

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

10 JANUARY 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy first week back, and I would like to take this opportunity to express how proud I am of the dedication and hard work our students have shown with the implementation of our new routines. It has truly been a pleasure to witness their positive responses and to see so many positive points being earned! An important part of our new rewards system is student voice, and I am excited to share that our Year 11 Prefects have already started shaping the rewards and prizes. Their involvement will help ensure that the system reflects what matters most to the students. On Thursday, we welcomed our CEO, Claire Heald, for a tour of the school. She was able to see the new routines in action and engage with both staff and students.

Looking ahead, we have our Parent Forum on Tuesday, January 14th. I look forward to meeting with our parents and carers to discuss how we can continue to build our journey to excellence together. Thank you for your ongoing support as we move forward into an exciting year!

Mrs Spencer
Principal

RESPECT, RESPOND, REWARD

As part of our new "Respect, Respond, Reward" approach, students have responded fantastically by gaining a very high number of reward points. These points are given at the end of lessons, and are split into 4 categories:

- Kindness and respect
- Effort
- Attitude
- Achievement

Here is a summary of the number of points students in each year group achieved on Tue, Wed and Thurs this week.

Year group	Number of reward points
7	1672
8	1308
9	1352
10	1086
11	856

A very well done to the students of MVC!
Mr Willder

KEY DATES

6th - 17th Jan

Year 9s experience 'faster lessons' in KS4 subjects

Tues 14th Jan

Year 9 Vocational presentation and Parent Forum Event.

10th, 15th, 16th & 17th Jan

Parent Listening sessions with Mrs Spencer

20th Jan

Clubs and activities start

20th - 31st Jan

Year 9 Guidance meetings

24th Jan

Year 7 Lion Dance

30th Jan

Year 7 Parents' Evening

13th & 14th Feb

Long Road Post-16 guidance meetings

13th Feb

Raising Achievement Event

14th - 22nd Feb

Ski Trip

17th - 21st Feb

Half Term



RESPECT, RESPOND, REWARD

This week we launched our theme for the half term: Respect, Respond, Reward. All students participated in an extended tutor time session, during which they received an assembly with Mrs Spencer, outlining our new routines and expectations. Form tutors also led sessions designed to reinforce these expectations and help students understand the positive impact they will have. Students enjoyed group discussions related to our theme, with the opportunity to share their thoughts on the new rewards programme.

"I walked out of the assembly and literally said, WOW!"
Year 11 Prefect


Respect: We have established clear expectations for behaviour to create a safe, respectful, and focused learning environment for all of our students. We must work together to ensure that our school remains a positive and respectful place for everyone.

Reward: An important part of our reset is rewards so that students are acknowledged when they make the right choices. We want students to be proud of their achievements and celebrate this together.

Respond: We have introduced consistent expectations across all classrooms which will help provide greater structure and support. By having clear and consistent routines we will remove cognitive overload for students and provide clarity on our expectations.


Details have been sent to all parents/carers via email, and are also available on our website here:

www.melbournvc.org/



RESPECT, RESPOND, REWARD

SPRING TERM 1 FOCUS



S T E P S

SIR or MISS

THANK YOU

EXCUSE ME

PLEASE


SMILE







"Remember your STEPS"

Respect @MVC

START OF LESSON	END OF LESSON
Arrive calmly. "Good morning Miss/Sir" "Good afternoon Miss/Sir"	Pack equipment away calmly when you are asked to by the Teacher.
Enter the classroom quietly. Sit down in your allocated seat. Take out equipment.	Wait behind your chairs to be dismissed. Check your uniform. You should be silent.
Immediately copy the date and title. Complete your starter task in silence.	Leave the room calmly when you are dismissed by the Teacher.

Respect @MVC




WEEKLY ASSEMBLY	TERMLY ASSEMBLY	POSITIVE POINTS	TUTE OF THE WEEK	REWARD TRIPS	YEAR 11 PROM
 Tutor group of the week Tutees of the week Attendance Awards	 Head of Year Awards Tutor Awards Attendance awards Attainment awards	 Respect Kindness Hardworking Attendance High scores in assessments	 Tutor nominations Certificate Positive points Reward breakfast	 Excellent behaviour Excellent attendance Termly reward	 Excellent behaviour Excellent attendance Community celebration

Rewards @MVC


3 STOP

Put down all equipment and sit up straight.




2 LOOK

Look at the Teacher.



1 SILENCE

No talking.
No hands up.



"3, 2, 1. Thank you."

Respond @MVC

VW

VERBAL WARNING

Opportunity to improve behaviour. Not logged. No behaviour points.

B1

DISRUPTION TO LEARNING

Opportunity to improve behaviour. 1 negative behaviour point.

B2

REMOVAL

Removal from classroom. 30 minutes detention the following day. Parents/carers informed. 1 negative behaviour point.

2 x B2 in one day

INTERNAL EXCLUSION

Opportunity to reflect on behaviour. 60 minutes detention the following day. Parents/carers informed. 1 day worth of lessons in IE.

