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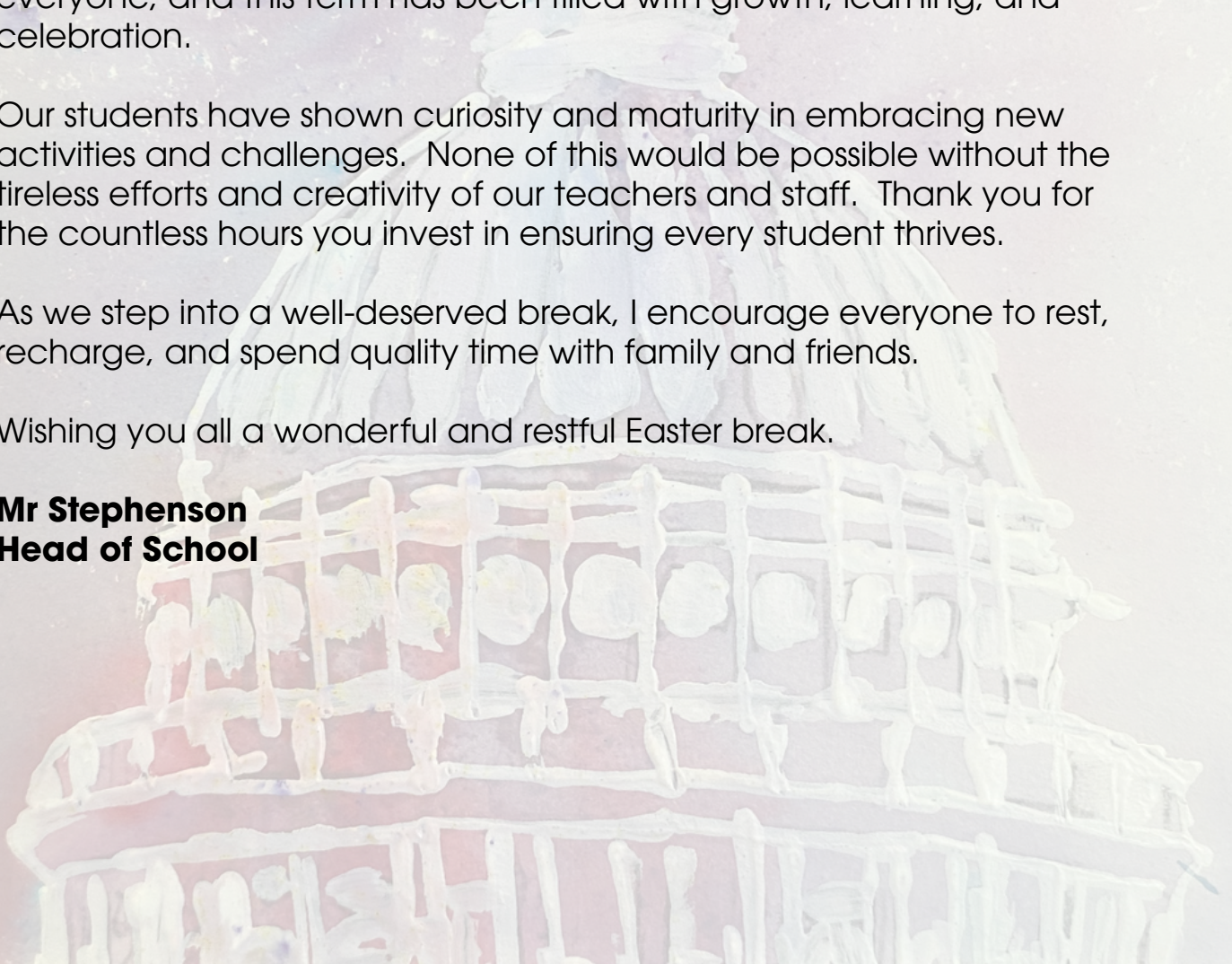
As we conclude my first term at CSEC, I want to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our students and the unwavering dedication of our teaching staff. I have felt incredibly welcomed by everyone, and this term has been filled with growth, learning, and celebration.

Our students have shown curiosity and maturity in embracing new activities and challenges. None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts and creativity of our teachers and staff. Thank you for the countless hours you invest in ensuring every student thrives.

As we step into a well-deserved break, I encourage everyone to rest, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful Easter break.

