

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another lively week at school, I wanted to share a few reflections. The wet weather has certainly kept us on our toes, but our students have shown great resilience as they have adapted to indoor social areas and soggy journeys to school. Please do continue to encourage your children to bring a warm, waterproof coat each day—the rain seems determined to stay with us a little longer.

This week has been filled with moments that truly reflected our school values of kindness, curiosity, and resilience. On Tuesday, our in-school Remembrance service created a thoughtful and respectful space, and I was genuinely moved by the maturity our students showed. Our Prefects also represented us wonderfully at the Melbourn village service, demonstrating kindness and dignity as they supported the wider community.

For Year 11, the visiting theatre company's performance of A Christmas Carol was a real highlight. The production brought Dickens' world to life and sparked lots of thoughtful conversations—an excellent example of curiosity in action as students deepened their understanding of the text.

And today, the school has been full of excitement as we prepare for Children in Need – to include our Bikeathon and a star of tonight's BBC programme from our school! It is always heart-warming to see how readily our students show kindness, whether through fundraising, volunteering, or simply supporting each other.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a warm, cosy, and restful weekend.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

20 November

- Year 11 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

26 November

- Year 11 Drama Devising
Performances

27 November

- Year 11 Geography field
trip

2 December

- Year 7 Pantomime Trip

11 December

- Awards Evening (invite
only) 6.00pm-8.00pm

11- 12 December

- Spanish Trip

16 December

- GCSE Astronomy
Observing Evening

17 December

- Christmas Lunch

18 December

- MVC Christmas Concert
7.00pm - 9.00pm

19th December

- Term Ends at 1.00pm

22 January

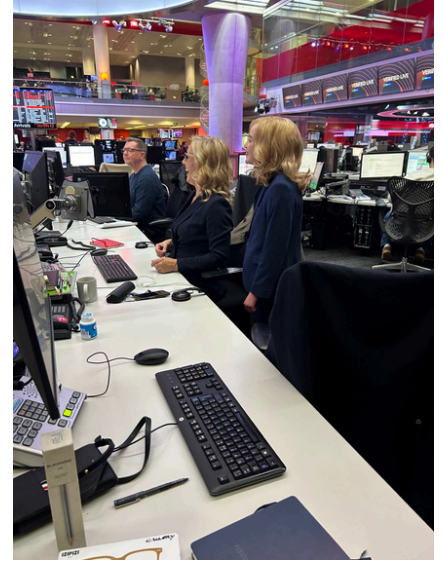
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My Day the the BBC by Sophie Year 7



Last week I spent a day in London filming a sketch for BBC's Children in Need. I am in a club called Stagecoach which put me forward for an audition, which I did over Zoom. I was incredibly happy when I found out I got the part!

Firstly, I went to BBC Studios in London where they film the news. I saw the Tardis from Dr. Who and a photo of Claudia and Tess from Strictly in Reception.



They then escorted me to my own dressing room. Next a lady from Wardrobe brought in some outfits for me to try on. The outfit we ended up going with, which needed to match what the BBC Newsreader was wearing, was navy blue. Problem was, they couldn't find a girl's suit in blue, so I had to wear boy's trousers. After this, I had my hair and make-up done. They could not decide if they should use my own hair or a wig. They decided to go with a wig because it was a comedy sketch. The lady doing my hair and make-up also does it for Horrible Histories and Horrible Science and the lady who did my wardrobe does the wardrobe for all kind of celebrities every day.



Then I met the news reader that I was impersonating, Sophie Raworth. She was very nice. After that, we finally went down to the studio where they film the actual news. I got to see how they operate the cameras (they are robotic) and how they can change the script during the news. Did you know that the people you see on telly working behind the news desk is just a screen and the people are fake? Next, we filmed the sketch which was so fun! [No spoilers]!

At the end, I got a tour of the whole BBC news studio which is amazing!



Watch Children in Need 2025
At 7pm on Friday the 14th of November
On BBC 1 and iPlayer!

Student Success at the GB Tang Soo Do Regional Championships



On Friday 7th November, William travelled to Wales to compete in the GB Tang Soo Do Regional Championships, proudly representing both himself and our school.

William delivered an exceptional performance, earning a trophy in every one of the four events he entered:

- 🥉 3rd place – Sparring
- 🥈 1st place – Weapons
- 🥈 1st place – Forms
- 🥈 1st place – Team Forms

What an incredible achievement — congratulations, William, on your hard work, resilience, and outstanding results.

Spectacular Spectrometers in Key Stage 3 Science Club



In the Key Stage 3 Science Club, our young scientists became optical engineers!

Using card 'nets', pupils carefully cut, folded, and glued their own spectrometers – amazing tools that split light into its rainbow of colours. By adding a small piece of an old CD as a diffraction grating, their creations revealed the full spectrum when pointed towards sunlight — Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet! 🌈

Everyone was thrilled to see the hidden colours of light, and students were excited to take their homemade spectrometers home to impress their families.

Did you know? Real spectrometers are used by astronomers to study the light from stars and galaxies — how cool is that?

