

# MVC Newsletter



**MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE**

**6 FEBRAURY 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the midpoint of the academic year, we are looking ahead to another busy and productive week at MVC.

On Monday, we will welcome Miss Baker to the school. Miss Baker has joined MVC as our new Designated Safeguarding Lead and brings a wealth of experience from her previous role at Comberton Village College, where she also served as Safeguarding Lead. We very much look forward to the contribution she will make to our school community, and parents will have the opportunity to meet Miss Baker through upcoming parent listening sessions.

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome Mr Lawrence, Director of Secondary Education, back to the school as part of the Trust's ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards of education at MVC. Mr Lawrence enjoyed meeting with senior members of staff and engaging in professional discussions that support our continued improvement.

Friday, I met with our parent panel to share insights from the recent phone-free survey and to gather parental perspectives on the impact of mobile phones on learning. These discussions were both constructive and forward-thinking, and we explored potential opportunities for positive change moving forward. I look forward to sharing these with you in due course.

I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy the Olympic Games opening ceremony, which is set to take place this evening at the historic Milano San Siro Olympic Stadium.

As we move into the final week of term, please ensure that your child attends school in the correct uniform.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.  
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Spencer  
Principal

## KEY DATES

### 9 - 13 February

- Children's Mental Health Week
- Year 10 Core Examinations

### 10 February

- Safer Internet Day

### 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

### 10 March

- Options Information Evening  
5.00-6.00pm

### 9 - 13 March

- British Science Week

### 12 - 13 March

- Performance of Annie  
6.30pm - 8.15pm

## Young Achievers

Harvey delivered an outstanding performance at the Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships, finishing in an excellent third place and securing qualification for the National Championships once again.

He was narrowly beaten only by a competitor in the year above him and another athlete who represented England last year, underlining the exceptionally high standard of the field. Event organisers were highly impressed by Harvey's performance and were particularly surprised to learn that he does not train with a running club, making his achievement even more remarkable.

A thoroughly deserved result and another significant milestone in his running career.



## Year 8 - Trip to Poland - June 2028

This is a final reminder for any families who wish their child to take part in the proposed Year 8 History visit to Krakow, Poland (June 2028).

We are currently in the process of confirming numbers with our travel provider and now need to secure the remaining places. To allow the visit to proceed with a viable group size, we require any outstanding deposits to be paid as soon as possible via ParentPay. The £87 initial deposit secures your child's place on the visit and allows the school to formally confirm numbers and provision with the tour company.

While the trip is planned to go ahead as intended, we must ensure sufficient student uptake to make the visit viable. We are therefore keen to ensure that any families still wishing to participate submit their deposit promptly.

### Key information:

- Deposit amount: £87 (non-refundable)
- Payment method: ParentPay
- Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**KRAKOW**  
**HISTORY VISIT**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2028 - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2028

Open to all students in current Yr 8

**Limited places still available!**

For further details, please see Mr Tobutt

**Pay Deposit on ParentPay**

If your child is keen to take part, we strongly encourage you to complete payment as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions about the visit, or would like to discuss financial support, please do not hesitate to contact myself (trip in general) or Mr Luxton (for financial questions), [sluxton@melbournvc.org](mailto:sluxton@melbournvc.org).

Mr Tobutt  
Teacher of History



This week, students were treated to an inspiring and eye-opening career talk from Tracy, whose journey showed that success doesn't always follow a straight path.

Tracey began by sharing her background. She was the first person in her family to go to university and one of only three girls on her Master's degree in Physics. Although she is now highly successful, she admitted that she found school very stressful and sometimes struggled. Looking back, she said she wished she had listened more closely to the advice of her teachers at the time.

After university, Tracey went on to complete a PhD. She then spent three years developing software used by the Met Office, helping to create programmes that support weather and climate research. This work opened the door to an exciting opportunity: working on Mars projects, studying the planet's atmosphere.

Later in her career when she ready to settle, Tracey explored many different job options. She attended lots of interviews and considered a wide range of careers before finally finding her place at the British Antarctic Survey (BAS).

At BAS, Tracey now studies atmospheric changes in Antarctica. She has had the incredible opportunity to travel there and take part in real field research. Her work involves collaborating with many different professionals, including scientists, technicians, and wildlife experts, who study how climate change affects animals and the environment. Students were especially fascinated by the videos Tracey showed of deep-field research sites in Antarctica, giving a rare glimpse into life and work in one of the most remote places on Earth. She was asked what it was like to be there and she mentioned how incredibly quiet it is and awe-inspiring.

One surprising part of her talk was learning about the variety of jobs available at BAS. Tracey shared a list of current vacancies, which included not only scientists but also carpenters, chefs, drivers, and engineers. This highlighted how many different skills are needed to support scientific research in extreme environments. Her journey showed the importance of resilience, curiosity, and believing in yourself.

