



MELBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE

Key Notes

Principal's Newsletter

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Welcome back

We've had a really enjoyable week at MVC. The vast majority of pupils have come back focused and ready to learn with a very positive attitude. We also appreciate the way pupils have continued with wearing masks in class and the other Covid mitigations that we are currently asked to follow. As the country moves through the next stages of opening up on May 17th and June 21st we expect that the national changes and relaxations will be mirrored in schools – until then thank you for your support. Please also remember to keep taking the Covid tests at home and reporting the results – the Local Authority do monitor the uptake and the results to look for any localised outbreaks. Related to this, the latest advice is that if your child has a positive Lateral Flow result you should book a PCR test to confirm this (and if the PCR is negative your child can return to school). All positive test results (whichever test method is used) should be reported to us please and we are happy to help advise as we will always have access to the very latest guidance.

Year 11 Assessments

At the start of this week, subject leaders met with their colleagues in other Trust schools to look at the exam board assessment materials and to finalise the assessment arrangements for their subjects. We have subsequently collated all this information and Ms Smith will be communicating with parents soon, including providing a full timetable of assessments for the rest of this half term.

Year 10 Exams

Early notice that Year 10 exams will take place between 21st June - 3rd July this year. Fuller details of assessments will be circulated nearer the time.

Collection of exam certificates

Please ensure that exam certificates are collected by the end of May. Any uncollected certificates that are older than 3 years will be disposed of after this time. It is national policy for schools not to store certificates for more than 12 months, however at MVC we do keep them for up to 3 years.

Staff runners

The MVC staff running team finished a credible 37th out of 107 teams in the Cambridge Virtual Half Marathon Challenge, raising £560 for local charity; The Edmund Trust. The team would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported the event and sponsored them.



Enrichment activities

Enrichment activities have started again this week in Covid-secure groups and it has been great to see a large number of pupils taking part in a wide range of activities. If you have not yet signed your child up for an activity, please complete the online form, stating the activity your child wishes to participate in and whether or not they require transport home.

[Enrichment Activities Sign Up Form](#)



Details of the activities can also be found on our website at:

www.melbournvc.org...Extra-Curricular & Enrichment Activities



We are delighted that pottery classes will be going ahead for all year 7 and 8 pupils this term along with pottery enrichment sessions after school.

It is fantastic to see the Pottery Studio back in action again, adding to the variety of art experiences pupils are offered at MVC.



Physical Education

In PE lessons and enrichment this term, pupils will be taking part in a variety of sports. If your son or daughter takes part in football, hockey or rugby, please ensure they have all the correct safety equipment to take part in their lessons.

The following items are strongly advised:

- Hockey: gum shields & shin pads
- Football: shin pads
- Rugby: gum shields



Good luck to the Year 11 GCSE PE pupils who are completing their football and netball assessments in matches next week against King James Academy, Royston. Netball is at home after school on Tuesday and football is away on Wednesday, also after school. We are excited as these will be our first PE fixtures for some time, but unfortunately parents are not allowed to watch.

Congratulations to Daisy (11N), Ed (11L) and Ryan (11F) who have won the prestigious Cambridge and District Secondary School Roy Burrell Awards. These are achieved by performing at a high level throughout their time at secondary school and receiving recognition at District level and beyond. A full breakdown of their achievements, photos and round up of our much awaited first fixture for over a year will be in next week's newsletter.

Year 7 Book Awards

The English Department have set up an award for the best book review contributions to the Year 7 Book Guide every half-term. Well done to this term's winners who were presented with a certificate of achievement, Book Token and points for their Form:

- Gold certificate: Oscar (7H)
- Silver certificate: Evelyn (7H)
- Bronze certificate: Lily (7H)

You can read their reviews and other recommendations on the Book Guide at:

<https://mvcy7bookguide.wordpress.com/>

Pupils in Year 7 can email their book reviews to: mbacon@melbournvc.org



Cambridgeshire Libraries

On Monday 12th April Cambridgeshire's Libraries opened for families to once again browse the shelves and select their own books. Libraries are free to join and our staff and volunteers are here to help. To find out more call 0345 045 5225 or visit our Cambridgeshire's Libraries website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/visit-a-library>

Food Hygiene Award

This week we were delighted to be informed that MVC have once again retained our outstanding Food Hygiene Rating level 5. Ratings provide a snapshot of the standards of food hygiene found at the time of inspection including:



- handling of food
 - how food is stored
 - how food is prepared
 - cleanliness of facilities
 - how food safety is managed
- Well done to our fantastic team of catering staff.



Fun with Maths

Year 8 maths with Mrs Rogers – modelling ‘human graphs’!



Safer Schools Newsletter - April 2021

The latest edition of the Safer Schools Newsletter from Cambridgeshire Police is being sent out with this edition of *Key Notes*. It includes information and advice for parents and carers about money crime, using the What3Words app to give accurate location information in an emergency, and seat belts and the law.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 9th April. During this week of National Mourning we acknowledge his remarkable service over so many years and in particular his role as founder and Patron of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This youth awards programme is pursued by many of our pupils at MVC who have benefited from this scheme and will continue to do so in the future. It reflects the sort of broad education that we seek for all our pupils, equipping and empowering them to build the skills, confidence, and resilience they need to make the most out of life.



Have a good weekend,

Simon Holmes