

# MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

12 DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head toward the end of term, the school has been buzzing with activity and festive cheer. The past few weeks have been filled with moments that truly reflect the best of our school community.

The Awards Evening on Thursday was a particular highlight—an inspiring celebration of our school values of resilience, curiosity, and kindness. I would like to take this opportunity thank all the staff who worked seamlessly together to create an event that students, families, and the wider community could all enjoy.

This week, I have thoroughly enjoyed delivering assemblies as part of our 12 Days of Christmas programme. The positive energy from students each morning has certainly added a joyful touch to our countdown to the Christmas holidays.

## Looking Ahead to Next Week:

We have a few festive reminders to ensure we finish the term on a high note:

- Full School Uniform: Please ensure all students attend in full uniform throughout the week.
- Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December: A favourite tradition—always a lovely way to come together as a school community.
- Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 18th December: A chance for everyone to add a bit of sparkle and fun to the day with their most festive jumpers.

Thank you as always for your continued support. Let us enjoy a positive, cheerful, and festive final week of term.

Mrs Spencer  
Principal

## KEY DATES

**15 December**

- Walking Food Tour trip London

**16 December**

- GCSE Astronomy Observing Evening

**17 December**

- Christmas Lunch
- Odd Socks Day (All students)

**18 December**

- Christmas Jumper Day (All staff and students)
- MVC Christmas Concert 7.00pm - 9.00pm

**19 December**

- Year 11 End of Term Trip 8.30am arrival at school
- Term Ends at 1.00pm

**15 January**

- Drama Trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre 12.00pm - 7.00pm

**21 January**

- Year 9 Enterprise Day
- Melbourn Host Primary Friendship games

**22 January**

- Year 7 Parents' Evening 5.00pm- 7.00pm

**26 January - 6 February**

- Year 11 Mocks

## A Night to Remember: MVC's First Awards Evening Shines



On Thursday 11th December, MVC proudly welcomed more than 200 students, families, and visitors to our inaugural Awards Evening—a truly memorable celebration of achievement, community, and school spirit.

The event was an important milestone in our ongoing commitment to delivering excellence for all, while reflecting the core values that guide our community: **kindness, resilience, and curiosity**. Throughout the night, we recognised our students' exceptional accomplishments across every curriculum area, highlighting both the students' hard work and their dedication.

We were honoured to be joined by Pippa Heylings, MP for South Cambridgeshire who stood alongside Mrs Spencer to help present awards. Mrs Spencer described the evening as "***an exciting event that truly reflects our school values and who we are as a community.***"

Adding to the festive atmosphere, guests enjoyed uplifting Christmas performances from the MVC Choir, followed by an exclusive sneak preview of our upcoming school musical, 'Annie'. The preview was met with great excitement, many are already looking forward to the full performance in March.



A heartfelt thank you to all students, parents, carers, and staff whose support and enthusiasm made the evening such a success. This wonderful celebration simply would not have been possible without our fantastic MVC community.

Mrs Edwards  
Vice Principal

## Awards Event Highlights

### The Excellence Award

The Excellence Award is awarded to one student per year group who has demonstrated outstanding excellence within the subject.

### The Values Awards

These awards were given to one student per year group who consistently embodied our core values not just within the school, but also through their wider contributions to our community.

Mrs Edwards  
Vice Principal



Winner of the Prestigious Alumni Award Grace Year 12. Grace delivered a wonderful speech on her experiences at MVC



The award event has been made possible due to the generosity of fantastic sponsors:

Melbourn Energy Superloop was the sponsor of the Curiosity Values Award, the Computer Studies/Computing and the Business Studies Award.

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## Winners of the MVC Remembrance Day Poems

MVC English's Department was deeply impressed by the breadth of thoughtful and imaginative poems, letters and diary entries produced by our Key Stage 3 students in honour of Remembrance Day.

The students work demonstrated remarkable sensitivity and creativity, and our competition winners, Polina and Max, crafted particularly compelling pieces, which you can read below.

Both Students are winners of an Amazon voucher which they have received in time for Christmas shopping.

Mrs Hallam  
Head of English



### The Lost Childhood

Children's cries split the sky,  
Toys lie broken, tell me why?  
People suffer, days are grey,  
Grief hangs heavy in the air.  
Streets are empty, ruined homes,  
I am here, but I am alone.  
Memories go back to that day  
When I was happy and when I played.  
Children in countries which are torn by  
war,  
Lost their childhood and even more.

