

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

27 JUNE 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. The hot weather has been a lovely treat, and with the sunshine set to continue over the weekend, we hope you all get a chance to enjoy it!

It's been a lively and exciting week at school. On Thursday night, our Year 11 students celebrated their prom – a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of dancing. Everyone looked amazing, and it was a real joy to see them all dressed up for the occasion. A huge thank you to all the staff who helped make the night so special, especially the Year 11 pastoral team for their hard work and organisation.

Our athletics events this week have also been a great success, with students showing excellent effort and sportsmanship throughout.

Today we welcomed back students from the History trip, and we're looking forward to hearing all about their adventures and what they've learned. Wishing you a relaxing and sunny weekend!

Kind regards

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

1 July
September Ready Parents Evening

4 July
Year 10 Reports to Parents

2 - 13 July
Year 9 MEP China Trip

6-8 July
DofE Silver Expedition Qualifier

7 July
Year 7 Sports Day

8 July
Year 6 Parents' Evening
Year 8 Sports Day

9 July
Year 6 Induction Day

10 July
Year 9 Sports Day

9 October
Open Evening 5-7pm

MEP students explore Chinese culture in London

As part of the Mandarin Intensive Learning Week, our Year 7 and Year 8 MEP students embarked on an exciting cultural trip to London on Thursday, 19th June. The day began with a fascinating tour of the British Museum, where students explored artefacts connected to Chinese history and heritage, deepening their understanding of the country's rich cultural legacy.

Following the museum visit, the group headed to Chinatown for a taste of modern Chinese culture. Students enjoyed trying bubble tea and indulging in a traditional Chinese lunch at a local restaurant, experiencing authentic flavours and customs first-hand. In the afternoon, pupils participated in a lively treasure hunt around a Chinese supermarket, enhancing their language skills in a real-world setting while discovering unique products and cultural items. They also had time to shop and explore the vibrant area.

This enriching experience was fully funded by the MEP programme, provided students with valuable exposure to Chinese language and culture in an engaging and memorable way.



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 Wednesday or Friday morning as a reward for having a great week. All pupils receive a certificate to take home.

First Name	Year Group
Aiden	7
Max	7
James	7
Emily	7
Isla	7
Hugo	7
Joe	8
Jayden	8
Romain	9
Felix	9
Liam	9
Poppy	9
Iris	10
Ellie	10

GCSE Art Exhibition - Tuesday 24th June

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students who showcased their outstanding GCSE artwork at our art exhibition on Tuesday, 24th June. With over 100 guests in attendance, the event was a vibrant celebration of creativity, talent, and dedication.

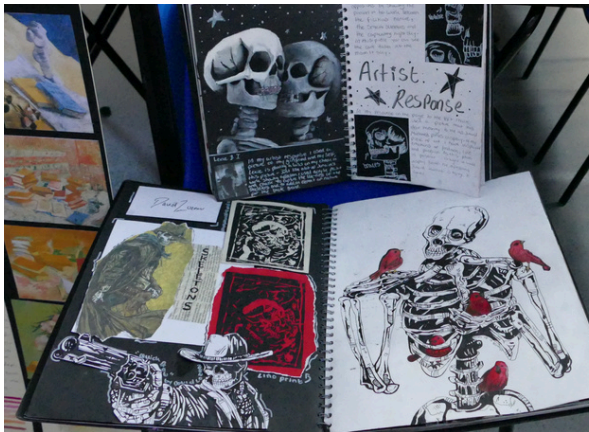
The exhibition beautifully highlighted the exceptional artistic skills and hard work of our students. Their pieces reflected not only technical ability but also deep thought and personal expression—truly inspiring to all who attended.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Heeks, whose unwavering commitment and guidance have been instrumental in nurturing our students' artistic journeys. Her passion and support have helped them flourish and reach their full potential.

We also extend a special mention to our Year 10 students, who did a fantastic job catering the event. Their professionalism and teamwork added a warm and welcoming touch to the evening.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the achievements of our young artists!





MVC latest Updates from Mrs Edwards - Vice Principal

Staying Smart in the Heat

As we continue to experience particularly hot weather, we want to ensure our students remain comfortable while maintaining our high standards of presentation.