It was an inspiring talk that encouraged everyone to think more broadly about their future careers and the many paths that can lead to success.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal



## Key Stage 3 Science Club

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Science Club travelled back to the 1960s and made their own lava lamps (à la Mathmos) using chemistry.

Students added food colouring to a mixture of vinegar and water, then carefully poured in vegetable oil. Chunky pieces of bicarbonate of soda were added, and we watched as carbon dioxide bubbles pulled the coloured water up through the oil.

Students were even able to take their sealed containers home—Luke and Oscar were particularly pleased with theirs!

Today our budding scientists were growing cress – looking at the best conditions for growth. With any luck we'll have some lovely plants ready for egg and cress sandwiches!

Dr Wilson  
Head of Science



## MVC PE Kit Policy

### MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

#### Physical Education Kit

##### Compulsory

Sports Polo Shirt  
(available to purchase from SchoolYard)

+

Plain Black Shorts  
(available to purchase from SchoolYard)

+

Plain Black Tracksuit Bottoms or Thick Sports Leggings

+

Trainers

##### Required for specialist activities

Sports Socks  
(for Football, Rugby and Hockey available to purchase from SchoolYard)

Swimming Kit  
(Girls: one piece only. Boys: trunks. No speedos or board shorts permitted. Towel. Goggles.)

Coats and Hoodies are strictly forbidden.

Astro trainers or moulded boots  
(for lessons on the field or 4G astro pitch)

Shinpads and Mouthguard  
(for Hockey, Football and Rugby)

- Students should always bring their PE kit to the lesson unless told otherwise by their PE teacher.
- Students who can't take part fully in the lesson must bring a warm PE kit and a note/email from a parent/carer addressed to the PE teacher explaining why they are excused.
- Even if students are not practically participating within a lesson, they must still bring a full, warm PE kit, as these students will still be included and engaged within the lesson via a different role for example, coaching, officiating, analyst.
- Coats are NOT to be worn in lessons. Hoodies are not permitted in school.
- In the event of cold weather, students may bring a hat and gloves to wear where appropriate. These will be permitted at the discretion of the teacher and depending on the activity. Students should wear multiple suitable layers as part of their PE kit, for example: a base layer or thermal top under their Melbourn PE top, or plain black jumper/sweatshirt over the top (no hood or large logos).**
- Persistent kit issues will result in contact home and more severe sanctions.
- Jewellery must be taken off in the changing rooms before the start of the lesson.
- Hair must be tied back if it is touching your shoulders.

**"To inspire every student to discover joy, confidence and purpose through physical activity, fostering a lifelong love for movement, performance and healthy living."**

### MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

#### Physical Education Kit Policy

##### What happens if I do not bring in my PE kit or bring in the incorrect kit?

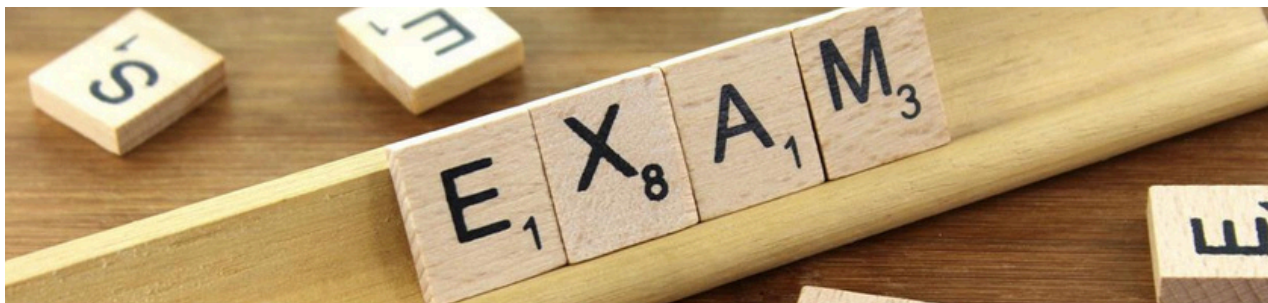
Number of times without kit	Action
1st No or incorrect kit	Verbal warning given – an opportunity to get it right in the next lesson
2nd No or incorrect kit	Incorrect PE Uniform (-1) issued on BromCom
3rd No or incorrect kit	Incorrect PE Uniform (-1) issued on BromCom + email sent home by class teacher
4th No or incorrect kit	Incorrect PE Uniform (-1) issued on BromCom + phone call home by class teacher
5th No or incorrect kit	Incorrect PE Uniform (-1) issued on BromCom + phone call home by Mr Carolan
6th No or incorrect kit	Incorrect PE Uniform (-1) issued on BromCom + phone call home by Mrs Edwards

