

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

3 OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and uplifting week at school, and I wanted to take a moment to share a few highlights.

Like many of you, I was captivated by the sporting events last weekend. The Ryder Cup was a wonderful showcase of resilience and teamwork, with the European team showing great determination and spirit. Equally inspiring was the England Women's rugby team, who achieved another superb victory, reminding us all of the power of dedication and perseverance. These achievements echo the values we encourage in our students each day.

Closer to home, my personal highlight of the week was attending the auditions for our upcoming school musical, Annie. The energy, courage, and talent of our pupils shone through, and it was truly heartening to see so many students embracing the opportunity. Bringing a musical back into the heart of our school calendar feels very special, and I know it will be a production to remember.

We were also delighted to welcome the Headteacher and a group of pupils from Melbourn Primary School. They spent time with two of our Prefects, who gave them a tour of the school and shared their experiences of secondary life. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our links with the primary community and to showcase the leadership qualities of our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their commitment and teamwork. Many have volunteered their time to support the auditions and preparations for Annie, while also working hard behind the scenes to ensure our forthcoming Open Evening will be a warm and inspiring showcase of all that we have to offer. Their dedication to our students and wider school community is deeply appreciated.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more successes with you in the weeks ahead.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

6 October

SEND Coffee Morning
9.00-11.00am

9 October

Open Evening 5-7pm
School closure at 12.20pm

13 October

Year 7's Welcome Evening
5-7pm

15 October

Pupil Flu Vaccinations
(session 1)

24 October

Cross Trust Training Day
School closed to students

27 -31 October

Half Term

5 November

Pupil Flu Vaccinations
(session 2)

20 November

Year 11 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

22 January

Year 7 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

12 February

Year 9 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

5 March

Year 8 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

Celebrating Success at the 2025 UK “Chinese Bridge” Competition



We are delighted to share the exciting news that on Friday, 26th September, Year 9 student Kate was named the national winner of the prestigious 2025 UK “Chinese Bridge” Competition.

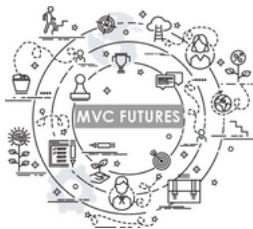
Kate received her award at the official Award Presentation Ceremony, which honoured students from across the country who have shown exceptional dedication to learning Mandarin and a deep appreciation of Chinese culture.

The event featured a vibrant programme of cultural performances, showcasing the impressive talents of young Mandarin learners and celebrating the richness of Chinese traditions. Kate’s award recognises not only her outstanding linguistic ability but also her passion for and commitment to Chinese culture.

Congratulations to Kate on this remarkable achievement everyone at MVC is incredibly proud of her dedication and success.

Miss Ni
Teacher of Mandarin





Inspiring Insights into the Biotech Industry

Students were treated to a fascinating talk by Sain, who shared her experiences working as a consultant for a leading biotech company.

Sain spoke passionately about the journey that led her to this role, outlining the academic qualifications and skills required to succeed in the field. Her talk offered valuable insights into the world of science beyond the classroom, shedding light on how the biotech industry operates and the real-world applications of scientific knowledge. Students left the session inspired and better informed about potential careers in science and technology.

Next week we welcome Edward Nelson from Energy Security. Please remember to sign you child up for this innovative talk using the MCAS app.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Pupils from Melbourn Primary enjoy a fun-filled visit to MVC

We were thrilled to welcome some very special visitors from Melbourn Primary School this week. The morning started with a warm greeting from our Principal, Mrs Spencer, who spent time talking with the pupils and sharing what makes our school such an exciting place to learn and grow. This was followed by a guided tour around the school, where the pupils got a first-hand look at life in the classroom. They popped into a variety of lessons and got a real feel for the buzz and energy of our school day.



To conclude the visit, the pupils headed to the library for a relaxed and lively Q&A session with two of our amazing Year 11 prefects Benji and Tilley, where they answered all sorts of great questions about school lunches, trips, and sporting events and gave honest, helpful insights into life at secondary school.

