# MVC Newsletter

***MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE***

***13 FEBRAURY 2026***

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many ways our school values of kindness, curiosity and resilience continue to shine through in daily school life.

On Monday, I had the absolute pleasure of watching a full run-through rehearsal of Annie, our upcoming school musical. What stood out most was not only the performance quality, but the kindness students showed one another — encouraging their peers, supporting backstage teams and working collaboratively towards a shared goal. I cannot wait to see the live performances in March!

It has also been wonderful to see our extra-curricular timetable come alive this term, with sports and performance clubs in full swing. These opportunities allow students to explore new interests with curiosity, support one another with kindness, and develop the resilience that comes from commitment and teamwork. I encourage parents and carers to sign up via the MCAS app and support their children in getting involved.

Today, it was a pleasure to be part of Year 11 receiving their mock examination results in English and Maths. We are incredibly proud of how hard they are working. Their determination embodies our value of resilience — particularly as they reflect carefully on their results and identify next steps. The ability for students to see how many marks they are from the next grade boundary is a powerful tool; it reinforces the message that progress is achievable and that perseverance makes a difference.

Behind the scenes, we have been working hard on the development of our new school website. I have also thoroughly enjoyed working with our parent panel and gathering feedback on our proposed new logo; your thoughtful insights reflect the strong partnership we value. We also enjoyed discussions around the latest guidance from the Department for Education on mobile phones in schools and required actions for us as a school.

After half term, we are also excited to be working with Cam Parker from Dreams to Reality, primarily with Year 8 and Year 9 students. This programme will focus on aspiration, self-belief and personal development — perfectly aligned with our values.

As we approach the half term break, please remember that school is closed next week. I hope you all enjoy a restful and positive break. Finally, I would like to thank all our staff for their tremendous hard work and commitment this half term - they thoroughly deserve a well-earned rest.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

## KEY DATES

**16 -20 February**
- Half Term

**24 February**
- Astronomy Evening
  7.00pm - 8.00pm

**2 March**
- Enterprise Day Year 9

**5 March**
- Year 8 Parent's Evening
  3.30pm - 6.30pm

**9 March**
- Primary School Bee Netball Tournament
- 9 -13 British Science Week

**10 March**
- Options Information Evening
  5.00-6.00pm
- Astronomy Evening
  7.00pm - 8.00pm

**9 - 13 March**
- British Science Week

**12 - 13 March _**
- Performance of Annie
  6.30pm - 8.15pm

**23 -27 March**
- Shakespeare Week

**25 March**
- Year 10 Chemistry Trip

26 March
- Year 10 Parent's Evening

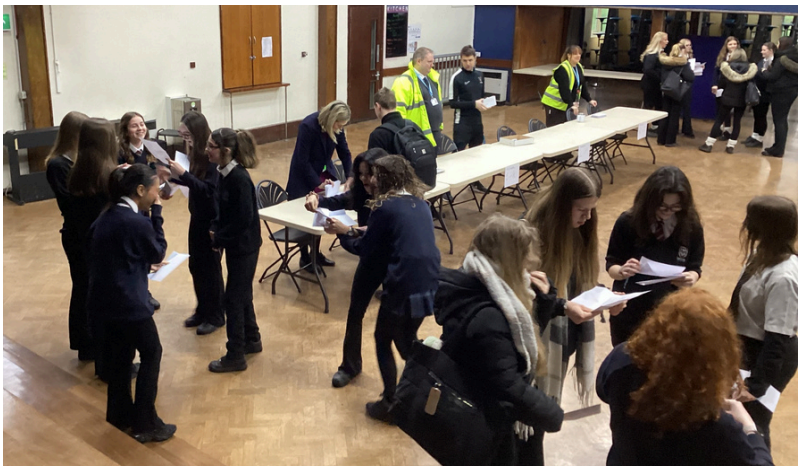
# Year 11 - Mocks Exam Results Day

What an absolutely fantastic start to Friday morning as our Year 11 students received their mock exam results.

The hall was buzzing with anticipation and excitement as students eagerly collected and opened their results alongside friends.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to share in the pride, relief and celebration of their hard work paying off.

A brilliant moment for everyone involved!



