

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

10 OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic week it has been at Melbourn Village College! Our Year 6 Open Evening was a real highlight — the school was absolutely buzzing with music, lights and action! The atmosphere was electric, and it was wonderful to see so many families exploring our classrooms and facilities.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the staff and students who worked so hard to make the evening such an incredible success. Our Year 11 Prefects stepped up brilliantly to their important roles as tour guides, representing the College with maturity, confidence and pride.

A special thank you also goes to Noa and Elliot, who were my student ambassadors during the evening. They delivered a presentation to parents alongside my speech to prospective families — in a hall that was packed with standing room only! Both demonstrated tremendous bravery and resilience, speaking with confidence and passion about their experiences at Melbourn.

It was particularly special to see many of our current families returning with older siblings, proudly showcasing the school they know and love.

On Thursday morning, we were also delighted to welcome our CEO, who joined us as part of the Open Evening preparations and was hugely impressed by the enthusiasm, pride and teamwork on display across the College.

Finally, a reminder to all parents that sign-up for all clubs and MVC Futures talks is now available via the MCAS App — please do take a look and get involved in the fantastic opportunities on offer.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it really does make all the difference.

Rachel Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

13 October

- In School Sessions Tours (Confirmed bookings only)
- Year 7's Welcome Evening 5-7pm

15 October

- Pupil Flu Vaccinations (session 1)
- In School Session Tours (Confirmed Bookings only)

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



MVC Open Evening – A Celebration of Excellence



We were delighted to welcome over 300 visitors to our recent MVC Open Evening, and the atmosphere was truly electric. The event offered a vibrant showcase of MVC's journey toward excellence, and the feedback from families, prospective students, and community members has been overwhelmingly positive. Guests were deeply impressed by the quality and warmth of the evening, with many describing the experience as “inspirational” and “eye-opening.”

The Principal, Mrs Spencer drew a full house and was met with enthusiastic applause, with parents sharing how moved they were by the school's vision and recent achievements.

A special thank you goes to:

- Our talented student choir, whose performances added a joyful energy to the evening.
- The articulate Year 7 and Year 11 guest speakers, who spoke with confidence and pride, as they shared their MVC journey with the visitors
- Our dedicated Year 11 prefects, who led professional and engaging tours that highlighted the very best of MVC

We are incredibly proud of our students and staff for making the evening such a success. MVC continues to grow and thrive—and we are excited for what lies ahead.



Year 8 Boys Football Team Shine in Cambridge Victory! ⚽

MVC are thrilled to celebrate our Year 8 Boys Football team for their outstanding win against St. Bedes in Cambridge! The team delivered a confident and composed performance, showcasing excellent teamwork, resilience, and skill on the pitch.

This result continues an exceptional run for our football programme—every team remains unbeaten this term. This is a testament to the dedication of our players and coaches, and the strong sporting spirit across the school.

Well done to all involved, and let's keep the momentum going.

Mr Barlow

Head of Key Stage 4 / Head of PE



Key Stage 3 Science Club - Wednesday at 1.30pm

This weeks Science club was focused on speed, science, and Olympic spirit. We kicked things off by investigating what makes Olympic athletes, and guess what - **Reflexes are a big part of it.**

To test our own lightning-fast reactions, we grabbed some 30cm rulers and got ready to catch, and the **The challenge was?** One person drops the ruler, and the other person tries to catch it as quickly as possible. The shorter the drop, the sharper the reflexes — and wow, some of us were super speedy. Then came the stopwatch showdown 🕒 — could we stop the timer at exactly 5 seconds? It was harder than it sounds.

It was a fantastic mix of fun and learning, and who knows, maybe we have a future sprinter or scientist within our science club.

Dr Wilson

Head of Science



Maths Department Update

It has been a very busy and exciting week in the Maths Department, with lots of learning and enrichment opportunities across all year groups.