It was a fantastic morning full of smiles, curiosity, and great conversations. We really enjoyed having the Melbourn pupils with us and cannot wait to see some of their faces again in the very near future.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Key Stage 3 Science Club – A Smashing Success!

Our Key Stage 3 Science Club had a smashing time this week as we explored the chemical reaction between iron and sulphur.

Students observed how the magnetic properties of iron disappear when it reacts to form iron sulphide – a fascinating transformation!

The reaction itself gave off a glowing orange colour, adding a touch of drama to the experiment. And yes, to examine the results, we had to safely smash the test tubes – all in the name of science.

If you would like to join us, the Key Stage 3 Science Club takes place every Wednesday at 1.30pm in Sc5 with Dr Wilson and our Year 11 Science Prefects.

Dr Wilson
Head of Science





MVC Musical - March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you and congratulations to all the students who took part in auditions earlier this week for our upcoming MVC musical production of Annie. We were truly impressed by the enthusiasm, talent, and dedication shown by all participants.

I would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Miss Swann, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Butcher, and Mrs Spencer for generously giving their time and expertise to support the audition and selection process.

Over 60 students auditioned across Monday and Tuesday for just 25 available roles, a number we have since increased to over 30 to enable us to include as many students as possible. While we have done our utmost to recognise and accommodate the interests and abilities of all who auditioned, the reality of limited roles means we understand there may be some disappointment.

If you or your child have any questions or concerns regarding the audition outcomes, please feel free to contact me directly at jthomson@melbournvc.org.

For those offered a role, Terms & Conditions letters will be distributed shortly, and we kindly ask for prompt confirmation of permissions.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th October, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. To those not cast on this occasion, thank you for your enthusiasm and courage in auditioning. We warmly encourage you to take part in our upcoming Christmas and Summer Concerts, which will offer further opportunities to perform later in the academic year.

Please see the notice board in the Music Department for the full audition outcomes.

With best wishes and sincere thanks,

Mr Thomson
Performing Arts Lead

Update on Behaviour Expectations: B2 Consequences

Following helpful feedback from parents, we want to clarify our approach regarding B2 behaviour incidents.

If a student receives two B2s in one day, they will be placed in the Remove Room for a period of one full day, which includes social time.

This policy has been clearly communicated to students during assemblies, form time, and is also displayed on posters across the school.

It's important to note that B2s account for only 17% of all recorded negative behaviour incidents, and the majority of our students have not received a B2. We are proud of the positive behaviour shown by most of our students and remain committed to maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Edwards
Vice Principal

SEND Coffee Morning - Monday 6th October

Parents of our SEND children are warmly invited to attend a coffee morning on Monday 6th October from 9.00-11.00am in the Common Room.

Please complete the link below to confirm your attendance. [see here](#)

Mr Luxton
Assistant Principal
SEND Lead



Join the Melbourn Village College Team

Melbourn Village College is on a journey to excellence and this is an exciting time to join our aspirational team.

We are seeking to appoint a cover manager with teaching responsibility and we are reaching out to our wonderful local community to promote this exciting opportunity. The role is ideal for aspiring teachers, offering valuable classroom experience and professional development, supervising pupils and co-ordinating cover logistics. Please [see here](#) for further details.

If you would like to know more about our school, please contact our office to arrange a conversation or visit.

Melbourn Village College Open Evening

Join us to explore our vibrant school community

Mrs Rachel Spencer
Principal



9 October 2025 @ 5:00-7:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION @ 6:00 P.M.

We are delighted to invite prospective Year 6 pupils and parents to our Open Evening on Thursday 9th October 2025. We will open at 5pm until 7pm with the Principal's speech taking place at 6pm. To register your attendance at our Open Evening, [the booking form can be found here](#).

In School Session

In addition to our Open Evening, we are offering School in Session tours for small groups of families on the mornings of Monday 13th October and Wednesday 15th October. Please note that places are limited and will be confirmed via email. To request a place on a school in session tour please complete [the booking form here](#). If you have any queries, please email the Principal's PA on lyyoung@melbournvc.org.