## Young Achievers - Beyond the Classroom

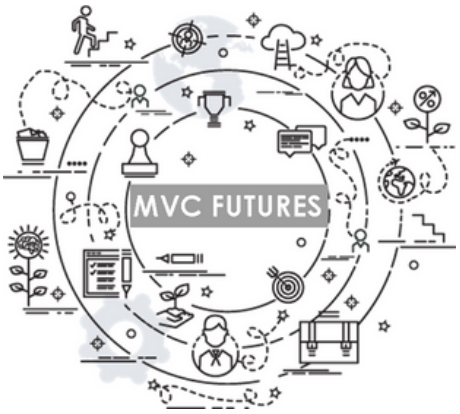
MVC is incredibly proud of Ellie. Her nomination for the Herts LTA Young Person of the Year is a fantastic achievement and a true testament to her hard work, dedication, and outstanding character within tennis.

It is especially exciting that Ellie has now been put forward for the national award, which is a remarkable opportunity and a real honour.

This is a smashing achievement, and we hope she feels immensely proud of all she has accomplished.

We send our warmest congratulations to Ellie and wish her a wonderful time at the Herts LTA Awards Dinner on 17th April, where she will receive her award. A brilliant accomplishment and very well deserved.

**Congratulations**
**to Willem who competed in a musical theatre trio on Saturday 7th February at the Welwyn, Hatfield Festival of Dance, performing the song 'High Adventure' from Aladdin.**



**Futures Talk from Melbourn Village College to Clinical Psychologist**

Former Melbourn student Dr Anna recently visited to speak about her career as a clinical psychologist in the NHS. She highlighted the importance of the NHS and the wide range of roles available. She studied A-levels at Hills Road before going onto university.

Dr Anna spoke about her day-to-day work, which involves supporting older people and patients with dementia. Her role includes working in clinics, supporting families, mentoring trainees, and completing administrative tasks. She explained that her job requires strong listening and communication skills, empathy, emotional resilience, and a curious, analytical mindset.

She also shared valuable advice with students, encouraging them to work hard, ask questions, and always treat others as they would like to be treated themselves.

It was an inspirational and highly informative talk that provided valuable insight into the diverse nature of a Clinical Psychologist's role within the NHS.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

## Spring Term MVC Future Badges

We are delighted to announce that the students listed below have all earned the MVC Futures badges this term.

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| **Year 7** | Tom A, Demilade A, Sophia K, Callum P, Georgina B, Issac S, Tanishaa J, Alfie H, Henley L, Ruby B, Oscar D, Jack HC, Bobby K, Nathan S, Elliot W, Olivia W, George T, Declan P, Toby V |
| **Year 8** | Jake B, Montgomery D, Raeden J, Ryan L, Bailin M, Arthur BP |
| **Year 9** | Polina A, Sofia A, Florence B, Eagle J, Antonio H, Lily P, Thomas S, Lily Rose T, Lottie T, Ema B, Honour H, Lily P |

## Sports in Spring Term 2 Curriculum - PE Lessons

Physical Education at Melbourn Village College supports students' physical, mental and social development. We recognise that many students locally often take part in the same sports outside of school, so the Melbourn PE curriculum is designed to broaden experiences to a wide range of sports.

Following on from my letter at the start of the calendar year, the sports that will be taught within PE lessons during Spring Term 2 have been uploaded to Go4Schools as a homework task and students are signposted to this in the changing rooms and PE areas.

This starts after half term, from Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March. On Go4Schools, students have been given specific information about the PE kit they need to bring for each lesson, which includes any specialist equipment where applicable.

If you have any queries regarding Physical Education at Melbourn Village College, please do not hesitate to email me at: recarolan@melbournvc.org

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

## Spring Term 2026 Sport, Art and Performance
## Extra-Curricular Clubs List

Please see a reminder of the Sport and Performance Extra-Curricular Clubs list for the Spring Term, which are continuing after half term.

Linked to our faculty vision, our aim with extra-curricular is to inspire every student to discover joy, confidence and purpose through physical activity, fostering a lifelong love for movement, performance and healthy living.

Lunchtime clubs provide a recreational opportunity to increase physical activity during the school day. Afterschool clubs are a structured training/practice/rehearsal/exam booster opportunity to prepare students for examinations and extra-curricular fixtures and events.

The following clubs still have spaces:

- All Come and Play Football lunchtime clubs
- Come and Swim lunchtime club
- Come and Play Badminton lunchtime club
- Boys Basketball after school club
- Netball after school club
- Squash after school club – **ONLY 1 SPACE REMAINING**

To sign up for a club, please visit the My Child At School (MCAS) website or app. If you have any further questions, please speak to the members of staff running the club.

