

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

13 MARCH 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The countdown has ended and Annie is finally here!

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in the production. It has been many years since the school last staged a musical, and the result has been truly outstanding. The dedication and commitment from everyone involved have been clear to see, and the show has been a wonderful celebration of talent across the school. One parent commented that it “feels like the school has come to life,” which perfectly captures the spirit and energy the production has brought to our community.

We were delighted to receive some samples of our new uniform this week, which gave some of our students the opportunity to see and try on the new items, and their reaction was extremely positive. One student even said it was “so refreshing to have a polo shirt and be comfortable.” As outlined in Mrs Edwards’ letter sent via SchoolPost, you will see photographs of two students modelling the new polo shirt and jumper, along with the timeline for its implementation.

I look forward to welcoming parents, carers and students to tonight’s final performance of Annie if you are attending.

Have a lovely weekend. The weather is set to be warm and dry, so hopefully there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy some sunshine.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

20 March

- Year 7 Laster Zap Laser Tag and Archery

23 -27 March

- Shakespeare Week

26 March

- Year 10 Parent’s Evening
3.30pm - 6.00pm

30 March - 10 April

- Easter Holidays

17 April

- Year 10 Trip - Copper Box
Arena Basketball Match

21 April

- Year 9 and 10 Holocaust
Event

23 April

- Year 8 - Take Your Child To
Work Day
- Year 7 Parents Evening

24-25 April

- Bronze DofE Expedition

27-28 April

- Year 10 Mocks

27 April

- End of Term
1.00pm Finish

29 April

- Careers Carousel

Its Showtime - MVC Presents Annie Jr the Musical



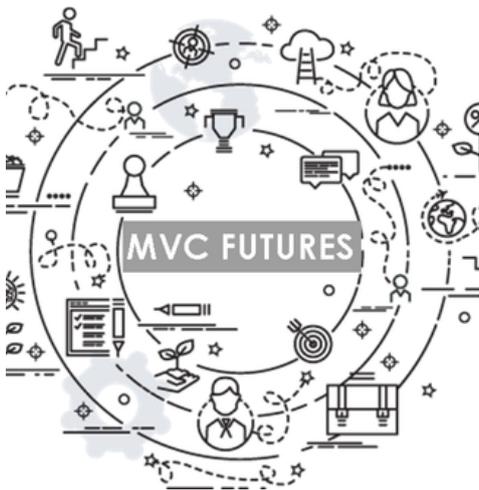
What an incredible night! 🍷✨

Thursday's sell-out performance of Annie Jr. was absolutely amazing, showcasing the outstanding talent of our actors and singers. As MVC's first musical in many years, the show truly lived up to every expectation and more.

A huge congratulations to the cast and crew for such a fantastic production! 🌟

We cannot wait for the final performance on Friday!





Hailey, a fashion designer, visited MVC on Wednesday 11th March to deliver a careers talk.

Hailey studied at CRC before moving to Northampton to study couture fashion. During her studies, she had the opportunity to work with famous designers, and at the age of 19 her work appeared in Italian Vogue magazine. She later went on to study at St Martins College, following in the footsteps of fashion designers such as Stella McCartney.

Her career began as a junior designer in Nottingham. In this role, she worked on the entire design process, from sketching designs to carrying out quality control on the final products. To progress in her career, she moved to London.

Hailey explained that when applying for jobs in the fashion industry, it is important not only to have a strong CV but also a portfolio that shows your work and demonstrates what you can bring to a brand. She also talked about the different career pathways in fashion, such as working through agencies or working directly for a brand.

Her job in London involved travelling abroad, where she experienced hospitality from companies she visited. However, she emphasised that getting into the fashion industry can be very difficult. You have to be confident, promote yourself, and be prepared to show your work.

Hailey stated that curiosity is extremely important in fashion. Designers need to understand how clothes are constructed, have knowledge of materials and fabrics, and study other designers and fashion houses for inspiration.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Accountant - Ellen Davis on Wednesday 18th March.

Do not forget to sign your child up for the Futures Talk via the MCAS app.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Supporting Positive Conduct in Our Community

As a school, we place great importance on how our students conduct themselves not only on site, but also within the wider Melbourn community.

Recently, we have been made aware of some anti-social behaviour involving a small number of students while off school premises. We have spoken directly with those involved and reminded them of the expectations they carry as representatives of Melbourn Village College.

We would welcome parents' continued support in reinforcing at home the importance of respectful, sensible and community-minded behaviour. Our partnership with families is vital in helping young people understand the impact of their actions on others and in ensuring they make positive choices beyond the school gates.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional support—whether around behaviour, wellbeing, friendships or decision-making—please remember that help is available. Parents can contact their child's Form Tutor or Pastoral Support Officer for guidance. We can also signpost families to further external support services if needed.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, respectful and supportive community for all.