##### Answers to common student questions

Question from student	Answer
Why do I need to wear a PE kit?	Uniform and PE kit are an important part of your school identity and helps us to create a strong sense of belonging and pride within our school community. Wearing PE kit reinforces the high expectations within PE lessons and gets students into the correct mindset for the lesson.  When students are working hard within PE, it is imperative that they change back into their clean uniform to then continue working for the rest of the school day.
Why do I still need to bring a PE kit in, even if I am injured?	Students who are injured will still be given a role within the lesson, for example referee, coach and analyst. Students will feel more comfortable conducting this role and will be able to change into a warm, dry uniform if the weather is poor within the lesson.
Why can I not wear a coat in PE?	Lose zips and buttons pose a safety risk to other participants within the lesson. If coats get wet within the PE lessons, students will not have a dry coat for the rest of the school day and when they leave Melbourn at the end of the day.
Why can I not wear a hoodie in PE?	Hoodies go against the whole school behaviour policy and must not be worn at anytime on site.
Why do I need specific footwear for the astro?	The astro pitch is a specialist facility which requires specific footwear to prevent injury to players, protect the integrity of the surface and ensure proper performance.

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Mr Carolan  
Head of Sports and Performance



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30am – 9.00am the Year 11 pupils will receive their Maths and English mock grades.

The students will come to the main hall with their form tutor and receive these grades in a sealed envelope. There will be a short amount of time thereafter to discuss their grades with the Pastoral team. A meeting with their teacher can be arranged for later that day should the teacher not be present.

As we now have approximately three months until the first GCSE exam, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teachers if you wish to have some more revision resources or support in how to achieve the best grades possible this summer.

Mr Barlow  
Head of Key Stage 4

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### **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> February**



Mental health is a growing concern for young people, so we hope to use this important week to raise awareness, encourage open conversations, and promote positive wellbeing strategies. Throughout the week, students will be exploring what mental health is and during tutor time and assemblies, learning about how to recognise emotions, manage stress, and support themselves and others.

There will also be a range of engaging activities for students to take part in, including Kindness Awards, which celebrate thoughtful and supportive behaviour, as well as wellbeing sessions such as yoga and mindfulness. These activities are designed to help students relax, build resilience, and develop healthy habits that support both their emotional and mental wellbeing.

We hope this week will empower students with the knowledge, confidence, and tools they need to look after their mental health now and in the future.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Principal



# MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS



## THE MUSICAL

### PERFORMANCES ON:

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Doors open at 6.30pm, performance starts at 7.00pm



On Monday, I had the privilege of sitting in on an Annie rehearsal—and what a treat it was! Seeing the talent, hard work, and resilience of our students firsthand was truly inspiring. Each week, I'll share behind-the-scenes moments so you can catch a sneak peek of what's shaping up to be an unforgettable performance.

Mrs Spencer  
Principal



## Annie Hoodie



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.

### Annie Hoodie

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 hoodie.

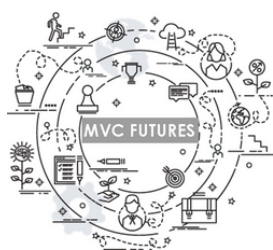
All hoodies will be delivered directly to the school for convenient collection. Every student involved in this performance will have the opportunity to purchase an Annie hoodie.

If you require any support with ordering, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Thomson  
Head of Performing Arts

## MVC The Week Ahead - Lunchtime Clubs

DAY	CLUB	VENUE
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Mandarin movie to celebrate Chinese New Year	GE09
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Club - exercise to improve mental health	Swimming Pool
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Blessings Calligraphy to celebrate Chinese New Year	GE09
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Come and Try Yoga Mental Health Meditation and exercise	Dance Studio 1.25pm - 1.55pm



MVC Futures talk will be delivered by Dr Anna Forrest -  
A Consultant Clinical Psychologist  
Remember to sign your child up for this event via the MCAS app

## Insights into Apprenticeships - support your child's next steps

 **FORM THE FUTURE**  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF  
IMPACT AND COLLABORATION



# INSIGHTS INTO... APPRENTICESHIPS

Tuesday 10 February 2026 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm





# Melbourn Parish Council proudly present **Community Awards 2026**

## **The future is bright!**

Nominate anyone under 18 years of age who has supported the community, worked towards a personal goal or has demonstratable plans for the future of the village.

## **Community Superstars**

This could be an individual, group or organisation that has improved the environment, community or social wellbeing within the village.

## **All-round good egg!**

Celebrating that villager who stands out from the crowd for being a true asset to the village and those around them. The neighbour that you couldn't live without, the resident that looks after the street.

Anyone you think deserves to be noticed.



Send your nomination to the Parish Office including; the category, the name of the person or group and a few words about why you feel they deserve to be recognised by

**Wednesday 11 March 2026**

Share your nominations with Melbourn Parish Council at The Hub  
[parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@melbournparishcouncil.gov.uk) / 01763 263303 (option 3)