

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking all the staff for their hard work and dedication in bringing the Holocaust Museum to MVC. Visiting the event was a truly moving and reflective experience, and it was clear that the students found it both engaging and thought-provoking.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Mr Macintosh as part of the Trust 'Quality of Assurance' visit. It is always a pleasure to see Mr Macintosh, who is a familiar and popular figure with both staff and students at MVC.

This week, I attended an Annie production meeting with the staff who are working hard behind the scenes to ensure this event is progressing smoothly. Tickets are now available to purchase via the QR code on the poster or through the website 'We've Got Tickets'. Students can also purchase Annie hoodies, which will make a lovely keepsake. Having had a sneak preview of the rehearsal, I am undecided whether to bring my family to both evening performances, as it truly promises to be a spectacular event. Be sure to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Well done to our Year 11 students, who have demonstrated resilience and maturity while working very hard this week during their mock examinations. A reminder that our Year 10 students will be sitting their core mock GCSE's the week beginning Monday 9th February.

Don't forget to sign your child up for our MVC Futures talk on Wednesday 4th February when we welcome Tracey Moffat-Griffin, a Science Leader at the British Antarctic Survey.

Finally, please note that the times have changed for our forthcoming Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 12th February. This change has been made to maximise appointment availability. Please sign up for this event via the MCAS app.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

30 JANUARY 2026

KEY DATES

26 January - 6 February

- Year 11 Mocks

9 - 13 February

- Children's Mental Health Week

10 February

- Year 11 Mandarin Trip to London

12 February

- Year 9 Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

16 -20 February

- Half Term

24 February

- Astronomy Evening 7-8pm

2 March

- Enterprise Day Year 9

5 March

- Year 8 Parent's Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

9 March

- Primary School Bee
- Netball Tournament
- 9 -13 British Science Week

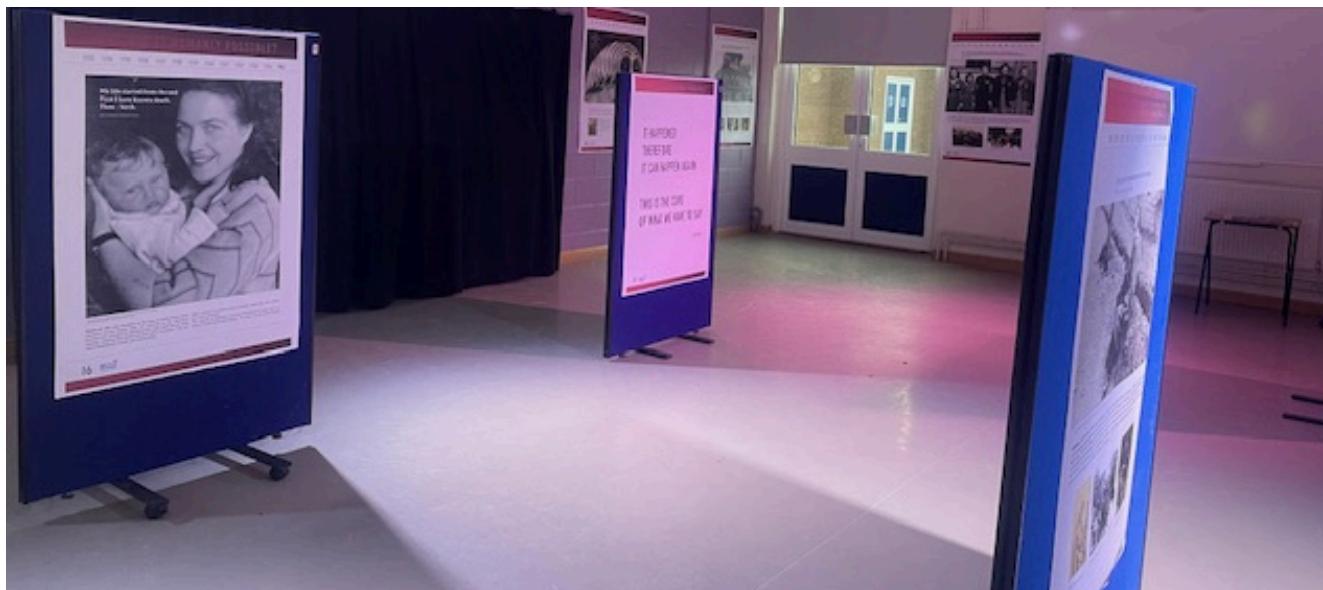
9 - 13 March

- British Science Week

12 -13 March

- Performance of 'Annie' 7.00pm -8.15pm

Holocaust Memorial Museum Comes to MVC



This week we had a moving exhibition: a Holocaust Memorial Museum – ‘Shoah – How was it humanly possible?’ Curated by school staff, the museum was set up on site to give students a rare and valuable opportunity to learn about one of the darkest chapters in human history in a meaningful and reflective way.

The exhibition explored the major historical aspects of the Holocaust, an unprecedented genocide that took place in Europe between 1933 and 1945.

Students visited the museum during lessons, as well as at break and lunchtime. The atmosphere inside the exhibition space was very reflective. Images, written information, as well as the voices of first-hand accounts encouraged visitors to pause, think, and confront difficult questions about humanity, prejudice, and moral responsibility.

Many students described the experience as “very moving” and “eye-opening.” Students reflected on how ordinary people were affected, how such atrocities were allowed to happen, and why it is vital that these events are never forgotten.

The school would like to extend special thanks to Mr Drum for supporting the exhibition with resources and helping to make the museum possible.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Vice Principal



Open the link below to view the moving and reflective Holocaust Memorial Museum at MVC

[**MVC Holocaust Memorial Museum**](#)



Year 8 Boys - B Team Football Highlights



MVC proudly continued its commitment to provide as many students as possible with enriching extra-curricular opportunities as the Year 8 Boys B football team took to the pitch on Tuesday evening.

Playing under the floodlights in chilly conditions as the daylight faded, the boys produced a fantastic performance to secure a well-deserved 5–2 victory. The match was full of energy, teamwork and moments of real quality.

Jack marked an impressive return from a recent broken arm by getting on the scoresheet, while Charlie delivered an outstanding display to earn Player of the Match. There was also a special moment for Ollie, who scored his first goal for the team – a superb, whipping left-footed strike from outside the box, echoing the style of his big brother, a former MVC pupil.

A brilliant team effort, great resilience in tough conditions and a performance to be proud of – well done to all involved.

Mr Barlow
Head of Key Stage 4



MVC Sports Studies Taster Lessons

This week, Year 9 students took part in a Sports Studies taster lesson during their core PE sessions, led by Mrs Buckland and Mr Carolan.

The OCR Level 2 Cambridge National in Sports Studies is a unique vocational qualification. It is a practical and engaging course, where 60% of the overall grade is assessed through coursework and 40% through a written examination, focusing on contemporary issues in sport.

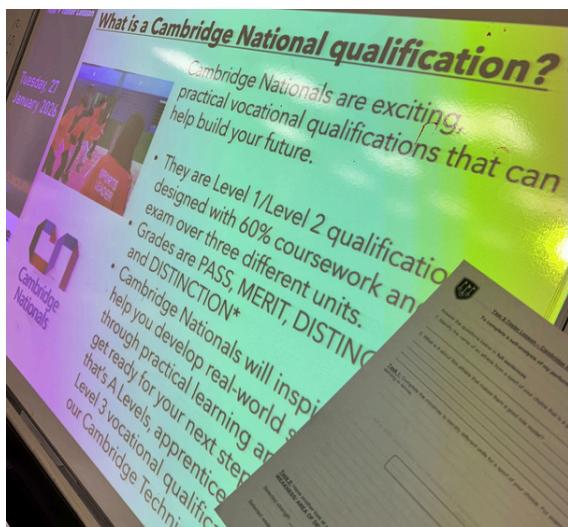
The qualification encourages students to think independently about sport and its application in real-life contexts, including practical performance, leadership, and evaluation of skills. During the taster lesson, students learned about the course structure and began exploring:

- Role models within sport
- The different skills required in their chosen sport
- Their own strengths and weaknesses in these skills

To conclude the lesson, students wrote paragraphs justifying their choices and explaining how these skills impact their performance. This activity reflects Task 2 of the R185 coursework, which students begin in Year 10.

If students have any questions about the Sports Studies qualification, they should speak to Mr Carolan or their PE teacher.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sports and Performance



PE Club Spotlight: Squash Club



Days: Wednesday

Time: Afterschool, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Year groups: All years

Location: Leisure Centre Squash Courts

Club leads: Chris Shaw (squash coach from Melbourn Squash Club)

Since the start of the academic year, we have been delighted to welcome Chris Shaw to Melbourn Village College to run an after school Squash Club, taking place in the Leisure Centre Squash Club. The club is a wonderful opportunity for students to be curious and try a new sport which they may have never tried before.

Squash is a racket sport usually played by two people on a rectangular court enclosed by four walls. The floor is made of hardwood with walls. Squash balls are made of rubber and tend to have little bounce. Melbourn have the fantastic, unique opportunity to host this club, which many other secondary schools do not.

All students attending the club must get changed into full PE kit and meet Chris at the Leisure Centre. There is currently one space left!

To sign up for a PE club, please visit the MCAS app or website or email recarolan@melbournvc.org. If you have any further questions, please speak to the PE Department.

Mr R Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

MVC Sports Leaders Support the Friendship Games

On Wednesday 21st January, our Year 10 Sports Leaders welcomed 32 children from local primary schools to take part in a "Friendship Games" event. We are delighted to say that they all did a great job and were positive role models for the school.

The primary school children had a positive afternoon; expressing that they left the event feeling less nervous about transition up to MVC in September, having been on site, making some new friends and meeting some MVC students.

The sports leaders developed their organisational skills as well as testing their communication methods in a vibrant teaching environment. The primary schools were particularly impressed with the following leaders who really stood out and demonstrated excellent leadership skills:

- Rocco - Showed kindness, was really fair and gave clear instructions
- Eliana - Led the activity with enthusiasm and motivated the children to achieve - some children would have 'opted out' but for Eliana's care.
- Clio - Had really positive engagement with the children, knowing and using their names and encouraging participation
- Evan - Showed so much enthusiasm & excitement about the activities

We are so proud of the leaders effort and commitment to volunteering in the community, a massive thank you and well done to all involved.

If you are interested in getting involved in the Sports Leaders programme, please speak to Mrs Buckland.

Mrs Buckland
Teacher of PE

MVC New PE Office



We are excited to share that the PE Office has moved to a new, central location of the school - the 'Willow Lawn'. This has enabled the office to be more accessible to all students.

As well as finding information on upcoming fixtures, PE kit and clubs, students are able to speak to Mr Carolan and Mrs Buckland about anything related to PE.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

Calling all Year 7 Girls' Footballers

Sawston Girls FC U12's are currently looking for new players. They are looking for Year 6 and Year 7 students that are interested in joining or trying out a new sport.

Please get in touch if you are interested, or come and try their training session on Thursday 6pm-7pm at Sawston Village College Astro.

Please email marleybeveridge_9@hotmail.com for more information.

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS



THE MUSICAL

PERFORMANCES ON:

THURSDAY 12TH MARCH



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH



Doors open at 6.30pm, performance starts at 7.00pm

Community Musical – Evening Performances & Support



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be presenting our community musical , our first in many years, and we are confident it will be a truly spectacular event.

The evening performances will take place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March, from 6.30–8.15pm, and we expect both evenings to be sell-out events.

If you would like to be part of this exciting project and are available to help on either evening, please contact me on JThomson@melbournvc.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Thomson
Head of Performing Arts



We are delighted to offer our students the opportunity to purchase an “Annie” the Musical 2026 hoodie.

We are working with a fantastic local company and are excited to create what will be a wonderful keepsake to celebrate the students’ involvement in the MVC musical. These hoodies are sure to be something that they will treasure for years to come.



To ensure no one misses out, it is important that orders are placed in plenty of time. Orders can be made directly with the company by following the link found below the MVC hoodies.

All hoodies will be delivered directly to the school for convenient collection. Every student involved has the opportunity to purchase an Annie hoodie. If you require any support with ordering, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Thomson
Head of Performing Arts

[Annie Hoodies](#)

Year 9 Parents Evening - Thursday 12th February

We are delighted to welcome our Year 9 parents to attend Parents Evening on Thursday 12th February in school.

Parents can book a time slot using the MCAS app only. Please see instructions and link to the right of this page.

Please note that appointments are on a first come first served basis. Appointments are now live.

If you do not have the MCAS app, we urge you to do this without delay.



Dear Parents/Carers,

Please can I ask if anyone has any unwanted cutlery, pots and pans which can be donated to MVC to support the GCSE food students.

Donations can be left at reception.

Thank you for your support



Grafham Water Trip July

A reminder for year7 students.

Sign-up for the Grafham Water trip in July. £21 deposit on ParentPay initially. Pupil premium to contact Dr Wilson (trip lead) dwilson@melbournvc.org It will be an excellent residential trip'

Dr Wilson
Head of Science