Mrs Edwards
Vice Principal

Year 10 Work Experience – Important Information



Our Year 10 students recently attended an assembly about their upcoming Work Experience.

All students have been given information to take home, and the full details are also available on our school website:

Work Experience Dates

6th - 10th July 2026

Finding a Placement

Students are responsible for arranging their own work experience placement. However, if your child needs support or guidance, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Forms and Deadline

All Work Experience forms must be completed and returned by 20th April 2026.

Placements are checked by 'Form the Future', and they require sufficient time to process all submissions, so meeting the deadline is essential.

Any queries, please contact Mr Barlow (Head of Key Stage 4) on RBarlow@melbournvc.org.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

National Science Week Sparks Curiosity

It has been a busy and exciting week for the Science Department as we celebrated National Science Week with our Key Stage 3 students. This year's theme was "Curiosity", and students embraced it enthusiastically throughout the week.

The students competed for the coveted prize of Crème Eggs while taking part in a variety of science-themed activities. Many classes visited the library to complete a science quiz, testing their knowledge across a wide range of topics. There was plenty of friendly competition as groups worked hard to achieve the highest scores. Some classes also designed posters for a national competition titled "What Makes Children's Lives Better". The standard of entries was extremely high, with students showing both creativity and thoughtful ideas.

Throughout the week, students enjoyed a range of hands-on activities. They tested their fitness levels, challenged themselves to hold their breath, and even managed to beat some of the teachers! In science sessions, they explored the cosmos by creating their own moon craters, investigated combustion and how different materials burn, and made their very own colourful and fragrant bath bombs.

The week finished with a fascinating demonstration in a bell jar, where students were amazed to see what happens to a marshmallow when the air is removed from around it. Watching these surprising changes under a vacuum was a memorable way to end the celebrations.

Mrs Mayhead said she was *"so impressed with the way the students embraced the challenges and enjoyed the week immensely."*

National Science Week was a fantastic success, celebrating curiosity, creativity, and a love of science across Key Stage 3.

Dr Wilson
Head of Science



MVC Netball Tournament - Monday 9th March

On Monday our Year 10 Sports Leaders organised a fabulous event welcoming 5 primary schools to participate in a Netball tournament.

Sports leaders demonstrated excellent officiating skills, and it was great to see so many students getting involved in Netball.

Thank you to Ava, Freya, Tilda, Ava A, Iris, Poppy and Isobelle .

Mrs Buckland
Teacher of PE



Come and Play Badminton Club

Day: Wednesday

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

Year groups: Years 7 and 8

Location: Sports Hall

Club lead: Mrs Buckland

On Wednesdays, students are invited to play recreational badminton with their friends in the Sports Hall. Badminton is a fast-paced racket sport that can be played as singles or doubles, where the aim is to hit a shuttlecock over the net and into your opponent's court.



With brand-new equipment recently purchased, there has never been a better time to join the club!

Student voice

"I have loved badminton in my PE lessons, so it has been great to play with friends at lunch too."

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

Outside of school Sporting, Art and Performance and achievements

At Melbourn Village College, the Sports and Performance faculty are keen to celebrate students who compete in a range of different sports, perform drama and music and have their artwork exhibited outside of school. If your child achieves any out of school successes within these areas, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Carolan with a small report, which includes a photograph, which can be featured in the school newsletter: recarolan@melbournvc.org

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

Student Sport and Physical Activity Survey

Our school is working with Sport England to learn more about the sports and physical activities our students take part in, both in and out of school.

Selected PE classes have been asked to complete a short online survey, which will take no longer 20 minutes to complete and has been set as a home learning task on Go4Schools. Each student will complete their own questionnaire.

The survey is hosted by Ipsos, who will store all information securely and keep responses confidential. The results will help our school better understand students' participation in sport and physical activity and help Sport England invest in opportunities for young people.

If you do not wish your child to take part, please inform Mr Carolan or your child's form tutor. Otherwise, no action is required. The deadline for completion is Friday 20th March.

For questions, please contact do not hesitate to email me.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance



End of Term - Friday 27th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the school will close for the Easter Holiday at 1.00pm on Friday 27th March. School buses, MB01, MB02 and MB03 have been arranged to collect the students at this time. For children in receipt of Free School Meal, they are able to use their allowance at morning break.

MVC Parental News

**Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 26th March
from 3.30 - 6.30pm**

We are delighted to welcome our Year 10 parents to attend a Parents Evening on Thursday 19th March.

Parents are able to book a time slot using the MCAS app only, and this will go live at 5pm on Friday 13th March.

Please note that appointments are on a first come first served basis.

**MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)
Parent Guide**

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Year 11 GCSE Timetables

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please use the link below to access the Year 11 GCSE Timetable.

[GCSE Timetable 2026](#)

Free Webinars for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please see the attached flyer regarding a free webinar around online safety and cyber choices.

[Parents Webinar Flyer](#)