



MELBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE

Key Notes

MVC Newsletter

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Spring term

On Wednesday last week, we welcomed students back after the Christmas break. This term we are delighted to be joined by two new members of teaching staff:

- Mrs Zoe Millwood, Head of D&T, Art, Food & Nutrition
- Mr James Richardson, teacher of Computer Science



Year 9 Assembly

Mr Bennet led a motivational assembly for Year 9 students on Tuesday ahead of their Options Carousel. He talked about how life is filled with events, and emotions (joys/disappointments) and the way we respond to them is important. Emotions can cloud our perspective, but seeing things differently, enables us to respond differently. You can decide whether to listen to the inner critic which is negative or the inner coach which encourages and inspires you to improve.



Forthcoming Events

- 16th January: After-school clubs and activities begin
- 18th January: Chinese New Year Lion Dance Event (MEP students and guests)
- 20th January: SEND Panathlon Event
- 25th January: Flu vaccination Years 7 and 8. [Sign up link](#)
- 24th February: Vaccinations DTP and MenACWY Year 9. [Sign up link](#)

Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Christmas Concert on Monday. The event had been postponed due to the bad weather. The students did a truly amazing job with some outstanding performances. Thank you to Mr Thomson for organising the event, the Prefects for providing refreshments, and to staff and parents/carers for all your support.



Year 9 Careers Carousel

Year 9 students visited the options carousel event in the hall on Wednesday. Stalls for each subject were staffed by students from Years 10 and 11 who were there to answer any questions and help the Year 9 students make choices for their course options next year. Year 9 students will also have taster lessons in each option subject over the next two weeks as well as a personal meeting with a member of staff to discuss their plans. All very exciting!



Science

This week the science noticeboard is on the theme of physics and space!



After-School Clubs and Activities

This term we are running after-school enrichment activities in the form of clubs and activities on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00pm starting the week beginning 16th January. These will run for 4 weeks up to half term, then 5 weeks after half term. They will not run in the last week of the Spring term.

There is an array of clubs and activities available, including 'Boosters' which are curriculum-based activities aimed at raising students' achievement on their GCSE courses and MEP classes for students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme.

There will be a 'late bus' leaving school at 4:10pm to take students home to villages usually served by school buses. Please note that no student will be allowed to travel on the late bus unless they have attended an organised session after school that day. Please email the club leader (shown in the table below) in advance of the session if your child will not be attending one day.

Club or activity	Member of staff in charge	Location
MONDAY		
Year 10 MEP	Miss Ni (sni@melbournvc.org)	GE06
Year 11 MEP	Mr Fan (ffan@melbournvc.org)	GE04
KS3 girls' football (until half term)/ netball (after half term)	Mrs Coghlan (kcoghlan@melbournvc.org)	PE
KS3 basketball	Mr Barlow (rbarlow@melbournvc.org)	PE
Table tennis (all years)	Mr Kennedy (akennedy@melbournvc.org)	Gym
Songwriting (all years)	Mr Ovenden (moverden@melbournvc.org)	Mu1
Biology booster (Year 11)	Mr Johnson (jdjohnson@melbournvc.org)	Sc5
Art booster (Year 11)	Mrs Heeks (sheeks@melbournvc.org)	Ar2
Minecraft Club (all years)	TBC	IT1
TUESDAY		
Year 9 MEP	Miss Ni (sni@melbournvc.org)	GE06
Year 7 football	Mr Barlow (rbarlow@melbournvc.org) Sign-up for PE	PE
KS4 girls' football (until half term)/ netball (after half term)	Mrs Coghlan (kcoghlan@melbournvc.org)	PE
KS3 drama club	Mrs Nicholls (cnicholls@melbournvc.org)	Drama studio
Running club (all years)	Dr Wilson and Mr Kennedy (dwilson@melbournvc.org)	Playground, after changing
Sewing club (all years)	Mrs Mayhead and Mrs Gunner (tmayhead@melbournvc.org)	Ar1
Gardening club (all years)	Mrs Neville (eneville@melbournvc.org)	MB01
Showband (all years)	Mr Thomson (jthomson@melbournvc.org)	Mu1
Programming club (all years)	Mr Richardson (jrichardson@melbournvc.org)	IT1
English booster (Year 11)	Mrs Hallam (shallam@melbournvc.org)	GE02
Spanish booster (Year 11)	Mrs Stanley (istanley@melbournvc.org)	GE03
Physics booster (Year 11)	Mr Essien (dessien@melbournvc.org)	Sc2
Maths (H) booster	Mr Benson (abenson@melbournvc.org)	MB03
Maths and further maths booster (Y11)	Mrs Rogers (crogers@melbournvc.org)	MB06
Art booster (Year 11)	Mrs Ward (sward@melbournvc.org)	Ar1
WEDNESDAY		
Year 7 MEP	Miss Titmuss (kitmuss@melbournvc.org)	GE06
Year 8 MEP	Mr Fan (ffan@melbournvc.org)	GE04
Choir (all years)	Mr Thomson (jthomson@melbournvc.org)	Mu1
Squash (all years)	Mr Shaw/PE staff (kcoghlan@melbournvc.org)	PE
Science club (all years)	Mr Johnson and Miss Piper (jdjohnson@melbournvc.org)	Sc4
English booster (Year 11)	Mrs Hallam (shallam@melbournvc.org)	GE02
Chemistry booster (Year 11)	Dr Wilson (dwilson@melbournvc.org)	Sc3
Drama (Years 10 and 11 only)	Mrs Nicholls (cnicholls@melbournvc.org)	Drama studio
Spanish booster (Year 11)	Miss Correa (JCorreaAlvarado@melbournvc.org)	GE05
Maths booster (Year 10)	Mrs Rogers (crogers@melbournvc.org)	MB06

