

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. This half term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with a packed calendar of sporting fixtures and enrichment opportunities. I look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks and celebrating the many achievements of our students. On Thursday 26th February, we were delighted to welcome 'Dreams to Reality' into school, and we are excited to see the positive impact this inspiring programme will have on our students.

Next week, we welcome back Amjad Ali, a nationally recognised SEND expert specialising in inclusive education. Amjad will be with us for the entire day, delivering training sessions focused on practical strategies to strengthen inclusive practice across the school. His expertise and guidance continue to enhance our commitment to ensuring that every student at MVC feels supported, valued, and empowered to succeed.

A reminder that the Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 5th March. We very much look forward to welcoming many of you and discussing your child's progress.

I wish you all a restful weekend and if you happen to be near Norfolk on Saturday, you may even catch a special sky event, as six planets are set to align in what is known as a planetary parade.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that Mrs Butcher, one of our Pastoral Support Officers, will be leaving us at the end of next week. We would like to sincerely thank her for her dedication to our students and the exceptional pastoral care she has provided during her time with us. She has made a real difference to many young people in our school community. Mrs Butcher has also been a huge part of our recent production of Annie. We wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. It is set to be a fantastic half term ahead.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

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 March

- Primary Speed Stacking Festival

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

30 March-10 April

- Easter Holidays

Inspiring Young People



Congratulations to Ellie (11 GTO) who spent her half term playing in Tennis tournaments. She spent Sat 14th and Sun 15th February playing a U16 grade 3, she lost in the 1st round to the third seed, so went into the consolation draw which she won.

Monday 16th February she started in the Gosling U16 grade 3 and went onto win. Her 1st grade 3 win! It was an epic 2 hour, 10 minute match, against the 3rd seed, which Ellie won 5-7, 6-3, 10-8. This is a wonderful achievement considering Ellie was playing up two age categories!

Over 7 days she played 17 matches and only lost 4. On top of this, Ellie also helped umpire the U8 grade 3 tournament on the one day she didn't play.

Ellie represents her club in junior leagues as well as adult teams and competes for the club's women's and mixed doubles teams. Ellie has won countless grade 4 and 5 competitions and competes in grade 3s. Her dedication to the sport is incredible and she has a real passion for helping younger players follow in her footsteps. Ellie is looking forward to starting her level 1 coaching qualification as soon as she is 16 and wants to qualify as a referee when she is eligible.

Apply now to Become a Sporting Champion!



We are excited to share an amazing opportunity for talented students! The Everyone Active Sporting Champions programme is now open for applications.

The Sporting Champions scheme is a UK-wide initiative that supports talented athletes of all ages and abilities. The aim is simple: help you reach your full potential by removing barriers and providing access to high-quality training and mentoring.

As a Sporting Champion, you'll receive a range of fantastic benefits throughout the year:

- Free access to training facilities at Everyone Active leisure centres across the UK, including pools, gyms, classes, and more to support your training.
- Expert workshops focusing on key areas like nutrition, performance, mindset, and physical preparation.
- Mentoring sessions with elite athletes and industry professionals to help you learn from the best.
- National recognition of your sporting achievements, including invitations to awards celebrations.

To be considered for the scheme, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a nationally ranked athlete.
- Be part of a regional squad and have results from regional competition in the last two years.
- Have finished in the top eight at regional championships (or an equivalent competition) in the past two years.

For the 2025–26 Sporting Champions programme, applications are open and will close on Friday 20th March. Full information can be found here: [Everyone Champions | Sporting Champions](#)

PE Club Spotlight: Swim Club

Days: Tuesday

Time: Lunchtime, 1:25pm-1:55pm

Year groups: Now open to all year groups

Location: Swimming Pool

Club leads: Mr Carolan

For the first time at Melbourn Village College, students are able to access the Swimming Pool during the Swim club on a Tuesday lunch time.

Meeting Mr Carolan at the Leisure Centre doors adjacent to the basketball courts, students are able to get changed and swim independently over lunch time. With swimming lanes set up in the 20-metre pool, this is a perfect opportunity for students to practice their technique for upcoming competitions or simply keep fit.

Swimming enables children to develop important water safety skills, builds full-body strength and coordination and enhance cardiovascular health and flexibility.

Here are some of the student voice comments from those who attended the club:

“The Come and Swim club has enabled me to fit in an extra training session during the day, which has been vital for all of my swimming competitions at a vital time.”

“I love being able to swim at school as it helps me stay fit and feel more confident in the water.”

To sign up for a PE club, please visit the MCAS app. If you have any further questions, please speak to the PE Department.

Mr R Carolan

Head of Sport and Performance



Open Events at the College of West Anglia

The College of West Anglia have an exciting opportunity to attend Open Events for those interested in the College.

Please see the attached link for more information on applications and how to book your space for open events.

[Open Events](#)



New Music Equipment for The Cabin

We are delighted to share that The Cabin has recently received a generous donation of musical instruments including a keyboard and two acoustic guitars from Cambridge Junction's Kit Bank.

Cambridge Junction's Kit Bank collects and redistributes donated musical instruments and creative equipment to young people and community organisations, helping to remove barriers to creativity and increase access to music across the region.

The instruments have already been put to good use. Students were genuinely excited when they arrived, and they are now being used both for enjoyment and as part of our supportive work within The Cabin. For some students, music provides a powerful way to regulate emotions, reduce anxiety and build confidence, particularly during busy or demanding school days.

