

# MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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It was fantastic to see our English Language walking mock sessions in action this week, as Year 11 students gear up for their November mock exams. The focus, energy, and effort in classrooms were brilliant—well done to all! The English team will continue to provide support every step of the way as students prepare for these key assessments.

Our staff also enjoyed a lively and engaging training session on Reading Fluency, led by our Trust Reading Lead, Lia Martin. It was packed with practical ideas and strategies that teachers are already bringing into lessons to boost reading confidence and progress across the school.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Cancer Support cake sale—it was a real treat! With an impressive variety of bakes and fantastic community spirit, we raised over £150 for this important cause. A big shout-out to our amazing Year 11 prefects for their help in running the event so smoothly.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and well-deserved weekend—great work all round this week!

Mrs Spencer  
Principal

## Dear Parents/Carers

As the weather has turned colder, please can I remind parents that all students are expected to wear a school jumper and coat. Hoodies are not permitted as part of the school uniform.

## KEY DATES

### 2 October

Whole School Photography

### 6 October

SEND Coffee Morning  
9-11.00am

### 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)

### 20 November

Year 11 Parents' Evening  
5.00pm- 7.00pm

### 22 January

Year 7 Parents' Evening  
5.00pm- 7.00pm

### 12 February

Year 9 Parents' Evening  
5.00pm- 7.00pm

### 5 March

Year 8 Parents' Evening  
5.00pm- 7.00pm

## Maths Department News

This week, students have been receiving their Maths knowledge organisers. These valuable resources are designed to support learning both in the classroom and at home.

### What students receive:

- An A4 copy for their knowledge organiser folder
- An A5 copy glued into their exercise books

These organisers contain key facts, formulas, and methods that will be referred to throughout the term. They are an excellent tool for revision and independent study.

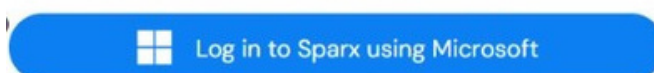
	Objectives Term 1 Autumn KS3	Sparx	Revision guide
C N u m 1	Use, convert and compare metric measures: length (mm, cm, m, km), mass/weight (mg, g, kg, tonne), capacity (ml, cl, l)	M772, M530, M761	Pg 101
	Have an appreciation for the rough size of common metric units and make sensible estimates of a range of measures in everyday and real-life settings	M487	Pg 100
	Multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100, 1000, 0.1, 0.01, etc	M113	Pg 5
	Add, subtract, multiply and divide negative numbers	M106, M288	Pg 3
	Use the symbols =, ≠, <, and >	M384	Pg 2
	BIDMAS to include decimals, negatives and extend to include squaring and cubing	M521	Pg 2
	Recognise prime numbers up to 100	M322	Pg 12
	Be able to carry out prime factor decomposition, using factor trees	M108	Pg 12
	metric, cm, m, mm, km, l, ml, g, kg, mg, tonnes, estimate, measure, mass, length, capacity, time, conversion factor, inequality symbols, negatives, powers of 10, BIDMAS, order of operations, operation, prime, factor, multiple, product of prime factors		

### Students can use these in the following ways:

- RAG rate the statements to identify key areas to focus on
- Use the Sparx code to practice questions on that content
- Use our recommended revision guide (a follow up letter detailing how to order one thought the school will follow)
- Create a self made quiz based on this content e.g. 20 key questions from the topic with a clear mark scheme.
- You can define the key vocabulary, giving an example for each word, possibly as flashcards or in a list, or purely by self testing.

It has been great to see the impact of students working on their Sparx Maths homework! Students completed over 300 hours worth of time on Sparx last week, with over 20,000 questions answered correctly. Students must use the Microsoft single sign on for Sparx which looks like this:

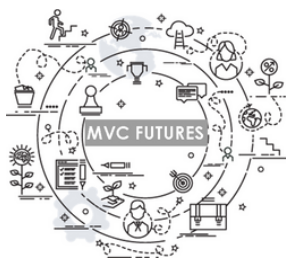
**Log in as a student or teacher**



Our Maths prefects will be helping students on a Tuesday lunchtime each week with their Sparx homework in room IT1. We may contact parents if we feel this would be beneficial for some students.

Year11 students are all being set a maths exam paper every week via go4schools. It is set on a Wednesday and students can complete all or parts of it. They can ask their teachers questions. These are the papers that are the focus for tutor time Year11 Maths interventions as well as in class.

Mr Wilder  
Head of Maths



## A Morning of Inspiration with a Business Solicitor

On Wednesday morning we met Matilda, a business solicitor who talked to us about her choices and opportunities that allowed her to get into the position that she has.

She has shown resilience and curiosity that you need to allow yourself to have getting a chance of a job like hers. She talked about how to get into the role and her qualifications.

The students were very interested and enjoyed having this opportunity very much. Thank you very much Matilda.

### Johnnie Year 10 Student

**Next week** we will welcome Sian Bolitho a Chief Scientific Officer working in STEM who combines business with science. This is highly recommended for budding scientist or business GCSE students

Please do not forget to sign your child up to attend MVC Future talks.

## MVC Eco Committee

We were very excited to launch our new MVC Eco Committee this week!

The committee was created following discussions led by our Student Voice Prefects and is being run by them during lunchtimes. It is open to students from all year groups who are interested in making a positive environmental impact.