Mr Stephenson
Head of School



Bucks Youth Voice Summit

In March, CSEC took 3 students to the Bucks Youth Voice Summit.

This is a platform for young people from across the county to discuss the biggest issues and areas of interest for young people in Buckinghamshire today, created by young people for young people.

In fact a CSEC student had volunteered as a facilitator for the day and has helped to plan the event for the past 2 years.



There were 8 discussion spaces that the students could visit and the CSEC students chose The Life After School Space, The Police Space and The Substance Space. In each of these areas students met with professionals and shared their thoughts on these topics.

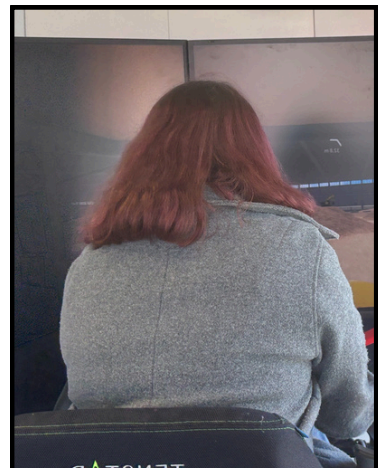
Our students joined 250 young people from across the county in discussing key issues and topics for young people today. They were able to share their views to make a positive difference!

Bucks Skills Show



Students from CSEC visited Stoke Mandeville Stadium for the Bucks Skills Show 2025. They were able to meet professionals from a range of industry sectors including; Construction, Civil Engineering, Creative, Film & TV, Digital Technology, High-Performance Engineering, Manufacturing & Space, Charities & Public Sector, Medical, Health Care and Social Care, Business, Finance and Professional Services.

Helpful advice was given to our students: 'Remember your future will be different to your friends, so think about careers you are genuinely interested in. Research any roles and companies that interest you and remember that there are lots of professionals available at school to help guide and support you in your Post 16 applications and research.'



Sports at Paccar

At Paccar Sports Campsite in Chalfont St Peter, our Alternative Adventure Day enabled students in Year 10 and Year 11 the opportunity to experience Archery, Rock Climbing and Frisbee Golf. This proved to be lots of fun for all involved!



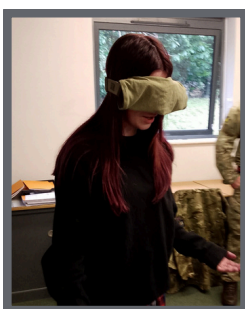
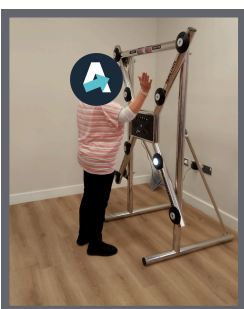
Army Visit

We had some of the army join us at CSEC to help us develop and identify some of the key skills through a variety of activities:

The first was blindfolded guidance across landmines (theses were symbolised with pressure lights!) to develop communication skills between the students.

The second was to build a wooden structure to develop the ability to follow instructions.

The third was to test reaction time and reflexes using a light up batak wall.



Bushcraft

Spring has sprung which has been keeping us busy in Bushcraft!

In the garden at CSEC students enrolled on the BTEC Land Based Studies are busy with their assessments, producing not just something for their coursework but for a garden that all students can enjoy.



Bushcraft was set up in 2024 and has carried on strong into 2025.

CSEC students have been spending a morning away from the school and are experiencing being immersed in a woodland setting at another one of our schools, Shortenills.



The students have been learning survival skills, team bonding and for many stepping out of a comfort zone in order to be challenged, trying new things and of course toasting marshmallows on an open fire.



Construction at CSEC

In construction the students have been developing functional designs. This has included making tool boxes in a range of finishes and colours.



One student has made an accessories holder to keep items such as watch, chain, phone and their keys safe.

Students have also been creating personalised gifts.



Dates for your diary:

End of Spring term: Friday 4 April 2025

Bank Holidays: Friday 18 April 2025 & Monday 21 April 2025

Start of Summer term: Tuesday 22 April 2025

Bank Holidays: Monday 5 May 2025 & Monday 26 May 2025

Half term: Tuesday 27 May 2025 - Friday 30 May 2025

Inset Day: Monday 2 June 2025

End of Summer Term: Friday 18 July 2025

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