Our Year 9 football team made it a winning start to 2023 for MVC with a convincing 4-0 win over Sancton Wood in the District Cup. We used a staggering 18 players on a cold Monday afternoon this week and still showed some fluidity in our play. Well done to Riley, Billy and Sam for the goals. Annabelle looked technically sound again in an attacking position.

Fixtures timetable

- Tues 17th January: U/16 Girls Football at home after school (Y10/11)
- Mon 23rd January: Netball at home after school (Y10/11)
Y7 District Cup Football v Impington
- Wed 25th January: U/16 Basketball at Cambourne (Y10/11)
Y7 boys and girls football at home
- Tues 7th February: Basketball at home after school (Y10/11)
Y8 District Cup Football v Trumpington

Key:

- SPH
- Gym
- Various
- Leisure Centre
- Field
- Courts
- Astroturf

		Year 7			Year 8			Year 9				
		Boys	Girls	Mixed		Boys	Girls	Mixed	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Week	Date	7X	7X			8X	8X		9X	9X		
	Week beg	7Y	7Y	7Y		8Y	8Y	8Y			9Y	9Y
Christmas holiday												
1	2nd Jan	OAA & Fitness	Multi-Sports	Gym / Dance & Swim		OAA & Fitness	Football	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Badminton	Table-Tennis	Gym & Badminton
2	9th Jan			Gym / Dance & Swim		OAA & Fitness	Football	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Badminton	Table-Tennis	Gym & Badminton
3	16th Jan			Gym / Dance & Swim		OAA & Fitness	Football	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Badminton	Table-Tennis	Gym & Badminton
4	23rd Jan	Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim		Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Basketball	Dodgeball	Gym & Badminton
5	30th Jan	Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim		Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Basketball	Dodgeball	Gym & Badminton
6	6th Feb	Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim		Dodgeball	OAA & Fitness	Gym / Dance & Swim	Gym & Table-Tennis	Basketball	Dodgeball	Gym & Badminton
1	20th Feb	Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Table-Tennis		Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Multi-Sports	Dodgeball	Netball	Badminton	Multi-Sports
2	27th Feb	Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Table-Tennis		Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Multi-Sports	Dodgeball	Netball	Badminton	Multi-Sports
3	6th Mar	Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Table-Tennis		Gym / Dance & Swim	Badminton	Multi-Sports	Dodgeball	Netball	Badminton	Multi-Sports
4	13th Mar	Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton		Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton	Athletics	Multi-Sports	Athletics	Netball
5	20th Mar	Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton		Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton	Athletics	Multi-Sports	Athletics	Netball
6	27th Mar	Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton		Gym / Dance & Swim	Netball	Badminton	Athletics	Multi-Sports	Athletics	Netball
Easter holiday												
1	17th Apr	Gym	Athletics	Netball		Gym	Athletics	Athletics	Cricket	Punders & Athletics	Cricket	Athletics
2	24th Apr	Gym	Athletics	Netball		Gym	Athletics	Athletics	Cricket	Punders & Athletics	Cricket	Athletics
3	1st May	Gym	Athletics	Netball		Gym	Athletics	Athletics	Cricket	Punders & Athletics	Cricket	Athletics
4	8th May	Athletics	Cricket	Rounders		Athletics	Cricket	Cricket	Softball	Punders & Athletics	Softball	Rounders
5	15th May	Athletics	Cricket	Rounders		Athletics	Cricket	Cricket	Softball	Punders & Athletics	Softball	Rounders
6	22nd May	Athletics	Cricket & Rounders	Rounders & Cricket		Athletics	Cricket & Rounders	Cricket & Rounders	Softball	Punders & Athletics	Softball	Rounders
May half term												
