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Dear parent/carer,

Another busy week at Montsaye Academy comes to a close and there is lots to share with you all.

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to all of you who have completed the parent/carer survey so far. Your views are very important to us so if you haven't already done so, please complete the survey for which a link was emailed to you – thank you!

It was Mr Baria's turn to deliver assemblies to all year groups which centred on the idea that knowledge gives us power. The assembly started with a riddle that all the children had to solve before two volunteers had to complete a challenge at the front which cleverly illustrated how having more knowledge is advantageous. He finished with reference to Martin Luther King Jr day and the famous quotation – 'Intelligence plus character, that is the true goal of education'.

On Monday lunchtime, I had the privilege of speaking to students at our law club. I spoke to them about the difference between Magistrates' Court and Crown Court as well as the types of offences which are heard at each. They asked me lots of questions about various offences and the burden of proof and it was lovely to see them so keen to learn. The session went so quickly that I am scheduled to speak to them again to continue the discussions in the coming weeks.

On Tuesday, Mr Stanger delivered a special assembly to all of Year 10 regarding their targets for the end of Year 11. The aim of the assembly was to kick start the focused run up to their GCSE examinations next year and get students thinking about their targets and where they are currently. The students were all given a personal envelope which contained information about their targets for all subjects and it was good to see them all discussing these and thinking about their futures.

After school on Tuesday, I met with the new head students (King and Summer) and their predecessors (Joe and Hannah) along with Mrs George to talk about the future of student leadership. King and Hannah have a key role to play in representing the views of the lower school as well as shaping the school experience for all and I am very much looking forward to hearing their ideas. They will also be coming to senior leadership meetings once a half term to give feedback on their work and the views of the students.

You will hopefully have all seen the press release for the Astro-Turf in the local news which is great for the community. The work on the pitch is progressing well and I am looking forward to sharing pictures when all the work is complete. It is going to be a wonderful surface that our children will benefit from during school hours with the wider community benefiting from it outside of school hours.

The top 3 forms for attendance this week were:

1st place was 7JOB – Mr Beet – 96.16%

2nd place was 11ABI – Mrs Briffa – 96.09%

3rd place was 7ZHD – Mrs Childs – 95.79%

The top praise point earners for this week were:

Year Group	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average
7	Cerys F – 20	Harry C – 20	Faith S – 26	8 points
8	Chloe G – 17	Demi W – 18	Frankie-Jay C – 24	5 points
9	Lewis C – 16	Max G – 17	Wayne M – 19	5 points
10	Ellie L – 14	Lacey M – 15	Aramis V – 16	5 points
11	Harry C – 9	Aston A – 9	Mason H – 11	2 points

Looking ahead to next week, the next community clean up event is scheduled to take place on Thursday 30th January which I know lots of students have already signed up for.

Also next week, a number of lower school students will be heading to the University of Northampton for a taste of university life which I know they are all thoroughly looking forward to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines

Principal