

22 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

It's been a cold but purposeful week here at Montsaye Academy with lots of great things to share with you all.

Year 11s completed their mock examinations and the significant majority of them maximised this opportunity to assess their strengths and areas for development. Mr Stanger, wrote to all Year 11 parents and carers with a detailed plan of what will happen next but all students will receive their mock examination results in sealed envelopes just as they will in the Summer. Teachers will be providing personal feedback to all students so that they can prioritise their revision between now and the second set of mock examinations in March. I am proud of how they applied themselves and look forward to seeing many of them move up the progress league table.

In the last two weeks, I set all students the challenge of learning all 5 of our student pledges with the promise of a golden ticket for each one recited correctly. Again, it has been a pleasure to see so many students keen to come and tell me one or more of the pledges and earn lots of golden tickets. Moving into next week, we will be asking them the different pledge numbers at random as they become more and more embedded in the school. You can do your bit by asking them to tell you them at home!

On Thursday, Miss Lauder took 12 of our Sports Leaders to lead a KS2 Primary Net/Wall Event which 6 primary schools attended. Each leader had their own station and taught the children new skills and games. Well done to Harry T, Samuel B, Jack Ch, Jack G, Imogen C, Alanna B, Daiana C, Olivia L, Maddie E, Eva M, Matteo M and Neil T who showed amazing leadership skills, demonstrated all of our school values and hopefully inspired the next generation of Montsaye Sports Students!

Our Character Caught agenda is going from strength to strength as we continue to celebrate our students moments of exemplary character. This week we have had all sorts of examples from kickboxing and Kung Fu to tapathons and songs at stage school. Logan S in Year 9 also spent time after school helping a member of the local community to find their missing dog. The Year 10 boys football team were supposed to play their 4th round national cup tie on Friday but it was postponed due to Grantham's pitch being frozen. I look forward to continuing to celebrate the wonderful moments of character.

Friday was a day of various meetings, the first of them being with Kian H in Year 13 who came to discuss the plans for performing arts showcases taking place over the next few weeks. The plans are exciting and I am giving you advanced notice of our Christmas show which is taking place on Tuesday 17th December. The show will include music, dance and drama performances and I look forward to seeing many of you there. The second meeting was with Fran Cox,

Deputy Director of Children's Services, in which we are hoping to secure some additional funding to improve different areas of the school – I will keep you updated on this.

This week's top attending forms were as follows:

3rd place was 7ZHD – Miss Hayward – 95.3%

2nd place was 7TRC – Mrs Childs – 96.8%

1st place was 10IJA – Mr Lea – 98%

Our top achievement point earners this week were:

	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average Points
Year 7	Ashley M – 19	Jacob M – 20	Iyanuoluwa I – 29	7.6 points
Year 8	Harry H – 20	Olivia E – 20	Claye W – 21	5.4 points
Year 9	Oliver H – 24	Laci D – 24	Issie P – 26	8 points
Year 10	Thomas G – 18	Niamh S – 19	Evie C – 19	5.8 points
Year 11	Libby W – 7	T-Jay D – 9	Mikahla A – 9	1.6 points

My personal stars of the week are:

-Claye W (Year 8) who was awarded lesson star 5 times in a single day

-Kaycee O (Year 8) who came second in the sparring elements of a large Kickboxing competition at the weekend

-Delin F (Y9) for consistently demonstrating the core value of Respect through his exemplary manners

Looking ahead to next week, the school day will return to normal with lunch taking place after period 4 rather than period 3 to accommodate the mock examinations so please remind your son and daughter as will we on Monday.

Finally in relation to collecting students in cars on Greening Road, please can I ask for your ongoing support in parking considerately and not on the yellow zig zags. Can I also ask you to take the utmost care when driving along the road at the beginning and end of the school day as large numbers of students cross the road at various points – your support with this is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines

Principal