

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a pleasure to enjoy some welcome sunshine this week, and we have been delighted to open the field for students at lunchtime once again. It has been lovely to see so many students enjoying time together outdoors while making the most of our school community spaces. Our extra-curricular provision has truly come to life this term, with last week's whole-school production of Annie standing out as a particular highlight. The production was a wonderful celebration of the talent, commitment, and teamwork of students from across the school. Those who attended will no doubt remember the moment the curtain closed and the cast received an enthusiastic and heartfelt response from the audience, while behind the curtain students burst into whoops and cheers — a genuine and memorable moment of pride, joy, and shared achievement after weeks of hard work!

As we continue on our journey to excellence, we remain committed to maintaining the highest standards across all aspects of school life. Central to this is ensuring that our behaviour expectations are clear and consistently upheld, so that our school remains a safe, calm, and purposeful environment for all students to learn and thrive. We ask for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home and in supporting the consequences that are applied when standards are not met. By working together as a united front, we can foster a culture rooted in kindness, resilience, and curiosity — ensuring every child benefits from a safe and respectful environment where they can flourish. Next week, students will receive further information from their tutors about our Easter Quiz, which we hope will provide an enjoyable end-of-term opportunity for curiosity, teamwork, and friendly competition across year groups. We are also looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents and carers next week. If you have any queries regarding appointments, please contact the school office, marked for the attention of the relevant Head of Department. This is our final newsletter of the half term; however, I will write again next week with an end-of-term letter. Finally, a reminder that school will close at 1.00pm next Friday, as outlined in previous communication.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us nurture a school community where kindness, resilience, and curiosity are at the heart of all we do.

Kind regards
Mrs Spencer
Principal

20 MARCH 2026

KEY DATES

23 -27 March

- Shakespeare Week

26 March

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

27 March

- End of Term
1.00pm Finish

30 March - 10 April

- Easter Holidays

17 April

- Year 10 Trip - Copper Box
Arena Basketball Match

21 April

- Year 9 and 10 Holocaust
Event
- Poland 2026 - Parent
Briefing

23 April

- Year 8 - Take Your Child To
Work Day
- Year 7 Parents Evening
3.15pm - 4.45pm

24-25 April

- Bronze DofE Expedition

27-28 April

- Year 10 Core Mocks

29 April

- Careers Carousel



MVC's production of Annie Jr. was a great success, and it has been a privilege to serve as Musical Director for such a committed, talented, and vibrant group of students and staff. From the first rehearsal to the final curtain call, the dedication, energy, and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved has been truly inspiring.

First and foremost, my heartfelt thanks go to every student in both the cast and stage crew. Your hard work, positivity, and willingness to support one another created a warm and professional atmosphere throughout the entire process. A special mention must go to our wonderful Annie, played by Lola, whose performance brilliantly captured the spirit, resilience, and charm of the role. Her confidence and stage presence were a joy to witness.

I would also like to warmly congratulate our student band, who worked incredibly hard to master their instrumental parts. Their musical progress over the rehearsal period was remarkable, and their professionalism throughout was exemplary. My sincere thanks go to our exceptional Acting Leads, Mrs Swann and Mrs Nicholls, and to our Choreography Lead, Mrs Butcher, whose creativity, expertise, and tireless effort helped shape the production into something truly special.

We are deeply grateful to Mr Hanna for his many hours of voluntary work designing the live sound and restoring our Main Hall PA system—his contribution has been invaluable. Thank you also to Mrs Durrant for her support with radio microphones, ensuring everything ran smoothly behind the scenes. Costume brought the show to life thanks to the fantastic efforts of Mrs Mayhead and Mrs Shakespeare, while Mrs Hatch and Mrs Young did a wonderful job promoting the production. Our thanks also go to the site team for their continuous support throughout.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Mr Carolan and Mrs Spencer for their unwavering dedication, organisation, and problem-solving throughout. Congratulations to everyone involved—you should be immensely proud. We very much look forward to building on this success and bringing another fantastic production to life next year.

