

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

22ND JULY 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of term approaches, what a busy and exciting few weeks it has been for our students! Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 enjoyed a fun and competitive Sports Day, while our Year 10 students took part in a valuable week of work experience, which they engaged in whole heartedly. In addition, Year 7 and Year 8 were rewarded for their efforts this term with a fantastic trip to Crazy Golf.

On Monday 21st July we were delighted to welcome Chef McQuillan to the school, who delivered an inspiring cookery masterclass to our Year 10 students, and by the end of the session, the students had produced a tasty and nutritious meal. We look forward to welcoming him back in the autumn term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and for making me feel so welcome. Have a wonderful safe and happy summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday, 3rd September.

Please see the link below for my End of the Summer term letter and the MVC parental update letter.

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



KEY DATES

23 September

Post-16 Information Evening

2 October

Whole School Photography

9 October

Open Evening 5-7pm

School closure at 12.20pm

15 October

Pupil Flu Vaccinations
(session 1)

24 October

Cross Trust Training Day

School closed to students

27 -31 October

Half Term

5 November

Pupil Flu Vaccinations
(session 2)

Sport Day Results

Year 7 Overall

FORM	BENCHBALL	ATHLETICS	OVERALL FINAL POSITION
DARWIN	1ST TIE	1ST	1ST
LEWIS	1ST TIE	3RD	2ND
NEWTON	1ST TIE	4TH	3RD
FRANKLIN	4TH TIE	2ND	4TH
HAWKING	4TH TIE	5TH	5TH

PARENTAL LETTERS



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TUTEES OF THE WEEK

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

First Name	Year Group
Charlie	7
Jayden	8
Emily	8
Amelie	8
Isobel	8
Florrie	8
James	9
Stanley	9
Emily	9

Year 8 Overall

FORM	BENCHBALL	ATHLETICS	OVERALL FINAL POSITION
NEWTON	1ST	1ST	1ST
HAWKING	2ND	2ND	2ND
LEWIS	3RD	4TH	3RD
FRANKLIN	5TH	3RD	4TH
DARWIN	4TH	5TH	5TH

Year 9 Overall

FORM	BENCHBALL	ATHLETICS	OVERALL FINAL POSITION
NEWTON	1ST	1ST	1ST
HAWKING	2ND	2ND	2ND
LEWIS	3RD	4TH	3RD
FRANKLIN	5TH	3RD	4TH
DARWIN	4TH	5TH	5TH

Sports Day Success Year 7, 8 and 9's

The students took part in a range of exciting activities for Sports Day and truly made us proud. They performed exceptionally well, showing outstanding sportsmanship, determination, and perseverance throughout the day. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and support for one another. Well done to all involved!



MVC Reward Points Explained

This week we have hosted the Year 7 and Year 9 rewards assemblies. It has been fantastic to see lots of students names being mentioned for their kindness, attitude, effort and achievements, with prizes (including a £10 amazon voucher!) and certificates offered to students through various prize draws. Year 8 and Year 10 reward assemblies will happen next week. Students can achieve reward points in lessons and outside of lessons from staff. The students with the most points in each year group were invited on a rewards trip. Year 7 have been to dinosaur golf at Melbourn Kingsway, with Year 8 going next week. Year 9 have been bowling in Cambridge and Year 10 are planning an in school extended lunch. Students and parents have been contacted directly about these trips.

Students who have achieved over 100 points will receive a letter of recognition home before the end of term. Moving forwards, we hope that the recognition, prizes and offer of a trip motivates students to work hard to gain these points!

What do your points equate to?

Milestone Points	Rewards to include
400	Congratulatory letter home
200	Certificates
100	Entry into a termly prize draw
	Reward trips



Year 10's Master Class with Chef McQuillan

The year 10 GCSE Food and Nutrition students recently enjoyed a hands-on workshop with professional chef Patrick McQuillan, who brought a wealth of real-world experience into the classroom. Chef McQuillan has cooked for The Queen, Margaret Thatcher, and other Members of Parliament, and has worked in a Michelin-starred restaurant as well as in top hotels around the world. He now works with Caterlink, promoting healthy eating, practical cooking and life skills in schools to children. Students learned how to safely debone a whole chicken, gaining valuable knowledge about knife skills, food hygiene, and preparation techniques. They then used the chicken to create delicious Thai-style noodles, putting their new skills into practice. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to build confidence, learn from a true industry professional, and enjoy a fun, engaging experience. Huge thanks to Chef McQuillan and Caterlink for inspiring our young chefs!