Key Stage 3 science club - Wednesday at 1.30pm

Dr Wilson
Head of Science

Year 11's enjoyed the drama production of 'A Christmas Carol'



On Wednesday 12th November, the Quantum Theatre delivered a brilliant performance of A Christmas Carol to our Year 11 Students. It was wonderful to see the students so engaged and inspired, as the production not only brought literature to life but also perfectly supported our curriculum value of enriching learning beyond the classroom — giving students the opportunity to experience a classic text in a dynamic and memorable way.

The show was truly impressive, and our students showed our core values of kindness and resilience throughout, and were an absolute credit to our school.

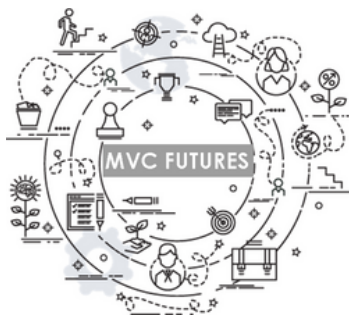
A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Site Team for all of their help setting up the hall and supporting the theatre company — their behind-the-scenes work made the morning run seamlessly.

A big thank you also to the English Department for organising this event. The calm, respectful way students entered and exited the hall really showed how proud they were to represent the school.

This was a wonderful event that celebrated our shared love of learning and showed the power of bringing our curriculum to life through creativity and collaboration.

Mr Jackson
Teacher of English





Futures Talk: Insights from Marketing Manager Kate

This week's Futures Talk featured Kate, a marketing manager in the veterinary sector, who shared her inspiring career journey and practical advice for students.

Kate highlighted the value of hard work, patience, and perseverance, reminding students that meaningful progress takes time. She encouraged them to remain curious, try new experiences, and embrace continuous learning qualities that often lead to unexpected and rewarding opportunities.

Although Kate grew up in a family of teachers, Kate discovered her passion for marketing during a work experience placement. From that moment, she pursued the field with determination, ultimately finding a role that blends creativity with her desire to make a positive impact.

Her message to students was clear: stay open to new paths, keep motivated, and allow your interests to guide you. Over the years, Kate has marketed everything from paint to pets, demonstrating that career journeys can evolve in exciting and unpredictable ways.

Next week talk will be delivered by Lillie - Firefighter from Herefordshire. To attend this event, please sign your child up via the MCAS app.



Form the Future: What's My Line?

Year 7 students took part in an exciting Form the Future event this week called "What's My Line?".

The students worked in groups to guess the professions of visiting professionals. The session was full of lively discussion and curiosity as students asked questions and tried to uncover each guest's line of work.

Everyone was particularly impressed by the range of languages spoken by one of the visitors, showing how valuable communication skills can be in many careers.

There was an interesting mix of jobs represented — from engineering and designing bridges, to marketing and roles that involve working with people.

The event sparked lots of conversation and reflection about future careers and the many different possibilities ahead.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

MVC Parental News

**Year 11 Parents Evening - Thursday 20th November
from 5.00-7.00pm**

We are delighted to welcome our Year 11 parents to attend a Parents Evening on Thursday 20th November in school

Parents are able to book a time slot using the MCAS app only. Please note that appointments are on a first come first served basis.

If you do not have this app, I urge you to do this without delay. The link can be accessed by clicking on the picture which will take you to a step by step guide on how to install.

If you are unable to get an appointment and would like a follow up after the evening, there will be sign up sheets available on the night.



**MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)
Parent Guide**
Version 1 July 2024



Key Messages from MVC



To enable us to ensure that our data is up to date, please can I ask for parents to complete attached photo permission form via the link below. Thank you for your cooperation.

[MVC Photo Permission](#)

Student Lockers

We kindly thank you all for your patience over the past few weeks whilst we organise the lockers for students. Lockers are now ready to be allocated however, lockers are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

If you would like to request a locker for your child please fill out the form by following the link [Locker Form Request](#). You may also find here the document to [Locker T&C's](#).



MVC Representation at Local Remembrance Service



On Sunday, our Head Prefects, Barney and Ruby, proudly represented the school at the local village Remembrance Service, where they laid the school wreath in honour of those who served.

We would like to extend our thanks to Ms Gunner for sourcing the wreath and to Mr Thomson for capturing the occasion in photographs.

The event organisers were delighted to see MVC students taking part in this event., along with several other students who attended as part of local community groups, including the Scouts, Guides, and Cadets. We are proud of all those who participated and contributed to this meaningful community event.



MVC's Remembrance Service – Tuesday, 11th November

On Tuesday, 11th November, MVC came together to mark Remembrance Day with a thoughtful and moving service. The event provided a valuable opportunity for reflection as we honoured those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict.

The service was beautifully conducted, and our students demonstrated great respect and maturity throughout, showing true understanding of the significance of the day.

A special mention must also go to Alfie, whose outstanding trumpet performance of The Last Post added a powerful and emotional touch to the service. His contribution greatly enhanced the poignancy of the moment and was appreciated by all in attendance.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