Just remember:  
It must never be the case  
That so many lives  
Feel like a waste.

**Polina**



### Requiem of 11th November

Rows of stones, rows of dead.  
Endless fields of the deceased,  
Poppies turn the ground blood-red.

Our sins are now released.  
With the blood of those who fought to live.  
It is time for us to remember them,  
Those who fought for the little white dove,

Now to sing our requiem.  
They protected our freedom,  
They gave us hope.

Death took those so heartsore,  
Eleventh pull of the bell-rope.  
Now time for us to reminisce,  
To play for those we dearly miss.

**Max**

## Inspiring Revision: KS4 Students Learn from Motivational Speaker Kevin Hayes



Last week, our Key Stage Four students had the opportunity to work with motivational speaker Kevin Hayes, to gain a fresh insight into how to revise effectively and confidently.

Kevin, from Constant Change Company in South London, has been helping people develop personally and professionally since 1990, working across corporate, academic, and healthcare settings.

Trained in Psychotherapy and Neuro-Linguistic Programming, he specialises in teaching life and learning skills in schools, colleges and universities nationwide. What makes Kevin particularly unique is his additional 30-year career as a professional stand-up comedy magician, actor, and singer. By blending his performance skills with his coaching expertise, he creates an atmosphere that is both relaxed and energising—an ideal environment for learning.

During the sessions, Kevin spoke about the power of self-testing, as well as how using both sides of the brain can help students extract key information from written text. Students were then challenged to create their own mind maps or “brain dumps,” as Kevin enthusiastically called them, while being treated to a few of his impressive magic tricks along the way.

Kevin also stayed on to meet with parents in the evening, demonstrating practical revision techniques and emphasising the importance of parental involvement, even if it has been a while since you were in a classroom yourself. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to attend.

Quote for Year Student Zack:

*“I really enjoyed working with Kevin; he simplified how we should revise and made it fun.”*

A huge thank you to Kevin for an inspiring and memorable set of sessions—our students are already putting their new skills to use, and we look forward to welcoming Kevin to MVC again in the near future.

Mr Barlow  
Head of Key Stage 4

## A Strong Term for MVC Sports



On Thursday 11th December  
MVC student took part in the  
District Cross County Event at ....

The team performed with great  
skill and demonstrated

Well done to Harvey and Caleb  
who have progressed to the next  
round for the county Cross  
Country event in January 2026.

A who demonstrated excellent  
skills and great resilience on a  
very demanding course.

Mrs Coghlan  
Head of Key Stage 3



This term has been highly successful for our  
extra-curricular football programme.

Featured in the accompanying photograph are  
several of our Year 7 players, who recently  
travelled to Comberton VC to compete in a  
four-school tournament. Both teams performed  
admirably: the boys secured 3rd place following  
a decisive victory over Cambourne, and the  
girls also claimed 3rd place with a well-earned  
win against Bassingbourn.

Our upper-school teams have demonstrated  
exceptional resilience as well. The Year 10 boys  
have advanced to the District Cup Semi-Final,  
and our Year 11 squad reached the last 32 of  
the National Small Schools Trophy, an  
outstanding achievement at this level.  
Congratulations to all students involved, I'm  
very proud of all your commitment.

Mr Barlow  
Head of Key Stage 4



## Melbourn Sports Centre Proudly Host Panathlon Swimming Event



On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Melbourn Village College swimming pool proudly hosted the annual Panathlon swimming event.

The School Sports Partnership invited primary schools from across Cambridgeshire to take part, and as the local host, MVC once again received a special invitation to compete as a guest team.

Five of our talented swimmers represented the school brilliantly, acting as fantastic role models for the younger participants.

The programme featured a wide range of events, from 25m freestyle and slam-dunk races to exciting 10m relays, ensuring plenty of fun and challenge throughout the day.

Our dedicated Sports Leaders also played a key role in the success of the event, supporting swimmers in the pool and assisting with scoring and organisation.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone involved, and wonderful to see so many members of our community coming together to deliver such a positive and successful event.

Mrs Coghlan  
Head of Key Stage 3

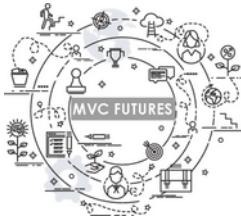
Dear Parents/Carers,

Please see the links to access the consultation documents for the Trust Admission policy 2027/2028.