Julie Gearon – Winner of the Secondary Schools Management Award



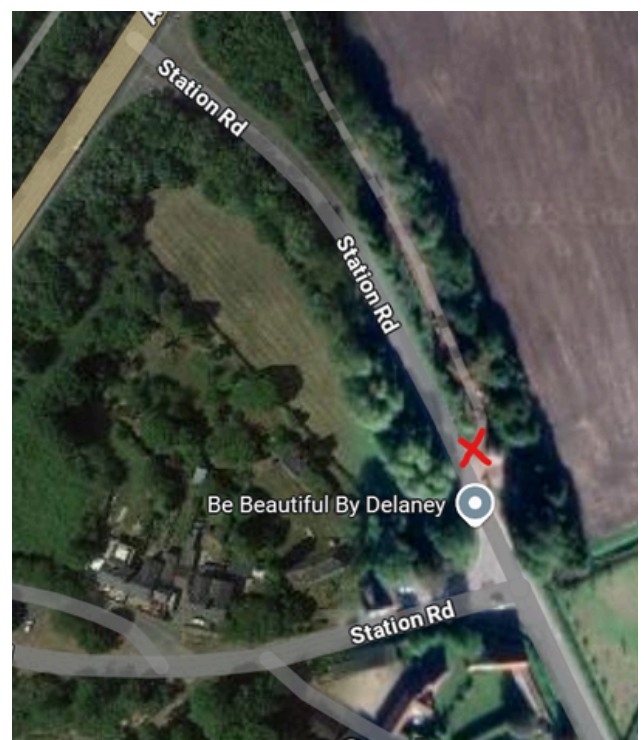
We are thrilled to announce that MVC Catering Manager, Julie Gearon has been nominated for and won the Secondary Schools Management Award. This is a truly well-deserved recognition of Julie and her incredible team, who work tirelessly every day to ensure all our students receive delicious, nutritious meals. Their dedication, hard work, and care play a vital role in the daily life of our school.

Well done, Julie – and thank you for everything you do!

Grand Opening of Meldreth Station Community Link



Mrs Spencer and Mrs Elvin joined the local councillor 'Adam Bostanci' for the grand opening of the Meldreth community station link. Thanks to the work of the Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership the new link from Meldreth to Melbourn will make it easier and safer for hundreds of people who use this everyday to access the train station.





Summer Safety Reminders for Families

Over the past few weeks, our school has been holding assemblies focused on summer safety, helping students understand how to stay safe both in the water and online during the holidays.

Important Warning: Barrington Lake

We have been contacted by the local police with serious concerns about students swimming in Barrington Lake. This area is not safe for swimming as it is unsupervised and very deep. We urge all parents and carers to speak with their children and ensure they understand the risks. Please help us keep everyone safe this summer.

Water Safety

Students have been reminded of the importance of:

- Only swimming in designated, supervised areas
- Never swimming alone
- Being aware of hidden dangers like currents, cold water shock, and underwater hazards

Online Safety

As students spend more time online during the holidays, we've encouraged them to:

- Be mindful about what they share
- Protect their privacy
- Speak to a trusted adult if they see or experience anything upsetting

Students have also been shown how to report harmful or inappropriate content online. This includes:

- Using the report or block features on social media platforms and games
- Reporting directly to websites like Report Harmful Content, which offers guidance and support
- Speaking to a trusted adult or contacting Childline for help

We've also challenged students to manage their online usage thoughtfully and to seek out opportunities to spend time outdoors, enjoying fresh air, physical activity, and time with friends and family.

Support for Families

We know that summer can bring challenges, and we want to remind families that support is always available:

- NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk
- Childline: 0800 1111 or www.childline.org.uk

These services offer free, confidential advice and support for both students and parents

Wishing You a Safe and Happy Summer!

We'd like to thank all our families for their continued support this year. We wish you a safe, restful, and joyful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming all our students back in the new term

Best Wishes

Mrs Edwards
Vice Principal

MVC Prefects Announced for the New School Year



With Year 10 back in school, we are delighted to announce our new team of prefects for the coming year. These students will be taking on a variety of important roles and responsibilities, helping to support both staff and fellow pupils across the school community. They were also presented with their red prefect ties. The prefects will play a vital part in school life by supporting the new Year 6 students as they transition into Year 7, helping them settle into their new routines and feel at home at MVC. They will also represent the student voice by sharing ideas and feedback at meetings with the Senior Leadership Team, ensuring that all students have a say in shaping school life. In addition, many prefects will act as department representatives, assisting with classroom displays, helping to run subject events, and supporting extra-curricular clubs. Beyond these duties, they will also mentor younger students, offering guidance and helping them to understand the expectations and values of the school. These roles not only give our prefects a chance to develop their leadership and communication skills but also ensure that our school continues to be a welcoming, supportive, and vibrant place for everyone. We wish our new prefect team every success in the year ahead and thank them for their dedication to making a positive impact in our school community.

Date for your diary

Melbourn Village College Open Evening

Join us to explore our vibrant school community

Mrs Rachel Spencer
Principal



9 October 2025 @ 5:00-7:00 P.M.

PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION @ 6:00 P.M.