Mr Thomson
Performing Arts Lead



Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience will take place from the week of 6th -10th July. We kindly remind you that forms need to be returned before the 20th April. Placements are checked by 'Form the Future', and they require sufficient time to process all submissions, so meeting the deadline is essential.

Students are responsible for finding their own work experience placements however if families would like support finding placements please email Mr Barlow, Head of Key Stage 4 - Rbarlow@melbournvc.org.



Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal

Chinese Bridge Competition

James in Year 8 and Isobel in Year 9 recently represented our school in the Chinese Bridge UK Mandarin Chinese Speaking Competition, organised by the British Council and Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (CLEC). The first round of the competition was held online via Zoom and brought together students from across the UK to demonstrate their Mandarin speaking skills.

Congratulations to both students for their hard work and confidence

Miss Ni
Teacher of Madarin





MVC Futures Talk: A Different Path into Accountancy

This week, we welcomed Jack, an accountant at a large accountancy firm, to speak to students about careers in finance. Jack shared his journey into the profession, highlighting that he did not follow the traditional university route. Instead, he chose an apprenticeship he discovered in a local newspaper.

During his talk, Jack challenged the common misconception that accountancy is all about maths. While strong maths skills are important, he explained that the role involves much more, including problem-solving and working closely with clients to support their needs. Jack also outlined the different pathways into accountancy. Although many people choose to go to university, he noted that apprenticeships can offer the advantage of qualifying more quickly while gaining practical experience on the job.

He emphasised that, alongside good maths grades, employers look for a range of personal qualities. Strong communication skills are essential, as well as curiosity and resilience. Jack also highlighted the importance of staying focused when studying for accountancy exams and being committed to continuous learning.

Overall, Jack's talk provided valuable insight into the variety of routes into accountancy and the skills needed to succeed in the profession.

Please note there will be no futures talks next week.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal



Sports Stacking Festival

It was a busy morning on Thursday 12th March for our Year 10 Sports Leaders who welcomed 8 Primary Schools to MVC for the Sport Stacking Festival.

The aim of the festival was to engage new audiences in physical activity and sport. Children had a great time thanks to our sports leaders who did a brilliant job overseeing all activities and generally helping the event run smoothly.

The South Cambs School Sports Partnership Development Manager, Claire McDonnell, praised the leaders following the event, highlighting that "Sports Leader Evan in particular was a real star". Claire also noted "a clear improvement in all leaders' confidence and leadership skills".

Thank you and well done to all those involved.

Mrs Buckland
Teacher of PE



MVC Young Achievers

Another fantastic achievement from one of our students. Harvey in Year 10 competed at the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Sefton Park, Liverpool.

Harvey placed second overall for Cambridgeshire in the race, completing the muddy 5k in an impressive 16 minutes and 56 seconds.

Well done Harvey!



“Future is Bright” Award

We are proud to share that Thomas in Year 11 has been voted for the “Future is Bright” award at the Annual Community Awards in Melbourn. Thomas actively represents the local Cambridgeshire Army Cadets and has helped at local events previously such as the Melbourn Fete and Motorbike Show in neighbouring Meldreth.

Thomas has a First Aid at Work Qualification and is keen to work in the forces when he is older. He was presented with a challenging situation in Melbourn village last autumn and acted superbly under pressure!

Congratulations on this fantastic achievement.



Out of School Success

Congratulations to Taliah who has been incredibly dedicated to her out of school sporting commitments where she has been participating in Ballet, Acro and Gymnastics. This week, Taliah was delighted to receive the Gold Award at Marriotts Recreational Club. Well done Taliah!



Proud Sponsors of MVC Musical

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our sponsors of Annie Jr.

Your generous support made it possible for us to put on such a wonderful show. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution in helping bring this production to life and creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Thank you for being part of our journey!

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Monday 9.30 - 11.30
Thursday 9.30 - 11.30

**FOOD
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The Pavilion, Melbourn
What3words location:
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Monday & Thursday
12-3pm
(4th Thursday of the month CLOSED)

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Vicarage Close
Community Hall
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No referral or voucher needed - visit us at the Food Bank,
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