In the Classroom

All classes are currently exploring Algebra, including:

- Function machines
- Algebra tiles
- Bar models
- Problems involving brackets and indices

Our further Maths students have been working on simultaneous equations using matrices a challenging topic that builds strong problem-solving skills.

Open Evening Highlights

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Open Evening. The Maths department was full of energy, with:

- Interactive Maths challenges
- A sample lesson on estimation for Year 6 pupils using mini whiteboards

It was fantastic to see so many future mathematicians getting involved.

Sparx Maths Homework Club

We are pleased to launch our Sparx Maths Homework Club, held every Wednesday lunchtime in IT1. Staff and prefects will be available to support students who:

- Need help completing Sparx homework
- Would benefit from a quiet space to work
- Have been invited to attend

Parents: if your child finds Sparx challenging or would benefit from extra support, please encourage them to come along to the Year 11 Exam Preparation. Year 11 students continue to receive a weekly exam paper via Go4Schools. This week, Higher Tier students took part in a Walking Talking Mock with Mrs Storey in the dining hall. This session supported students to:

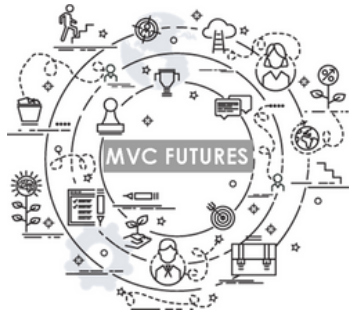
- Understand how to approach exam questions
- Improve timing strategies
- Build confidence ahead of exams

Foundation Tier students will have their Walking Talking Mock on Tuesday 14th October.
Cambridge Maths Lecture Invitation

We are excited to invite students to a special Maths Lecture by Mark Dawes, Lecturer at the University of Cambridge, Cambourne Village College on Tuesday 14th October from 4:00 – 5:00 PM, in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre. [see here](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to hear from a leading academic and explore Maths beyond the classroom.

Mr Willder
Assistant Principal (Head of Maths)



This Week's Speaker: Edward Nelson **A Career in Energy Policy and Public Service**

This week, students had the opportunity to hear from Ed, a civil servant working on energy policy. His insightful talk offered a valuable glimpse into the world of public service and the meaningful impact it can have on society.

Ed spoke about his role in shaping government strategies to make energy more affordable and accessible for all. He shared his own journey into the civil service, outlining the key steps and experiences that helped shape his career path. He also highlighted the importance of developing relevant skills and gaining practical experience to stand out to future employers.

His talk strongly reinforced the importance of the pledges we've made through our MVC Futures programme, showing how they align with the real-world skills and values that drive positive change.

Student Voice – Kate Year

This week's Futures Talk was delivered by a government advisor. Interestingly, this role does not require any specific degree, which makes it accessible to a wide range of people. Ed mentioned that having some prior work experience is helpful, especially when it comes to interviews. The job mainly involves problem-solving and communicating with others. It also requires key skills such as:

- Resilience – to keep going until a solution is found
- Organisation – to meet deadlines and manage tasks effectively
- Adaptability – to deliver a minister's vision, even when circumstances change

I also learned that the working hours are quite flexible. While the standard hours are 9–5, you can choose to work 8–4 if that suits you better.

Overall, I think this sounds like a really interesting job. You don't have to work in energy either – there are opportunities in education, health, and many other departments.

MVC's Futures Talk week beginning 13th October

Our MVC futures talk next week will be delivered by John Bitting - Arsenal Ladies U21 Coach. Do not forget to sign your child up for this insightful session via MCAS app.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Insights into Post-16 Options - Free Webinar for Parents / Carers and their young people - Tuesday 21st October

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INSIGHTS INTO... POST-16 OPTIONS

Tuesday 21 October 2025 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**FREE WEBINAR AIMED AT PARENTS AND CARERS
(AND THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE) WHICH WILL GIVE:**

- Qualification options at sixth form and college
- Apprenticeships opportunities
- Assessing the options – which is best for your young person?

