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Dear Parent/Carer,

It was a genuine pleasure to welcome the children back on Monday and hear all about what they spent their half-term break doing. Lots of students were keen to tell me about sporting achievements and various other activities that they had undertaken. I have started to include these in the daily student briefings so we can celebrate your children's achievements outside school, inside school. So please encourage your child to share any such achievements with their form tutors on Monday mornings. We will also start to share these successes on social media so that the wider community can see what talented students we have at Montsaye Academy.

It was Mr Haig's turn to lead the assemblies for Years 7-10 which focused on the core value of Respect. With national anti-bullying week taking place next week, Mr Haig talked to the students at length about different types of bullying before explaining how we enforce our zero-tolerance approach in school. He finished by reminding students that pledge 3 of our student pledges makes it clear that we are a telling school and we expect students to tell us if they are concerned about themselves or others.

Our Year 11 students started their mock preparation fantastically as they undertook walking-talking mocks on Wednesday and Thursday which gave them the opportunity to practice their exam technique with the support of direct teacher guidance. This was an invaluable opportunity to help prepare them for their mock examinations which take place over the next two weeks. It was pleasing to see all students taking these seriously and I look forward to seeing the results at the end of the period to look at what we do next to support our Year 11s with achieving excellence.

Many students have been honing their cooking and baking skills in design and technology lessons this week and it has been nice to see so many of them wanting to show me what they had made. I have seen, hundreds of Swiss rolls, homemade burgers and vegetable slices many of which students had already started eating before getting out of the school gates!

Our Year 10 boys football team travel to Uppingham Community College this afternoon to compete in the third round of the national cup which is a huge achievement. Everyone in the school is behind them and I hope that I am able to share good news with you all next week!

Just before I share the top attending forms this week, I am grateful for the whole communities' efforts in ensuring that students are in school day-in-day-out as the result of this is attendance on Tuesday being 92.2% for the whole school compared to 86.4% on the same day last year. That represents a big cultural shift and I look forward to seeing that figure continue to rise!

This week's top attending forms were:

3rd place – 10IJA – Mr Lea's form - 97.6%

2nd place – 9LHM – Mrs Moffett's form – 98.2%

1st place – 11ABI – Mrs Briffa's form - 98.6%

The top achievement point earners for each year groups were:

	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average
Year 7	Cerys F - 24	Joey A - 25	Ruby C - 28	9.6 points
Year 8	Madelyn E - 23	Evie B - 25	Eva M - 33	8 points
Year 9	Charlie C - 23	Pippa M - 24	Poppy L - 24	7.3 points
Year 10	Alfie G - 12	Euan L -15	Amelia E - 16	5 points
Year 11	Aleksander K - 13	Angel C - 15	Aiden W -20	4 points

Looking ahead to next week we have our Sixth Form open evening on Wednesday evening from 4:30pm until 7:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing all our Year 11s along with lots of external students to show them our exciting new offer.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal