

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive week in school and I would like to thank you, as always, for your continued support. Earlier this week we were delighted to offer places to our incoming Year 7 students for September. This is always an exciting moment in the school calendar and we are very much looking forward to meeting our new students over the coming months during our transition activities. These events are a wonderful opportunity for students to become familiar with the school, meet staff and make new friends before they join us in September.

Next week we are very excited to present our school production of Annie the Musical. Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals and the show promises to be a fantastic celebration of their talent, commitment and teamwork. We are also pleased to be welcoming pupils from some of our feeder primary schools to attend rehearsals, giving them a glimpse of the wonderful opportunities available at our school. Thank you to all parents who have supported the production—whether by helping your child rehearse their songs or lines at home, or by purchasing tickets for next week's performances. Your encouragement makes a real difference.

As part of our ongoing school improvement journey, we also welcomed visitors this week as part of our RISE programme. On Thursday we were pleased to host our CEO, Claire Heald, along with Jonathan Taylor, our RISE partner and CEO of Sapientia Trust, who visited to monitor the progress we are making on our journey to excellence. They were very positive about what they saw and commented on the significant strides our school is making. They particularly enjoyed visiting lessons in Science, Mandarin and History, where they saw students engaged in purposeful and high-quality learning.

Finally, please do look out for my letter being sent today regarding our new school logo. We are delighted to share this with parents and carers. Alongside this, we are working hard behind the scenes on drafting our new website and planning a uniform rebrand that will align with the new logo and the next stage of our school's development.

Thank you again for your continued support of the school community.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

9 March

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

10 March

- Options Information Evening 5.00-6.00pm
- Astronomy Evening 7.00pm - 8.00pm

9 - 13 March

- British Science Week

12 March

- Primary Speed Stacking Festival

12 - 13 March

- Performance of Annie 6.30pm - 8.15pm

23 -27 March

- Shakespeare Week

25 March

- Year 10 Chemistry Trip

26 March

- Year 10 Parent's Evening

30 March-10 April

- Easter Holidays

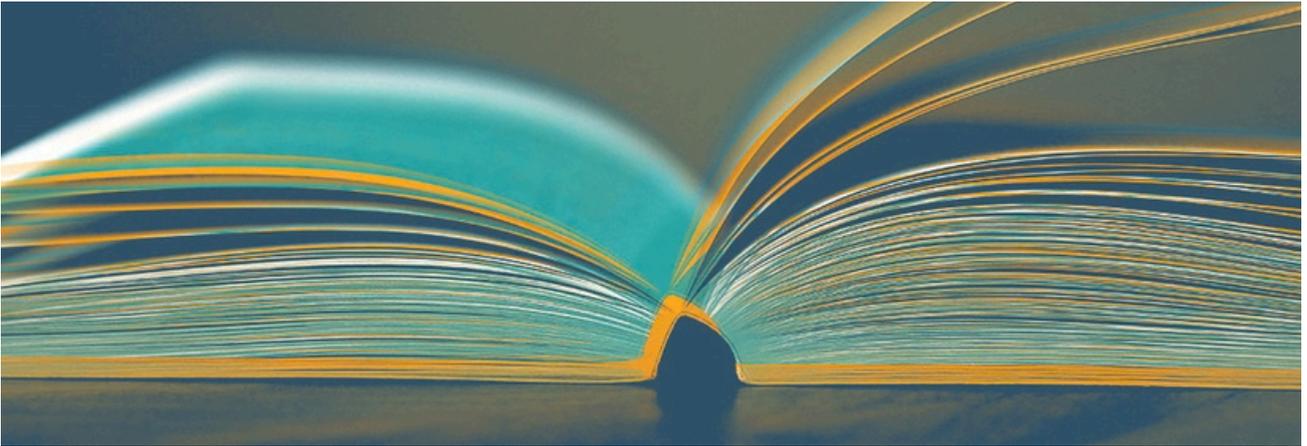
17 April

- Year 10 Trip - Copper Box Arena Basketball Match

23 April

- Year 8 Take Your Child To Work Day

MVC Celebrates World Book Day with an exciting challenge



World Book Day – Whose Book Is It Anyway?

On Thursday, MVC celebrated World Book Day with an exciting challenge for students. Students were tasked with locating a series of posters around the school, each showcasing a member of staff hiding behind their favourite book.

Applying their curiosity, students used their knowledge of their teachers alongside the books themselves to work out who they may be.

It was a privilege to see an overwhelming number of students navigating the school site and getting involved; having discussions with each other about who it could be and the books they have been reading. I particularly enjoyed overhearing students asking staff for extra clues such as their favourite genres and authors to help them narrow their choices down, in turn sparking further conversations around the pleasure of reading.