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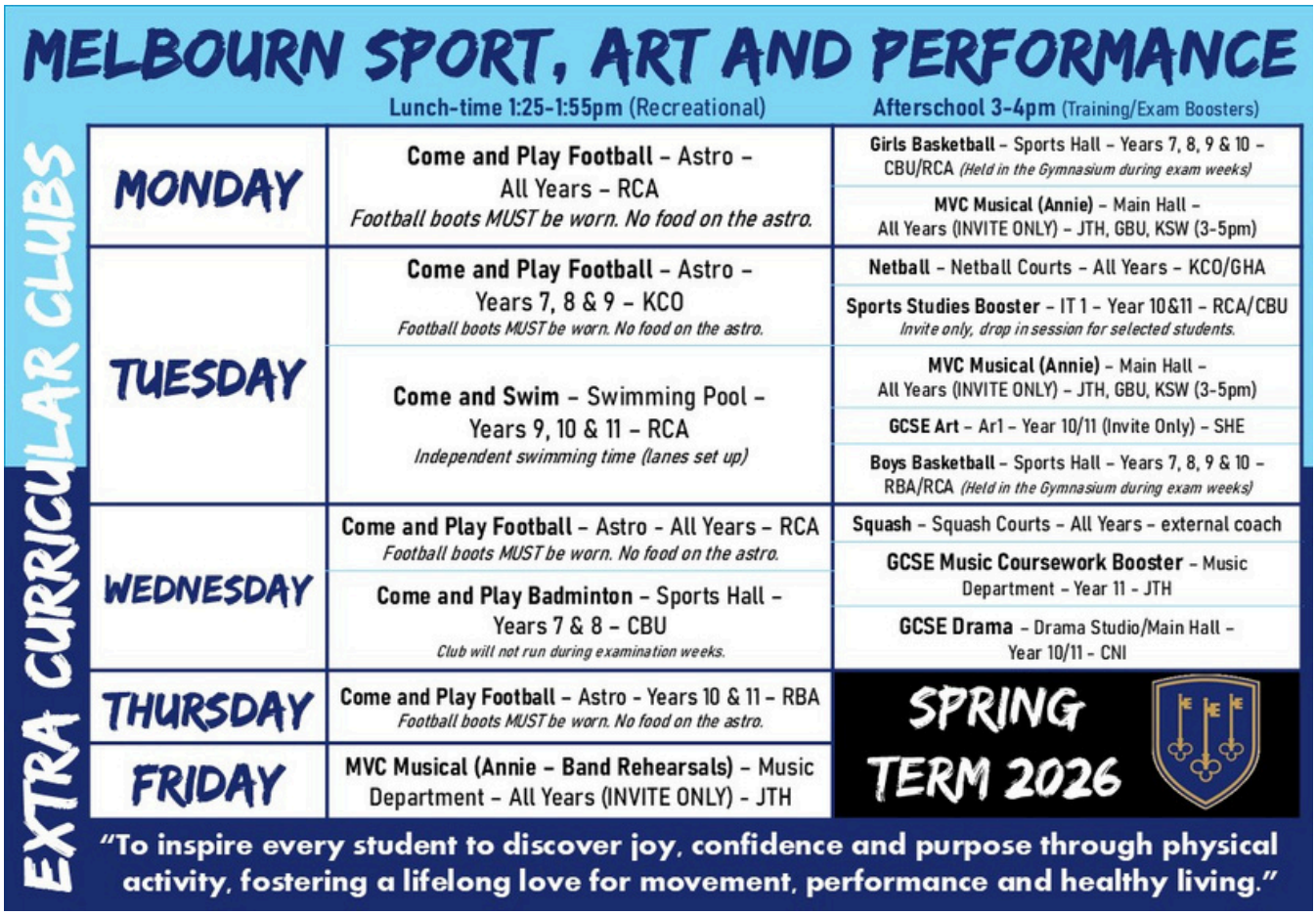
Head of Sport and Performance



## PE Lessons in the Community Centre Fitness Suite

This half term, the PE Department have been delighted to work with MVC Sports Centre to secure the opportunity for some PE classes to use the Community Centre Fitness Suite.