The aim of the group is to develop environmental projects and promote sustainability, both within the school and in the wider community.

We look forward to seeing the creative ideas and meaningful actions they bring to life over the coming year.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal

## Macmillan Coffee Morning -

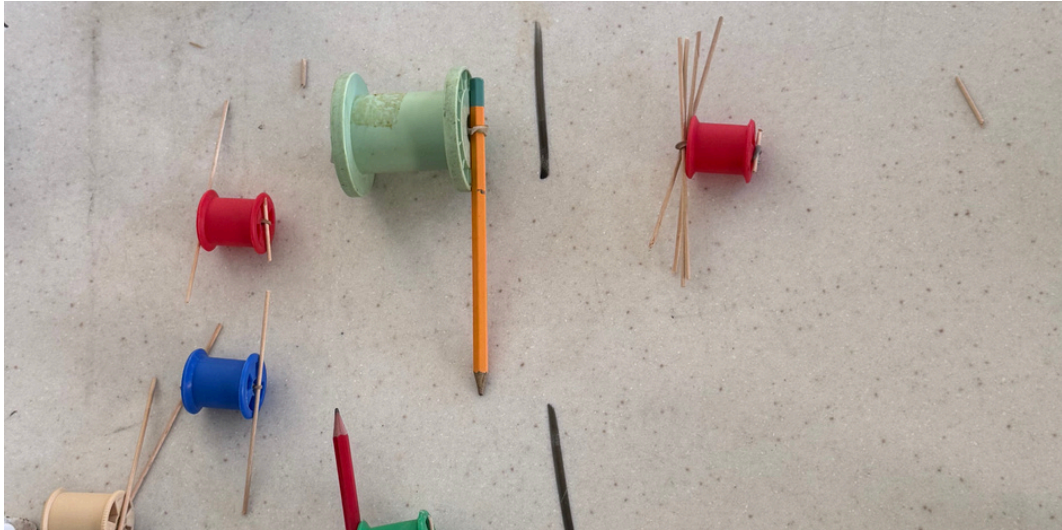


We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Your generous donations helped make the event a wonderful success. Together, we raised valuable funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity that does incredible work supporting people living with cancer.

We are truly grateful for your ongoing support and raised over a £150 pounds.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal

## Science Club \_ Wednesday at 1.30pm



The activity this week in Science Club was to make some cotton reel racers. I stress the word tried, as unfortunately friction got the better of us and stopped our pencils turning, providing the forward thrust required to win the race. However, our photo clearly highlights the students' creativity and great design's.

Next Wednesday at 1:30pm, we are going to explore some chemistry (possibly involving fire) in our Science club.

Dr Wilson  
Head of Science

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## English Department Update

Mrs Hallam and the English Department were delighted to see the concentrated efforts of our Year 11's on display in this week's 'Walk-through' mock examination for English Language.

This was organised as part of the preparation of our students for the forthcoming challenges of mock exams, which will be held at the beginning of November.

Mrs Hallam commended the students for their excellent behaviour and positive attitude towards the challenge, with one student commenting that, 'It was hard, but useful and I wrote in much more detail than I thought I could.'

The English team will be using this work to help students to secure improvements in their approach to the exam.

Mrs Hallam  
Head of English





## Music Clubs at MVC – All Students Welcome



Students from all year groups are warmly invited to join our music clubs. Our first public performance will take place at the MVC Open Evening on Thursday, 9 October.

MVC Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays after school (15:00–16:00), and the Chamber Ensemble meet on a Friday at lunchtime. Both groups are now back in full swing.

Students who have not yet joined are very welcome to do so. Please sign up via the MCAS app to enable your child to start on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October or Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Looking ahead, our first whole-school musical performance of the year will be the MVC Christmas Concert on Thursday, 18th December at 19:00pm in the Main Hall.

We look forward to sharing a festive evening of music with you!

Mr Thomson  
Performing Arts Lead



# 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.

We are delighted to invite prospective Year 6 pupils and parents to our Open Evening on Thursday 9th October 2025. We will open at 5pm until 7pm with the Principal's speech taking place at 6pm. To register your attendance at our Open Evening, [the booking form can be found here](#).

In addition to our Open Evening, we are offering School in Session tours for small groups of families on the mornings of Monday 13th October and Wednesday 15th October. Please note that places are limited and will be confirmed via email. To request a place on a school in session tour please complete [the booking form here](#). If you have any queries, please email the Principal's PA on [lyyoung@melbournvc.org](mailto:lyyoung@melbournvc.org).

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## Future Champions Grant 2025

Applications for the Future Champions Grant 2025 have now opened and will close on Wednesday 15th October. Funded by Marshalls of Cambridge, the Sir Arthur Marshall Future Champions Programme provides grants to support young athletes aged 11 to 25 who are competing at county or regional level. Priority is given to those involved in Olympic and Paralympic sports. Full details are on the website: [Future Champions grants - Cambridge City Council](#)

Link to the application form:: <https://forms.office.com/e/ghyLQaPdZL>

The awards ceremony for successful applicants will be held on Tuesday 11th November, 4–6pm at Marshalls, Cambridge.

Grants of £50–£250 are available to applicants living in Cambridge City or South Cambridgeshire.

Mrs Coghlan  
Teacher of PE ( Head of Key Stage 3)