

# MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

16 MAY 2025

Dear parents/carers

We have had a very busy week at MVC. Monday was the start of our Year 11 examinations, and I am very impressed with the positive attitude of our Year 11 students. Wednesday, we welcomed Mark Dawes (Associate Teaching Professor in Mathematics Education at the Faculty of Education) to MVC for some all-important maths revision. This session was well attended and very successful. Tuesday and Wednesday was our Ofsted inspection, and I am very proud of our students, who were absolutely fantastic throughout the process. They spoke articulately to the inspectors about life at MVC, as they truly demonstrated the best attributes of a Melbourn Village College student.

The inspectors were impressed by the students' positive attitudes, their commitment to their studies, and the overall sense of community and collaboration within our school. It is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and values we instil in our students every day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind and thoughtful comments during the inspection process. Your ongoing support and encouragement make a significant difference in the lives of our students, and we are grateful for your partnership.

Finally, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to our staff team. Their commitment to excellence and the well-being of our students was evident throughout the inspection, and I am incredibly proud of all that they do.

Thank you all once again for your continued support. We are excited about the future and the opportunities ahead for our students.

## YOU SAID, WE DID:

Based on parent feedback we are delighted to have a date in the diary for another Parent Presentation.

The presentation will be held on Thursday 12 June from 6-7pm. Please indicate your attendance via [this link](#).

## KEY DATES

### 21 May

DofE Bronze Expedition  
Training Day

### 23 May

Year 11 Leavers'  
Celebration Day

### 3 - 4 June

DofE Bronze Expedition

### 12 June

Parent Forum 6-7pm

### 15 - 17 June

DofE Silver Expedition

### 16 - 20 June

Year 7 and 8 MEP Learning  
Week

### 18 June

Primary Football Event SSP

### 23 - 28 June

Year 8 and 9 Germany Trip

### 26 June

Year 11 Prom

### 4 July

Year 10 Reports to Parents

### 2 - 13 July

Year 9 MEP China Trip



## Melbourn Action Community Support

Congratulations to Charlie who received recognition for his continued efforts to support the local food bank. Charlie works tirelessly to raise funds for this amazing charity, and in his own words Charlie has defined the charity and how vital it is for our local community.

*'Well, what can I say about MACS? I would say it is run by a fantastic group of people who work diligently to help the local community trying to support as many people as they can. The foodbank is part of the 'Timebank', and Stephanie is the Timebank coordinator and foodbank lead. The foodbank has a no voucher or referral policy, as it is there to support EVERYONE that requires help. It doesn't matter if you are working or not there is no expectations, as it is an open invite to all the people living Melbourn.*

*I volunteer during the school holidays, and I have seen first-hand how these services can help people. Unfortunately, donations have declined due to the cost of living, but I would like to ask please, please give anything you can to help us help others'.*

The foodbank is open on the following days and times:  
Monday and Thursday from 10.00 – 12.00 and is based at  
Vicarage Close Community Hall.

For further information please contact: - Stephanie at  
[timebank@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:timebank@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## PARENTAL LETTERS



Key letters sent to parents and carers are available to download from our website [here](#).

## TUTEES OF THE WEEK

Our tutees of the week receive hot chocolate and marshmallows on Thursday morning as a reward for having a great week. All pupils receive a certificate to take home.

First Name	Year Group
Florence	7
Holly	7
Olivia	7
Braxton	7
Jessica	7
Olly	7
Gus	7
Lia	8
Theo	8
Amelia	8
Harry	9
Lennie	9
Jake	9
Jasmine	9
Megan	9
Henry	10
Zacky	10
Oskar	10
Taylor	10



## Year 11 Exams Update - Message from Mr Luxton

We are delighted with the way that the Year 11 students have approached their GCSE examinations.

It has been lovely talking to so many after the exams and them feeling so positive. This is a testament to the hard work and preparation they have put into their revision and ensuring they are ready.

We would also like to thank you for your continued support with the examinations and in helping your child to be ready to perform to their best.

A reminder that **study leave starts on 15<sup>th</sup> May** and that students only need to come to school when they have an exam arriving in good time (8.40 for a morning examination and 12.40 for an afternoon examination) so that they are in the best frame of mind possible for the exam.

If you would like your child to remain in school outside of these times please do make sure that you have contacted Mr Luxton and Mrs Millwood.

## Attendance Matters

This week in assembly, we are turning the spotlight on **attendance** — not just turning up but turning up consistently.

Why does it matter so much? Because the link between attendance and achievement is clear. Recent data shows that **Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve a grade 5 or above in English and Maths** compared to those attending just 90–95% of the time.

Let's put that into perspective: missing just **10 extra days across the school year** can reduce the chances of hitting those key grades by around **50%**.

That's a huge impact for what might seem like just a few days. We understand that achieving 100% attendance is difficult — life happens. But aiming for **95% or higher** should be the goal for every student. Every day in school matters. Every lesson counts.

### What you can do:

- If you're feeling unwell or can't attend for another reason, **a parent or carer should call the school or email** [absence@melbournvc.org](mailto:absence@melbournvc.org) **before 8am** with your child's name and the reason for absence.
- **Appointments** (like the dentist or doctor) should ideally be made **outside school hours**. If that's not possible, please provide evidence of the appointment and where possible, let us know in advance.

Let's make every school day count!



If your attendance is...	95%	90%	85%
You will have missed...	10 days	4 weeks	6 weeks
Which means you have missed of learning.	50 hours	100 hours	150 hours



# Come along to Youth Connect!

## A Fun & FREE Community Event Supporting Young People's Wellbeing

Young people living in South Cambridgeshire, aged 10–18, along with their parents, carers and siblings, are invited to an afternoon of exciting FREE activities at Milton Country Park!

Meet organisations offering wellbeing support for young people in your community.



12th July | 12 - 4 pm



Milton Country Park,  
CB24 6AZ



All young participants must be accompanied by an adult!

Try out taster sessions in:

- Bush-crafting
- Paddleboarding
- Fishing
- Accessible cycling
- Arts & crafts
- Wall-climbing
- and more!



Plus FREE Pizza!

This is a ticketed event  
To attend, sign up via the QR code



This event is being organised as an Integrated Neighbourhood Team event including partners within the NHS, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.