Within these lessons, students have been increasing their confidence using the wide range of machines including: running machines, bikes, rowing machines and machines focusing on lifting weights.

With the first lesson focusing on safety and how to use the equipment, subsequent lessons have focused on specific components of fitness including cardiovascular endurance and muscular endurance. Students have reported that they have loved participating in different fitness activities and would love to join a gym themselves outside of school.

Well done to all of the students who have been able to use the fitness suite, showing great maturity, effort and determination. Looking to Spring Term 2, selected PE classes are using the Fitness Suite in 6 sessions a fortnight, as we look to increase this as the academic year continues.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

## Work Experience Year 8
## Take your child to work day
## 23rd April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

You should have received a letter regarding 'Take Your Child to Work Day', which will take place on Thursday 23rd April 2026 for Year 8 students.

This event will involve students spending the day with a family member at their workplace shadowing them throughout the day. It provides valuable insight into the world of work and helps prepare students for their future careers.

Please complete and return the consent form by Thursday 26th February 2026 at 6:00pm.

If we do not receive consent, your child will be expected to attend school, where we plan to provide career-related activities. Further details will be shared after half term.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

## Save the date
## Year 11 Prom
## Thursday 25th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely thrilled to share some exciting news — the Year 11 Prom will take place on the evening of Thursday 25th June at the beautiful Cambridge Country Club in Bourn.

This promises to be a wonderful evening and a memorable celebration for our Year 11 students as they mark the end of an important chapter in their school journey.

We are looking forward to seeing them enjoy a special night filled with celebration, laughter and lasting memories.

Further details, including exact timings and additional event information, will be shared with you shortly.

If you would like to enquire about financial assistance, please contact your child's form tutor in confidence via **office@melbournvc.org**

We very much look forward to celebrating this special occasion with our fantastic Year 11 cohort.

Mr Barlow
Head of Key Stage 4

## iPad Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware there has been some confusion around the use of iPads and would like to reassure parents of students in Years 9 and 10. As part of our continued focus on improving teaching and learning, we are reviewing how technology is used to ensure it supports purposeful, high-quality learning.

Teachers will use iPads when they add clear value to lessons, and students in Years 9 and 10 should continue to bring their iPads to school each day, fully charged and ready to use.

You may be aware that we are phasing out iPads in Years 7 and 8; however, this does not currently apply to Years 9 and 10. Year 11 parents will receive communication separately regarding the conclusion of the lease scheme as your children come toward their exams.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Updated Bus Route

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the link attached for the MB03 updated bus route which will come into effect after half term.

https://www.melbournvc.org

# MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS

# THE MUSICAL

## PERFORMANCES ON:

**THURSDAY 12TH MARCH**

**FRIDAY 13TH MARCH**

**Doors open at 6.30pm, performance starts at 7.00pm**

# Learn CPR in 15 minutes for free with RevivR

February is Heart Month and to protect the hearts of those we love, it's crucial we all know how to do CPR. With British Heart Foundation's RevivR, it's fast, free and easy to learn lifesaving skills in just 15 minutes.

RevivR is a free, interactive, online CPR training course. In just 15 minutes, you can learn how to save a life and receive your very own CPR certificate. It couldn't be simpler – you just need your mobile phone, laptop or tablet and a cushion to practice on.

CPR is an emergency lifesaving procedure, performed when the heart stops beating, often called a cardiac arrest. It is necessary to save the life of someone in cardiac arrest. Each year over 40,000 people have an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK.

Less than 1 in 10 survive. Giving CPR promptly and using a defibrillator can more than double someone's chance of survival.
The RevivR training has been set on Go4Schools to complete over the half term break. The training can be accessed by clicking here.

Students who complete the training are encouraged to complete the Microsoft Form set by Mr Carolan to receive positive points on BromCom and share their certificate and photographic evidence of completion.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

## What you'll learn with RevivR

STEP 1

### Learn to identify a cardiac arrest

We'll teach you to recognise the symptoms and what to do if you witness a cardiac arrest.

STEP 2

### Make a simulated 999 call

Understand when you should call 999 and what to expect with a simulated practice call.

STEP 3

### Perfect your CPR technique

RevivR gives you feedback on your CPR technique and will help you perfect it while you practise.

STEP 4

### Learn how to use a defibrillator

We'll tell you how to use a defibrillator and where you can find your nearest one.