

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at MVC! The school has been buzzing with positivity, and I am absolutely thrilled to see so many of our students proudly receiving their Bronze Badges for completing MVC Future Pledges for kindness and curiosity.

These students are the very first to achieve their badges, and celebrating their hard work in assembly has been a real highlight. I cannot wait to award even more students as they achieve their pledges and join in with the celebrations.

Another standout moment this week was getting a sneak peek at the rehearsals for our upcoming musical, Annie. What a treat! The talent, enthusiasm, and resilience of our students were simply outstanding. If the rehearsal was anything to go by, the full production in March is going to be truly spectacular.

On Thursday 20th November, MVC held a vibrant and well-attended Year 11 Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into the school and to see such strong partnerships between home and school as we work together to support each child's success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Amjad Ali on Thursday 4th December. As a leading expert in SEND, Amjad will be working closely with our staff, offering valuable insights and support that will benefit our whole school community.

And as the weather turns crisp and frosty, it has been lovely to enjoy some bright autumn sunshine across the school grounds. I hope you all manage to take a moment to enjoy it too over the weekend.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

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

15 January

Drama Trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre 12.00pm - 7.00pm

22 January

- Year 7 Parents' Evening
5.00pm- 7.00pm

Inspiring Young People



Fantastic Weekend Victory for Ellie

Ellie enjoyed an outstanding weekend at the Boston Tennis Club, taking home the title in the U18 Grade 4 tournament! As the top seed, she began with a bye in the first round and went on to deliver a commanding performance in the semi-final, sweeping through with a confident 4–0, 4–1 win.

The final was a real highlight — a brilliant, hard-fought match from start to finish. Ellie held her nerve in a tight first-set tie-break to win 7–4, and continued to play superbly in the second set. With great focus on the big points, she closed it out 4–1 to secure a well-deserved victory.

This result is a testament to Ellie's dedication and determination. Her hard work has truly paid off, and it was one of the best performances we have seen from her.

Huge congratulations — we're all incredibly proud!

Futures Celebrate our First Bronze Winners



MVC is incredibly proud of the students listed below, who have successfully completed three Kindness pledges and three Curiosity pledges!

Their hard work and dedication have earned them the title of Bronze Winners, and they were proudly celebrated in our school assemblies.

Well done to all!

Year 7

Tom, Charlie, Esme, Chayce, Joshua, Henley, Caleb, Freddie and Sienna

Year 8

Poppy, Montgomery and Millie

Year 9

Honour and Lilly

Year 11

Eva, Maisie, Sophie, Isla, Freya, Olivia, Lottie, Amelia, Imogen and Ruby

Mrs Elvin
Vice Principal

Bike Challenge Success – Students Pedal to Victory!



A huge thank you to everyone who supported today's event — with a special mention to the Site Team for providing the bike.

Our Bike Challenge kicked off with some fierce and friendly competition between students and staff. Mr Willder set the pace early with an impressive 2.52km, quickly followed by Mr Stuart powering through to 3.12km. Not to be outdone, Mr Barlow pushed the bar even higher with a huge 3.82km.

However, the students were unstoppable. Lucas Year 7 was the first to break the 3km mark, showing incredible stamina and determination. The excitement continued to build as Harvey Year 10 took the lead with 3.92km, until Elliot Year 11 swept in at the last moment to claim victory with a remarkable 3.93km, making him our overall Bike Challenge champion!

Together, staff and students cycled a fantastic 76.04km in just two hours — enough to reach London!

Alongside our Odd Socks Day and the bike-a-thon, we have raised around £250 for 'Children in Need'.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Principal



Key Stage 3 Science Club

On Wednesday the Key Stage 3 Science Club had a weighty challenge.

The students investigated how much mass could be supported by



two A4 sheets over a 15cm gap. Jess and Ashley took engineering principles to new heights and supported 1.2kg.

'Very Impressive'.

Dr Wilson
Head of Science

Year 11 students demonstrate the school value of Kindness



My Year 11s students surprised me on my birthday, and what a wonderful moment it was!

Their thoughtful gesture was a perfect reminder of how strongly MVC pupils live out our value of kindness each day.

It was heartfelt, unexpected, and truly uplifting — a real testament to the character of our students.

Dr Wilson
Head of Science

Year 10 Stargazing Success! ✨



On Tuesday evening, Mr Washbrook and the Year 10 Astronomy students bundled up for an hour of cosmic adventure! Even with the chilly air and a few rebellious telescope moments, spirits stayed high as we learned to spot constellations dancing across the night sky.

The highlight? An absolutely spectacular view of Saturn and its rings — a sight that earned plenty of "wow!" moments.

A brilliant night of curiosity, laughter, and starry discoveries! 🌙🔭

Dr Wilson
Head of Science

Year 10 Students Gain Real-World Experience Through MVC's Mock Interview Program



Our Year 10 students took part in a valuable series of mock interviews on Thursday 20th November to prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

The initiative gave students a first-hand look at what it's like to take part in a real job interview, helping them understand the skills, confidence, curiosity and resilience which are required to navigate the process successfully and work towards securing their chosen careers.

Key Messages from MVC



Dear Parents/Carers

To enable us to ensure that our data is up to date, please can I ask for parents/carers to complete attached photo permission form via the link below. This has also been sent to parents/cares via school post.

Thank you for your cooperation.

[MVC Photo Permission](#)



Year 11 Stepping Up Intervention

In order to continue to facilitate the successful running of our '**Stepping Up**' intervention sessions we would like all Year 11 students to register with their form tutors before going to their session. We would urge pupils to be in school from 8.25 on a Thursday morning if possible so that they do not miss out on important learning and revision time.

Mr Luxton
Assistant Principal /SENCO

Maths Department Update

Students in Maths have been working hard on their Geometry topic, with the short Data topic to follow.

This week we sent a letter to all parents in Years 7 to 10 to inform them of an upcoming assessment in Maths based on all topics covered this term. To clarify, this is a “measured formative task” (MFT) in line with our new assessment policy. Apologies for any confusion caused around the assessments being formal end of term exams. These are formative tasks to assess students’ ability to recall and problem solve across different topic areas from this term, a key skill in Maths. Students are asked to prepare for this over the coming week, with guidance set on Go4schools on what to revise. The expectation on completing Sparx Maths will be paused to support students to revise, with the next Sparx homework due date being Wednesday 10th Dec. Students who wish to continue to do Sparx Maths can of course do so.

Congratulations to Y11 students who have completed their mock exams and with which we have seen excellent progress from many students.

Mr Willder
Assistant Principal (Acting Head of Maths)



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The advertisement features a woman on the left wearing a vibrant yellow and purple patterned shirt and blue glasses, holding a pink cake with red frosting and cherries. To her right, a man in a light blue shirt holds a white cake with yellow frosting. The background is a warm orange with red and yellow confetti and a red banner at the top with the show's logo and the text 'COULD YOU BE THE NEXT STAR BAKER?'. At the bottom, a red rounded rectangle contains the website URL, and below that, the application deadline and contact information are listed.



ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP'S

Christmas Jumper and Decoration swap

BRING ALONG YOUR PRELOVED, GOOD
CONDITION FESTIVE CLOTHING AND
DECORATIONS TO SWAP FOR SOMETHING NEW
TO YOU*

*SUPPLY ALLOWING, DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S WILL
ALSO BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU

Friday 28th Nov 6.30 - 8PM
and
Saturday 29th Nov 10AM - 4PM
Royston Parish Church

Have a green Christmas!