hatch weekend – and has since gone from strength to strength. Lewis has been riding bikes since the age of 12 and originally got involved in the sport through his dad Bryn, who is a fan of the sport. Many weekends were spent attending the meets, getting to know the riders and the teams - until one day someone said to him "when are you going to start riding?" That's where it all began and once in the hot seat, it became clear that Lewis was a natural rider and he is now fifth in the country in his age group. "Stamina is so important and much of my time is dedicated to the training," he said. "I do regular spinning and weights but, most important, is working on your core muscles. "People don't realise how much dedication it takes to train for racing and it is something you have to take seriously." Lewis is very appreciative for all the sponsorship he receives



from companies large and small as it enables him to race, but dad Bryn points out there is a lack of general funding for young riders. He said: "There is so much more funding available for sports such as football, tennis and golf for example. When it comes to motorbike racing though, you are heavily reliant on sponsorship. The cost of everything is expensive and you don't get paid to race." But they don't do it for the money; they do it for the love of the sport, with Lewis saying that "going in to the corners at over 100mph is a real thrill". We are very proud of Lewis's achievements so far. He has great potential and a promising career ahead of him.

We will be following your progress! Good Luck!

Vibrant Warsop Mining Project

Over the last 12 weeks, 40 of our Year 7 students have been working alongside members of Vibrant Warsop on a Mining Project to try and keep the history of the mining community alive. Vicky, Andy and Mike have been working with the children 2 days each week during study time. They have helped the students expand their knowledge of the community and the mining industry, which played a major part



in so many peoples' lives for decades. As part of the project students have been given the opportunity to speak to ex miners, they have watched documentaries and done lots of research based around what life was like for the people of Warsop during this time. Using all of this knowledge and their artistic abilities, the group have been working together to create a piece of art, representative of everything they have learned. This art work, once complete will go on display in the Main School Hall.

VIBRANT WARSOP

Transition



Transition for Y6 children didn't go as planned this year and we were forced to make some last minute changes. Despite this, we were thrilled to be able to welcome to Meden, some of the students from the local primary schools who will be joining us in September. Alongside our transition visits, we launched our comprehensive Transition Portal by sending home postcards to all of our new families. Feedback has been amazing and a lot of our new parents have found the information on there really useful. If you haven't yet

accessed the portal you must! It can still be accessed through the school website or by using the following link https://www.medenschool.co.uk/forms/transition_2021.php More information about the back to school arrangements will be released this week in a final letter to Parents/Carers from Mr Smith. If you have any further questions then please contact—office@medenschool.co.uk

A Term of Fond Farewells

This term we said a fond farewell to our Y11 and Y13 students as they leave us to go on to the next stage in their lives. Sadly it



wasn't possible to go ahead with the Prom as planned, due to COVID, but we tried to make their last few days at Meden, as special as we could. Y13 enjoyed a special Leavers Assembly where staff were able to say their goodbyes. Whilst most of our Y13 students are heading off to University in September others look forward to taking up positions in employment or have secured an apprenticeship.

Year 11 students enjoyed a 'week of treats', which included a range of sports, a visit from the ice cream van and some special deliveries from Dominoes Pizza. We want to wish all of our leavers the very best of luck for the future.



Exam Results Day Details

If you are collecting exam results this summer, here are the details on when and where to collect them.

A Level Results:

Tuesday 10th August
Collect from 8:30am
Main School Hall

GCSE Results:

Thursday 12th August
Collect from 9am
Main School Hall

If you intend to enrol at Meden College for September, you will be given a link to enrol for your courses through our website once you have received your results. Staff will be available to help you on the day

Staff Goodbyes

As is always the case at the end of our academic year, we have to say goodbye to a number of our lovely staff.

Good Luck to the following staff who are all leaving us to take up new roles elsewhere. We wish you all the very best for the future!

- * Miss Crossland (Science)
- * Mr Limb (PE)
- * Miss Paling (SEN Team)
- * Mrs Bramley-Justiz (Spanish)

Good Luck on your Retirement



So many of our Parents/Carers will have children who have been taught by Mr Upton or indeed been taught by him themselves. Well the time has come for Mr Upton to retire after many many years of teaching at Meden. We would like to wish Mr Upton all the very best for the future and hope he enjoys a long and happy retirement!

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

Updating Contact Information

Communication with our parents/carers during the Pandemic has been really important and we often find that contact information is incorrect. The main channels of communication are

- Text Messages
- Emails
- MCAS (MyChildatSchool) app
- Twitter



Please help us to keep you informed of all updates in school by letting us know asap of any family changes or changes of address or telephone numbers. You can update your details on the MCAS app, by calling reception or by emailing office@medenschool.co.uk. If you have any questions please get in touch.