Mr French, Inclusion Lead, states:

"It has been wonderful to see how quickly the students have engaged with the instruments. Music offers many of our young people a positive outlet and a calming focus when they need it most. We are very grateful to Cambridge Junction's Kit Bank for their generosity and support."

We would like to extend our thanks to Cambridge Junction for helping us enrich the experience of students in The Cabin.

Mr French
Inclusion Lead



Year 10 Basketball Team Triumphant Against Bassingbourne



On Tuesday 24 February, the Year 10 Basketball team had their first game of the season an away fixture against Bassingbourne Village College.

Since the new calendar year, the team have been working hard in training, attending every session. With only 5 players available, the team had to work incredibly hard across 40 minutes, defending as a team, communicating effectively and working together in attack to out-smart the opposition. The game finished a fantastic 21-38 win to Melbourn! The win was nothing short of what the team deserve and a significant improvement on their previous result against Bassingbourne.

Congratulations to Emilijus, Josh, Harry, Olly and Luke.

'You Won't Know Until You Ask' – Supporting Children Online

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has launched a new campaign called 'You won't know until you ask', designed to help parents have open, confident conversations with their children about what they see online.

The campaign offers simple prompts and practical tools to support conversations about topics such as:

- harmful or misleading online content
- misogynistic messages
- body-shaming
- "rage bait" and attention-grabbing content

It also encourages children to think critically, ask questions, and talk openly about anything that worries or confuses them.

You can find helpful guidance here:

[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

These resources include tips on what to ask, how to start difficult conversations, and how to help your child navigate the online world safely and confidently.



Key Stage 3 Science Club

Following on from the success of our cress growing before half-term, we decided to really get into that Spring feeling by growing even more of our own food.

Students had a choice of a variety of beans, peas, herbs and other edible seeds (not sure about the curly kale though!)

The club will lovingly tend their plants over this half-term, and will bring them home just before Easter ready for the summer time feast obviously!

Key Stage 3 Science Club is open to Year 7, 8 and 9 students, and is an opportunity to have some fun with science, in a really relaxed environment on a Wednesday lunchtime .

Please sign up via the MCAS app if this is something your child may be interested in.

Dr Wilson
Head of Science



Lifesaving Skills brought to Life with British Heart Foundation RevivR Training

Certificate of RevivR completion

British Heart Foundation certifies that

has completed lifesaving CPR training with RevivR.
Together, we'll help increase the survival rate of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

Date: 20 Feb 2026



Dr Charmaine Griffiths
Chief Executive, British Heart Foundation

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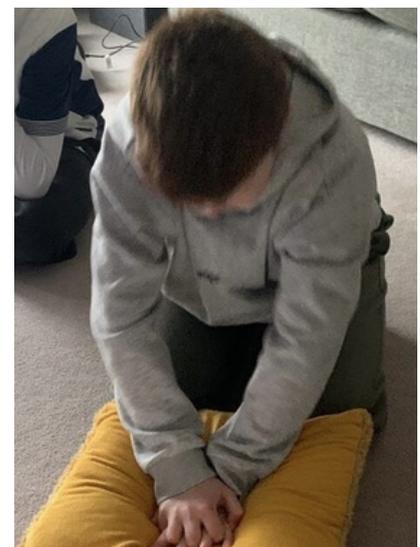
Over the half term break and within the Heart month of February, our students have gone above and beyond in their homework by completing the British Heart Foundation's RevivR CPR training.

In just 15 minutes, students learned the vital skills needed to respond confidently in an emergency. Using the interactive online training, they showed curiosity to discover how to recognise a cardiac arrest, call 999, deliver effective chest compressions, and use a defibrillator, all new learning beyond the classroom. The focus on quick thinking and calm action could one day help them save a life.

The accompanying photos capture students fully immersed in the training. They can be seen showing resilience to practice compressions in time to the beat, building confidence in a skill that requires focus and determination and is hard work to maintain for a long period of time!

Students who completed the training have received a Certificate of RevivR Completion and positive points on BromCom.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance



Annie The Musical



Annie Hoodie

A reminder of our exciting “Annie” the Musical 2026 hoodie which are on offer for purchase to all students.

We are working with a fantastic local company and are excited to create what will be a wonderful keepsake to celebrate the students’ involvement in the MVC musical. These hoodies are sure to be something that they will treasure for years to come.

To ensure no one misses out, it is important that orders are placed in plenty of time. Orders can be made directly with the company by following the link found below the MVC hoodie.

All hoodies will be delivered directly to the school for convenient collection. Every student involved in this performance will have the opportunity to purchase an Annie hoodie.

If you require any support with ordering, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are yet to purchase your tickets, please scan the QR code on the poster so you don’t miss out!

Mr Thomson
Head of Performing Arts

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS



THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES ON:

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



Doors open at 6.30pm, performance starts at 7.00pm

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day, which will be celebrated on Thursday 5th March. It has been a pleasure to speak to all students in assemblies this week about the value and power of reading. In their assembly, students were challenged to go ‘beyond the screen’ and dig deeper into their favourite films and TV shows to discover the novels and stories that inspired them and to read the words that created the worlds they see on screen. It has been heartening to hear conversations from this and discuss with students their own thoughts and reflections on what they have been reading recently.

Throughout the week, students will enjoy the opportunity to get involved in a range of themed activities including a library raffle, an investigative Who’s Book Is It Anyway? challenge and a creative book cover competition.

Mr T Jackson
Teacher of English