The correct entries will be submitted to a raffle with winners receiving prizes in the very near future.

Mr T Jackson
Teacher of English



Year 7 Basketball Team vs Linton Village College



On Wednesday 25th February, the Year 7 Basketball team played their first game of the season - an away fixture against Linton Village College.

From the opening tip it was a back and forth game, with both teams defending with real intensity and trading baskets. The score was level at the end of the second quarter. It took the third quarter to finally separate the teams, with Linton holding their composure to secure a hard fought 6-2 victory against a very talented Melbourn side. The game was won through Linton's commitment to rebounding and strong team defence, which limited Melbourn's second chance opportunities in the final quarter.

While this match ended in defeat, it was a fantastic learning experience and a proud moment for all involved. The teamwork, determination and sportsmanship displayed promise a bright future for this young squad. Well done to Sebastian, Lenny, Oliver, Bobby, Max, Ethan, Nathaniel and Aurelius.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sports and Performance

Year 7 Girls Football Team proudly represent Melbourn at the Trumpington Festival

The Year 7 Girls Football Team represented the school brilliantly at the Girls Football Festival held at Trumpington Community College on Tuesday 3rd March.

With six teams in attendance, the standard of competition was high, but our girls rose to the challenge with resilience, determination and teamwork throughout the tournament. The team secured an impressive 1-0 victory against Trumpington Green and followed this up with a superb 2-0 win over Trumpington Pink. Taffy and Emily were on the scoresheet, finishing their chances confidently, while the team conceded just three goals across the entire festival; a fantastic defensive record.

Leonie was instrumental at the back, putting in a number of crucial tackles, and Lily and Darcy did a brilliant job sharing the goalkeeper gloves, making important saves when called upon. Most pleasing of all was the way the girls worked together: they defended and attacked as a unit, kept their formation and positions, and communicated exceptionally well throughout. A fantastic team performance, well done girls!

Congratulations to Lily, Emily, Taffy, Darcy, Leonie, Kara and Jasmine.

MVC Young Achievers



Congratulations to Penny in Year 7 who recently performed in the Hitchin Young Thespian's Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Penny was dedicated to attend several hours of rehearsals, particularly wanting to show off her skills within her first performance with the Hitchin Young Thespian's performance.

She had two roles for the performance - both a Narrator and as the Fishmonger!

Maths Department Update

Students in Maths have been working very hard, having completed their Algebra and Geometry work for this term. Classes will be moving on to the Data topic (think types of averages, frequency tables for older year groups). Students in Year 7 to Year 10 will have their end of term MFT task on the following dates:

- Year 10 Tues 17th March
- Year 9 Wed 18th March
- Year 8 Thurs 19th March
- Year 7 Fri 20th March

This extended task takes up to 50 minutes and assesses students on this terms work on Number, Algebra, Geometry and Data. We ask that students do some preparation for this and bring evidence of their work to class on the above date. Guidance on how to prepare and evidence of this can be found on Go4schools.

This is designed to be supportive and will highlight to teachers and students areas of strength and areas to continue to work on. Year 11 students have been working very hard as they continue to prepare for their final exams. The level of focus is impressive. A number of parents have been contacted regarding targeted intervention sessions running for their child in Year 11 – please can we ask parents to check emails and sign their child up via MCAS.

We are very excited to be able to offer the UK Maths Challenge to students in Year 7 and potentially Year 8 – a letter will be going home with details. A reminder that Sparx Maths is set weekly and due in by Wednesday.

Mr Willder
Assistant Principal (Acting Head of Maths)

We are counting down the days to MVC's musical production of 'Annie Jr'. Which will take place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March from 6.30pm.

'Annie' promises to be a highly attended event with only a few tickets remaining. If you have not yet purchased a ticket, please use the QR code on the poster to secure your seat.

If anyone requires special access arrangements, please email office@melbournvc.org by Tuesday 10th March to enable us to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr Thomson
Director of Performing Art

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE PRESENTS



THE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES ON:



Support your child to manage exam stress



Dear Parents/Carers,

I'm delighted to let you know we are offering two webinar dates for parents, carers and family members who are supporting children through exams this year. Please find more details below and do please share with families in your networks.

How you can support your child to manage exam stress

Join Kooth for a free 45 minute webinar and you'll hear from one of our community engagement team, alongside a clinician from Kooth.

They will offer expert tips on:

- When to take action
- Share practical ideas to help children manage their anxiety
- Discuss how Kooth can provide extra support.

The content has been written predominantly for families with secondary and higher aged children sitting GCSEs, A- Levels or Nationals and Highers in Scotland.

