

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has flown by with so much great work taking place in and around Montsaye Academy.

Mr Taylor led the assemblies for all year groups which focused on our Respect value. Students were encouraged to reflect and think deeply about what the word respect means. Mr Taylor talked to them about the importance of respecting parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles that all have the benefit of whatever wisdom they have gained in their lives. He also talked about the importance of respecting the school environment in terms of not leaving litter around and keeping the school neat and tidy. This was a timely reminder ahead of work taking place next week which is going to enhance the learning environment significantly – I look forward to sharing photos of this with you next week!

Mr Stanger led Arbor support sessions on both Monday and Wednesday afternoon for any parents who wanted help with logging onto the platform. It was great to see so many of you taking this opportunity to come and get logged on as Arbor is where most of our centralised communications will be shared. It will allow you to see live updates of when your child is earning praise points and when they are being awarded star of the lesson – so many students are proud to tell me on a daily basis when they have been a lesson star!

On Thursday evening we welcomed a large number of Year 11 parents, carers and students to our Class of 2025 launch evening. It was a pleasure to stand before you all and give a clear statement of intent as to how we are going to support your children in reaching their full potential. Mr Darnbrook, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Sutliff were all in attendance to give an overview how best to revise and prepare for examinations in maths, English and science respectively. We have very high hopes for the Class of 2025 and I look forward to continuing to visit their lessons daily to see how they are progressing.

In terms of attendance, the highest attending form groups this week are:

- 1st place – 7JOB – Mr Beet – 99.6%!
- 2nd place – 8AWH – Mr Whitfield – 96.6%
- 3rd place – 11PHM – Mrs Mooney – 95.5%

In terms of praise points, the top 3 earners were:

- 1st place – Romaine A (Year 8) – 33 points
- 2nd place – Cerys F (Year 7) – 28 points
- 3rd place – Eva S (Year 7) + Jack S (Year 8) - 27 points each



As always, have a pleasant weekend.

Your sincerely,

Mr B Baines  
Principal