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# Meden News

December 2021

## Message from the Headteacher

2021 has been a unique and very different year for all. I'd like to personally say 'Thank You' to all our Meden families for their continued support. I'm extremely proud of the students and staff who have worked hard and achieved some amazing things this term and this newsletter enables us to celebrate some of them. In November our students marked Remembrance Day, making poppies and a large mural that was then installed at the front of school, which were impressive and poignant. It was a real proud moment to see the Student Leadership Team represent the school at the Warsop Remembrance Parade.

Due to the rise in Covid cases nationally, we were forced to perform our Christmas Concert virtually. Our students are such talented musicians! Please take the time to watch the concert on our school website, it will get you in the Christmas spirit, I promise! Thank you to Mrs Archdale and Mrs Coulson for organising this.

As we reach the end of term, we have to say goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving Meden for pastures new; Mr Hamer, Mrs Cohen, Mr Jacob and Mrs Machej. Please join me in wishing them all the very best in their new roles. I would like to say 'Thank You' to them for all their hard work and dedication.

Finally we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, from everyone at Meden School.

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# Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a big day for the community of Warsop and surrounding villages who come together to show their respect for those who lost their lives during conflict. The displays that adorn the town are amazing and like nothing seen anywhere else.

This year Meden School were represented in the community parade by members of our Student Leadership Team, who laid a wreath. To say we were proud, is a real understatement!

During the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, students attended special assemblies talking about the conflicts of the past and why we honour our fallen soldiers with this special day.

Students also produced poppies in art and a new mural was created for our display at the front of school. On November 11th itself we invited our cadet students to come in uniform and we all honoured a minutes silence, followed by the sound of 'The Last Post'.



## Holocaust

Y8 students worked with the Holocaust Memorial Trust this half term. During the day they discussed discrimination & prejudice and produced these fabulous pledge cards explaining the importance of standing up to discrimination & prejudice.



## Castles

Every year we look forward to when History cover the subject 'Castles' with the Y7 groups. Students are tasked with making their own models of a motte and bailey castle using whatever materials they can lay their hands on. This year the models were amazing, students put in hours of work and so much effort. They used a variety of materials from card and paper to matchsticks and even lego figures. Well done to all students who demonstrated an excellent ATL!





# Meden at Christmas Time



Meden College students proudly wearing their Christmas jumpers to raise money for charity on National Christmas Jumper Day.

## Christmas Card Competition

At the start of November we launched our annual 'Design a Christmas Card' competition to decide which design would take pride of place on our school Christmas card. With many entries, the competition was fierce and it was difficult to choose a winner.

Congratulations to Lola Bracegirdle with the very lovely design of a snowman.



The winner was Lola Bracegirdle, Y7, with this design. Well done Lola!

## Christmas Concert

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we were unable to hold our Christmas Concert in the church as planned.

So as not to disappoint, we recorded all the amazing performances to be able to share with everyone through our website.

It is always a very difficult thing to stand up and perform in front of others but our students did amazingly well and we are so proud of them all!

The concert is available for you to view from the front page of our website. Relax and enjoy!



Meden Choir taking part in our Christmas Concert singing 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree'

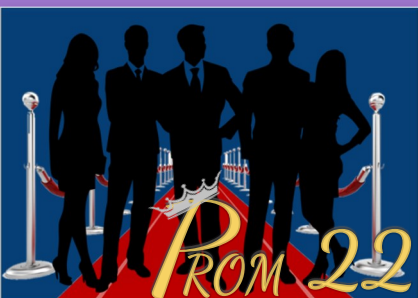
## Meden College News

This half term has seen many of our Y13 students completing their application forms on UCAS to be able to go to university. Some have already received offers and it is a really exciting time for them all. As they all prepare for mock exams in January it has been a really busy time but that hasn't stopped them contributing to the wider community.

For Comic Relief the college students organised a pyjama day for charity and many of them baked cakes for the bake sale. All contributions made up the final total raised by the school which was over £1000, so THANK YOU for your support!

Students in the college are the driving force of our 'Food Bank at Christmas' campaign and have worked hard to gather donations for our local families. All donations will be dropped off at The Plough by the end of term.

Applications are still open for entry to Meden College in 2022. For more information go to the new Meden College website at [www.medencollege.co.uk](http://www.medencollege.co.uk)



## Save the Date

The date has been confirmed for the **2022 Year 11 Prom.**

**Thursday 30th June 2022 at The John Fretwell Centre.**

More details will follow with regards to how to get tickets and timings.

# Breakfast Club is Back!

**FREE Breakfast**  
 Every Morning  
 8:15am - 8:50am  
 School Canteen

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Choose from different Cereals & Bagels

Start the day the RIGHT way!

Breakfast is undoubtedly the most important meal of the day and sadly so many of our students arrive each day on an empty stomach. Breakfast club gives all students the opportunity to come to school and have their breakfast before the start of their day. This gives them more energy and helps them to focus better in lessons.

We have run a breakfast club previously and we are pleased to be able to once again open our doors for students from 8:15am to 8:50am. All students are invited to come along for breakfast and have a choice of nutritional bagels and a range of cereals, all for free. So join us and start the day the right way!

## Sporting News

The first ME in PE wellbeing sessions was a great success with students completing a 3km Meden Park Run. All students tried really hard with all students completing in under 30 minutes.



Winners were as follows:

Year 8			Year 9			Year 10		
Rank	Name	Time	Rank	Name	Time	Rank	Name	Time
1	James H	12.2	1	Eric H	13.55	1	Tristan	13.26
2	Josh H	12.3	2	Elliot B	14.22	1	Finley	13.26
2	Michell S	12.3	3	Harley B	15.24	1	Dylan Z	13.26
3	Pau D	14						

### Overall Boys

Rank	Name	Time
1	James H—Y8	12.2
2	Josh h—Y8	12.3
2	Michell S—Y8	12.3
3	Tristan - Y10	13.26
3	Finlay B—Y10	13.26
3	Dylan Z - Y10	13.26

### Overall Girls

Rank	Name	Time
1	Elicia C - Year 10	16.30
2	Kaitlyn S - Year 9	17.02
3	Emma N - Year 8	17.50

## Back to School Reminder

Friday 7th January will be a COVID Testing day and students should attend at the times below for their test and return home again afterwards.

Year 7: 9:00 - 9:45am

Year 8: 10.00 - 10.45am

Year 9: 11.00-11.45am

Year 10: 12.15-1.00pm

Year 11,12 & 13: 1.15-2.15pm

Lessons will commence on Monday 10th January and students should attend school as normal at 8:50am. COVID testing consent can be completed through the website. Thank you

## 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 number. You can update your details on the MCAS app, by calling reception or by emailing [office@medenschool.co.uk](mailto:office@medenschool.co.uk). If you have any questions please get in touch.