1	5th June	Cricket	Rounders	Lacrosse		Cricket	Rounders	Lacrosse	Golf	Lacross & Cricket	Golf	Lacross & Cricket
2	12th June	Cricket	Rounders	Lacrosse		Cricket	Rounders	Lacrosse	Golf	Lacross & Cricket	Golf	Lacross & Cricket
3	19th June	Cricket & Rounders	Lacrosse	Frisbee & Pupil Hunt		Cricket & Rounders	Lacrosse	Frisbee & Pupil Hunt	Golf & Frisbee	Frisbee & Cricket	Golf & Frisbee	Frisbee & Cricket
4	26th June	Frisbee & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Cricket		Frisbee & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Cricket	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee
5	3rd July	Rounders & Lacrosse	Lacrosse	Cricket		Punders & Lacross	Lacrosse	Cricket	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee
6	10th July	Lacrosse	TBC	Cricket		Lacrosse	TBC	Cricket	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee
7	17th July	TBC	TBC	TBC		TBC	TBC	TBC	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee	Punders & Pupil Hunt	Pupil Hunt & Frisbee
Summer holiday												

Year 11 Post-16

Well done to all Y11 students for sending in their college applications. 217 different applications were sent off and students are now awaiting contact from the colleges regarding any guidance meetings they may be offered. These will typically start from the end of January through until May. A letter has been sent to all Y11 students and parents with further details.

Mental Wellbeing

Nessie is an organisation supporting positive mental health of children and young people. You can contact them for advice and book their free online sessions for parents/carers below:



[Nessie Positive Mental Health](#) - free online workshop for parents/carers of children and young people who self-harm.

[Helping Parents and Carers to support young people with self-harming behaviours](#) - Monday 30 January 10:00 to 12:00.

Kingsway Golf

See below for some forthcoming sessions. Please contact [Kingsway Golf](#) for more information.



CCC Safer Schools Newsletter – January 2023

January's edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter is being sent out with this edition of Key Notes. The subjects covered are as follows:

- Child's first technology device: parents/carers guide to online safety
- Crime Prevention: guidance on how to secure valuable items
- Nitrous Oxide Canisters: parents/carers awareness
- The school run: parents ultimate guide

Vacancies

We are currently advertising the following vacancies on our [website](#):

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| • Receptionist | • Senior IT Technician |
| • Teacher of English | • Teacher of D&T (any specialism) |
| • Teacher of Humanities and PSHE | • Cabin Level 1 Teaching Assistant |
| • Cover Supervisor | |

With best wishes,

Christopher Bennet
Executive Head Teacher

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child. Their Parents need support too.



'Parenting isn't always simple. We can't always get it right but we try.

Do you have a child or young person who struggles with mental health difficulties? Do you feel like nobody understands what you are experiencing and all the advice you are being given, you've already tried and tested?

There is support available, in the form of others who have had similar experiences. What better experts than those who know?

We are setting up a support group for parents/carers of children who have been recognised as having these issues but who have not had the support they need and deserve. This could be partly due to the pandemic or other reasons but parents still have to manage challenging behaviour every day.

If you would just like to come along for somewhere to express safely, please do get in touch.

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