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Dear Parent/Carer

Coming back to my roots here, as Principal of Montsaye Academy, has left me with a sense of being back where I belong. My first week has flown by with so many great things happening in and around the academy.

I started the week by leading assemblies for all year groups to introduce myself and most importantly to talk about 'The New Montsaye Way' and how we are going to ensure this school and our students receive the highest standards of education. I shared the new pledges which all students will follow, as well as the new staff pledges. I also shared the impending arrival of the new wellbeing dog, Jet, which went down very well with all the students.

Firstly, Year 10 students have all been working hard to complete their final mock examinations so that we can see how they are progressing with their studies. Once all examinations have been marked, teachers will be sharing individual strengths and areas for development with their students so that they know what topics and skills to prioritise for revision. Year 10 Art students also completed some excellent coursework in exam conditions and were all very keen to show me the pieces of work they had produced on the theme of emotions.

We have welcomed a number of Year 6 students into the academy for some additional transition visits which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The feedback from staff members that attended from Rothwell Junior School commented on the school being unrecognisable compared to last year, which is a testament to the huge amount of work undertaken to improve the school.

Mr Wing hosted a large number of primary schools for an athletics event on our school field which involved hundreds of primary school children taking part in lots of wonderful events.

Year 11 students enjoyed their prom celebrations on Thursday night which followed a House of Balloons and midnight theme. They also enjoyed their leavers' assembly on Friday afternoon, which gave them a chance to reflect on the last five years at Montsaye Academy.

The highlight of the week for me has been meeting over 60 parents and carers who took the opportunity to come in and tour the school during the day. The feedback from these tours has been overwhelmingly positive and I am grateful to those parents and carers who have already shared this positivity on social media platforms.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr B Baines
Principal