Temporary Adjustment (Effective Immediately until the End of Term only):

To help students stay cool until the end of term they are permitted to:

- Remove their school tie
- Leave their top shirt button undone

All other uniform expectations remain in place, including:

- A white office-wear style shirt with a collar– shirts must be tucked in
- Black school trousers or tailored black shorts, or school tartan skirt
- Black shoes, plain with no logos or decoration, fully enclosing and low-heeled (no sandals, mules, raised heels, or boots)
- Jewellery: Only one pair of small earrings and a wristwatch are permitted

Looking Ahead to September:

From the start of the new academic year, full uniform must be worn in line with our policy. For full details, please refer to the uniform section on our school website: [Uniform and Equipment - Melbourn Village College](#)

The Power of Words - Building a Culture of Kindness

Following feedback from our recent student survey, we have been delivering a series of assemblies focused on the importance of kindness in the language we use.

Through these sessions, we've explored the "magic of words"—how what we say can uplift, encourage, and connect us, or, conversely, cause harm. We've reflected on the implications of the language we choose, the potential issues it can create, and the consequences that may follow when language is used inappropriately.

We've also increased awareness around derogatory language, helping students understand why certain words and phrases are unacceptable and how they can make more respectful and inclusive choices.

Importantly, we've encouraged students to consider their own personal challenges with kindness, and to reflect on their individual role in shaping a school culture where everyone feels safe, supported, and able to achieve excellence.

We're proud of the thoughtful and mature way our students have engaged with this topic, and we thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home

Year 7 Girls Shine at Cambourne Football Tournament



A determined group of Year 7 girls represented MVC at the Cambourne Leisure Centre in a Football Tournament organised by the South Cambs School Sports Partnership and sponsored by Barclays Bank. The team faced a tough start, losing their opening match to a strong Hinchingsbrooke side who eventually won the tournament. However, they bounced back with a well-earned victory over Cambourne, followed by two hard-fought draws against Northstowe and Ernulf.

Their final match saw them narrowly defeated by a Linton team featuring older Year 8 players. Throughout the tournament, there were standout performances from Ray, Raedan, and Isla, while Grace impressed with her brave goalkeeping skills. The team showed great resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship across all matches. Well done girls.



GIRL PLAYERS WANTED



Current U13 girls going to U14 in September

Open to girls going into years 8 and 9 in September.

- Great group of friendly & welcoming girls
- Nurturing environment for players at all levels
- Community club based in Melbourn
- Play in the Alan Boswell Cambridgeshire FA league and cup
- FA qualified coaches, experienced in girls, boys & adult football
- Training Thursday evenings, & Saturday matches

Contact our coaches for more info and a free taster session with the girls:

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Community News

Bassingbourn Squadron, is your local squadron and are currently recruiting staff and cadets. I've included some further notes below should you not be familiar with RAF Air Cadets (RAFAC). Being one of our 'local' schools, MVC pupils have been squadron members for many years, and a few have gone on to become adult volunteers. The current Officer Commanding, Flt Lt Adam Kelly and Squadron Warrant Officer, Nick Buckle are former MVC students!

Our next cadet intake is on week commencing 08 September.

Applications are welcome via the squadron website –www.2484rafac.org Cadets can join from age 13, or age 12 if they are currently in year 8 at school. I attach a recruiting flyer which contains a QR code for our squadron website. I wonder if it would be possible to circulate this to your year 7 & 8 students, both of whom are within our ideal recruitment age range in September.

I am grateful for any assistance you can give and am more than happy to answer any queries you may have.

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Organisation Notes www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

The aims of RAFAC are to: Promote and encourage among young people a practical interest in aviation and the RAF; Provide training which will be useful in both the services and civilian life; Foster the spirit of adventure; and Help develop the qualities of leadership and citizenship.

The RAF Air Cadets is a modern and inclusive organisation that welcomes everyone to enjoy all that Air Cadet life has to offer. Cadet life is all about challenge, excitement and adventure. Cadets have many opportunities including UK and overseas camps, leadership courses, air experience flights and pilot training. The focus is always on enjoying yourself while improving your skills.

Being an Air Cadet offers amazing opportunities. It doesn't disrupt their school responsibilities and cadets gain experiences and personal values that they can use at university or in their careers, whether in the Services or anywhere else they choose.

Under the safe guidance of our fully qualified volunteer staff, we have many activities to take part in that will build their strengths.

Tony Kelly

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