The consolation has been issued to the Local Authority Cambridge and Bedfordshire and to all feeder primary school.



**Statutory Consultation on proposed change**  
**Trust Admissions Policy 2027-28**



## MVC Futures Talk with: Dr Molly Morgan-Jones Director of Policy at the British Academy

Today we were delighted to welcome Dr Molly, Director of Policy at the British Academy, for an inspiring Futures Talk. She captivated students with a behind-the-scenes look at how policies are shaped and how big ideas become actions that influence society. Dr Molly described how her role brings together civil servants, researchers, and academics to tackle complex challenges and design evidence-based policies.



She highlighted the essential skills needed in the field, from collaboration and clear communication to critical thinking and the ability to navigate rapidly changing issues.

She also shared the global dimension of her work. Just last week, she attended the COP climate conference in Rio, demonstrating how careers in policy can take you across the world and place you at the heart of major conversations about our planet's future.

Students left with a richer understanding of how humanities and social sciences can drive meaningful change and why these skills are vital in shaping the decisions that impact us all.

**Next week talk will be delivered by Nico Schonken - Deputy Director of Performance and Analytics at HPFT.**

Remember to sign your child up for this event using the MCAS app.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal

### Maths Department Update

The Maths department have been very busy with the Maths Inspiration trip to Cambridge University with 19 Key Stage 4 students. It was a fantastic event with talks from 3 people, where the probability of winning the jackpot in the lottery was calculated, there was a heads or tails experiment, the Pythagorean distance between a fish, monkey and dog was discussed (linking to how AI works) and the most efficient spread of flower seeds was mathematically modelled with stunning visual effects. The students were a credit to the school in terms of their engagement and interest.

Students also took part in the Christmas Maths challenge on Thursday lunchtime, and we had over 50 students attend. Our Year11 prefects organised a timed multiplication challenge and we had Christmas themed Madison problems to solve too. All students did really well and received a chocolate and a raffle ticket.

Finally, it has been a busy term but we would like to say well done and thank you to all our students for their fantastic approach to Maths – showing great curiosity and resilience throughout.

Mr Willder  
Acting Head of Maths and Assistant Principal

## MVC - 12 days of Christmas Programme



Students embraced the festive spirit by creating their own Christmas cards as part of our “12 Days to Christmas” programme.

Their creativity truly lit up the room!

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal



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In this weeks Key Stage 3 Science Club the students embraced the 12 days till Christmas programme by turning a simple science experiment into festive art!

With just a few drops of food colouring on filter paper, students created vibrant Christmas tree patterns that brightened up the room.

Dr Wilson  
Head of Science





We would like to say a big thank you to the Bury Lane Farm Shop in Royston for their kind donation of a 7ft-Norway Spruce.

This was decorated by our Year 11 students and is proudly on display in the main hall. This was admired by our local community at our Awards Evening this week.

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### Melbourn Village College - Christmas Concert



**Thursday 18 December 2025, 7pm in the Main Hall**

Celebrating Christmas with musical performances featuring MVC Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Year 11 Band and more.

TICKETS: £3 (Adult) £2 (Concession). Available via ParentPay or cash payment on the evening. Come along and invite friends!

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - School Term Ends at 1.00pm**

As a reminder that MVC will close at **1pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** for the Christmas holidays.



All school bus companies have been informed and will collect students from school at 1pm. For any students who take public transport (including the public Royston bus) please be aware of this so that you can make alternative arrangements. Mr French has contacted the taxi company's for Cabin students who use this service. These students will also be collected at 1.00pm.

Please also note that the school will be closed over the holiday period to allow our staff to enjoy their Christmas break and emails will not be responded to during this time.

### **MB02 /MB04 Bus Combination**

Dear Parent/Carers,

Please note that from 06<sup>th</sup> January 2026, the school bus services, MB02 and MB04 to Melbourn Village College will be combined into one route. This will be known as MB02.

Please find new timetable below

Am	Stop	PM (Aprox)
07.19	Gt. Shelford Marfleet Close	16.15
07.24	Sawston, Cambridge Road/Eccles Clsoe	16.07
07.31	Duxford Bank	16.00
07.45	Newton Green	15.46
07.49	Thriplow Bus Shelter	15.42
07.52	Fowlmere Memorial	15.39
07.54	Folmere Pipers Close	15.37
08.00	Great Chishill, 26 Hall Lane	15.28
08.08	North Hall Farm	15.20
08.20	Melbourn Village College	15.10