[Book 9th March, 6:00pm](#)

[Book 16th March, 7:00pm](#)

National Careers Week

National Careers Week – this week we have been celebrating National Careers Week across the school. During tutor time, students explored a range of different career pathways and discussed the skills needed for various professions. Many lessons also began with a careers focus, helping students see how their subjects connect to real-world jobs.

Our science assemblies, led by Dr Wilson, also highlighted careers in science and research. Being so close to Cambridge, students were encouraged to think about the wide range of opportunities available in science, technology, and innovation in the local area.

WORK & SKILLS TODAY

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough has a huge array of jobs and opportunities on offer. As well as a host of different roles in key sectors including Health, Education and Retail, we also have major opportunities in sectors vital to growing our local economy. These are specialisms within broader sectors, and are: Life Sciences, Digital, Advanced Manufacturing and Agri-Tech.

430,000

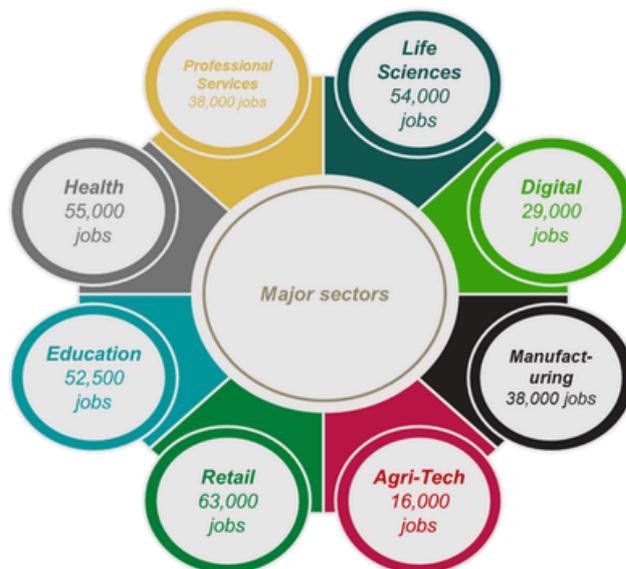
Number of jobs

44%

Of people have a university level qualification

£32,000

36,000



PROGRESS TO A CAREER IN

Sport

You could work in **Sport and Fitness, Sports Performance, Sports Science and Therapy**

Useful subjects to study in school

National Subjects (National 3, 4, 5 and Higher)

Biology / Human Biology
Dance
Health and Food Technology
People and Society
Physical Education
Practical Cookery
Psychology
Science

School/College Partnership Options

SfW Sport and Recreation
NPA Activity Tourism
NPA Exercise and Fitness Leadership
NPA Play in a Sports Environment
NPA Sports Development

Leaving School with Qualifications at:

National 3,
National 4,
National 5
or
College course at
SCQF Levels
4 and 5

or

Highers or
College course
at SCQF Level 6

Progression Routes (There may also be other courses available in your local area)

Further Education - Access, NC, NQ and NPA (SCQF Levels 4, 5 and 6)
Access to Gym Instructing, Access to HN Fitness and Soft Tissue Therapy, Access to Integrative Healthcare and Sports Therapy, Activity Tourism, Adventure Sports and Fitness, (Female) Football Performance/Football Performance, Fitness, Health and Exercise, Outdoor Adventure/Pursuits, Outdoor Leadership, Personal Fitness Development, Personal Training, Rugby Performance, Sport and Fitness, Sports Coaching, Sports Leadership, Sports Performance, Sports Therapy

Workplace Learning - Modern Apprenticeships (SCQF Levels 5/6 and 6/7)
Active Leisure, Learning and Wellbeing

Workplace Learning - Modern Apprenticeships (SCQF Level 8)
Achieving Excellence in Sports Performance

Higher Education at College - HNC and HND (SCQF Levels 7 and 8)
Applied Sports Science, Fitness, Health and Exercise, Physical Activity and Health, Professional Golf, Sports Coaching and Development, Soft Tissue Therapy, Sports Therapy

University Degree – BA Hons, BSc Hons, MA Hons (SCQF Levels 9 and 10)
Adventure or Outdoor Education, Adventure Performance and Coaching, Environmental Geography and Outdoor Education, Exercise and Health Science, Fitness and Coaching, Golf Management, Outdoor Education and Learning, Physical Activity and Health, Physical Education, Physiology and Sports Science, Sport, Sport and Exercise Science, Sport and Fitness, Sport and Physical Activity, Sport Coaching, Sport Development, Sport Management, Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation

Your Personal Qualities

You are Confident, Enthusiastic, Observant, Outdoor Enthusiast, Patient, Respectful, Sociable

You're interested in Fitness and Health, Playing Sport

Your Core Skills are Adaptability, Communication, Leadership, Numeracy, Organisation, Proactivity, Resilience, Teamwork