Emergency call out

RED LINES BREACH

Parents/carers informed. 1 negative behaviour point

Respond @MVC



PREFECT FOCUS GROUP

Mrs Spencer met with the Prefects on Thursday to get their feedback on the new behaviour reset. They were very positive about the progress begin made and had lots of suggestions for rewards and prizes for pupils such as certificates, trips, and special reward events in school.



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

In order to help our Year 11 pupils achieve their very best outcomes we are giving them another opportunity to rehearse the skills necessary to be successful in their examinations by running another full mock examination in English literature and maths. These will take place in the final week of January and will follow the same protocols and procedures as the mock examinations in November. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Stuart, the Exams Officer or Mr Luxton, Associate Assistant Headteacher – Raising Achievement, if you have any questions regarding this.

Mr Luxton

POST 16 APPLICATIONS UPDATE

Year 11 students have completed their college applications and several hundred of these have been checked and sent off!

Students in Year 11 are looking forward to receiving responses from local colleges on when their guidance meetings will be (likely during February and March).

It is great to see students apply for A levels, applied courses, T levels and apprenticeships. They have worked hard on their personal statements to ensure they really sell themselves.

Well done Year 11!
Mr Willder

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

I would like to thank the students, who have settled quickly and are consistently following the school rules and uniform expectations. You can find the uniform and equipment expectations on our website, but I'd like to point out a few of them:

- Please be reminded that no jewellery, except for one un-decorative stud earring per ear, is permitted in school.
- Any student wearing additional jewellery will have this confiscated.
- Nose studs are not permitted.
- Hoodies are not permitted on site. Please ensure students wear an MVC school jumper and have an appropriate outdoor coat.
- Phones are not allowed out on site – we operate a 'on site – out of sight' policy.
- Please remind your child that skirts need to be no shorter than 5cm above the knee.
- No acrylic fingernails are permitted.

Regular checks will be carried out in form time and during the school day to enforce the uniform expectations.

Mr Barnes

PARENT FORUM REMINDER

The next Parents' Forum will take place on Tuesday 14 January, 6-7.30pm. CEO, Claire Heald, Director of Strategy & Improvement, Dr Richard Kueh and our new Director of Inclusion and Community, Iain Mackintosh will be present. Mrs Spencer is looking forward to welcoming you on the evening. Please complete this form to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/bmSSifquvi>

TRAIN TO TEACH



The poster features a background image of two young girls looking at a colorful drawing. The text is overlaid on a dark blue circular graphic. It includes the CTSN SCITT logo, the title 'Train to Teach with CTSN SCITT:', a question 'Thinking about becoming a teacher in Cambridgeshire, West Suffolk or Essex?', and the text 'Attend one of our online information events.' followed by three QR codes and their corresponding dates and times: 10th January 6-7pm, 23rd January 9.30-10.30am, and 5th February 4-5pm. A 'Website Info' QR code is also present at the bottom right.

CTSN SCITT

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Website Info

YEAR 9 GCSE OPTIONS

We are building up to our year 9 pupils selecting their optional subjects for GCSE study. Classes will be offering 'taster' lessons in the style of KS4 over the next couple of weeks. On Monday each year 9 student will receive a personal invitation to a meeting with a senior member of staff to talk about their thoughts on their likely options. Most pupils find this short meeting very helpful and we encourage every child to take up this opportunity to discuss their future; please encourage your year 9 child to check their emails and to share the information with you.

Ms Smith

ADULT EDUCATION AT MVC

Why not start the New Year by learning a new skill? There are lots of courses on offer from the Adult Education Programme at Cambourne, Comberton and Melbourn Village Colleges. The full programme is available here: <https://www.combertonadulthood.org/>

Please contact a member of the Adult Education Department based at Comberton Village College (CommEd) who can help you find a pathway of learning within this new academic year. CommEd continue to strive to provide a high-quality and varied programme of courses, taught by well-qualified and enthusiastic tutors. Courses are listed by location and run in the daytime, evenings and occasionally at weekends too. They offer online (live) courses within the programme, that are particularly useful if you live outside our local area and travel may be an issue. Please note that a small number of our courses are free of charge, subject to eligibility criteria because they have qualified for funding, via Cambridgeshire Skills.

Melbourn Village College is delighted to be able to offer a free cookery course on 'Healthy Meals on a Budget' starting on 21st January, see details below.



**New Free* Course at
Melbourn Village College
'Healthy meals on a budget'**

Tuesday's 7.00pm-8.30pm

Working in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, with expert guidance and teaching, this 6 week course will help you to prepare and cook delicious, affordable nutritious recipes that you can build on and use time and time again.

Gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make your weekly budget go further.

Starting Tuesday 21st January 2025

For further information please contact the adult education department by emailing commed@catrust.co.uk or visit www.combertonadulthood.org



FREE YOGA TASTER AT MVC

ComEd are delighted to offer of a free taster, yoga class in Melbourn Village College on:

Tuesday 21st January 7-8pm

This class will be paced to suit all abilities and levels and is open to adults (+19 years). To register for your place in this taster session or further information, please email commed@catrust.co.uk

