

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

6 JUNE 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am incredibly proud to congratulate the 43 students who have successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – a fantastic achievement that reflects their commitment and resilience.

This week, our subject leaders have continued further curriculum work with training led by Dr Richard Kueh, helping to ensure our teaching remains innovative and impactful.

We were also pleased to welcome Claire Heald, CEO, who visited the school this week to see our progress firsthand. Additionally, Nick Ladd from the JCoSS Secondary School in Barnet joined us to observe and discuss our behaviour routines, fostering valuable collaboration and shared best practices.

Year 10 students enjoyed a successful trip to Comberton Village College, where they had the opportunity to explore options for their post-16 education and learn more about Sixth Form pathways. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff who worked together across the schools to make this enriching experience possible.

As you will be aware we welcomed Ofsted before half term. As we are still awaiting a final report to share with our school community, we thank you for your patience with this. I spoke with students on Monday to share how proud I was of their contribution with many students speaking to Inspectors during the visit.

Finally, a warm welcome to Mrs Edwards, who joined us this week as our new Vice Principal. We are delighted to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she will bring to our school community.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

KEY DATES

12 June

Parent Forum 6-7pm

10 June

10 MEP London Trip

15 - 17 June

DofE Silver Expedition

16 - 20 June

Year 7 and 8 MEP Learning Week

18 June

Primary Football Event SSP

23 - 28 June

Year 8 and 9 Germany Trip

24 June

GCSE ART Exhibition

26 June

Year 11 Prom

4 July

Year 10 Reports to Parents

2 - 13 July

Year 9 MEP China Trip

6-8 July

DofE Silver Expedition Qualifier

8 July

Year 6 Parents' Evening



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Celebrating Success



Congratulations to Mr Fan who celebrates the publication of his 'Chinese for A Level students'.

Mr Fan is a PGCE graduate from the UCL institute of education and currently serves as Head of Modern Foreign Languages at Melbourn Village College.

Mr Fan has established and developed the Mandarin programme at MVC, expanding it from Key Stage 3 to A-Level. This has been further extended to other schools within the CAM Academy Trust.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to Mandarin education, Mr Fan received the UCLIOE Confucius Institute excellence award in 2022.

If you would like to order a copy of Mr Fan's books to further support your child's Mandarin programme, they are available to order from Cypress Books.

YOU SAID, WE DID:

Based on parent feedback we are delighted to have a date in the diary for another Parent Presentation.

The presentation will be held on Thursday 12 June from 6-7pm. Please indicate your attendance via this link.

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

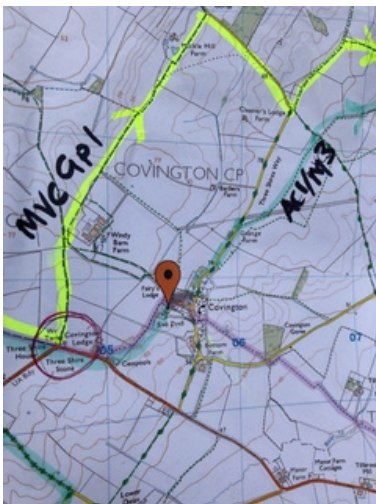
First Name	Year Group	
Jake	7	
Macie	7	
Montgomery	7	
Jasmine	7	
Balian	7	
Samuel	7	
Ruby	8	
Amelie	8	
Antonio	8	
Sophie	8	
Poppy	8	
Abigail	8	
Harley	9	
Elliot	10	
Maya	10	

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

This week, a group of 43 year 9 & 10 pupils from MVC successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze Award qualifying expedition, marking a significant milestone in their personal development journey. The expedition took part away from school at Grafham Water and surrounding villages. Over the course of two days, the pupils demonstrated outstanding resilience (especially as their first morning was met with some heavy rain)

The expedition is just one component of the Bronze Award, which also includes volunteering, physical activity, and developing a skill. For many of the pupils, this experience not only strengthened their outdoor skills but also boosted their confidence, independence, and problem-solving abilities. The pupils showed fantastic commitment and spirit throughout the expedition.

They supported one another through the tough moments and came out the other side with a real sense of achievement. We're incredibly proud of all of them and how they also represented MVC over the course of the 2 days with their exceptional behaviour.



Mrs Edwards - Vice Principal

I am absolutely delighted to be joining Melbourn Village College as your new Vice Principal. This is a role I step into with great enthusiasm and a deep commitment to supporting every member of our school community.

After completing my degree and gaining Qualified Teacher Status at the University of Brighton, I began my teaching career at a large comprehensive school in London.

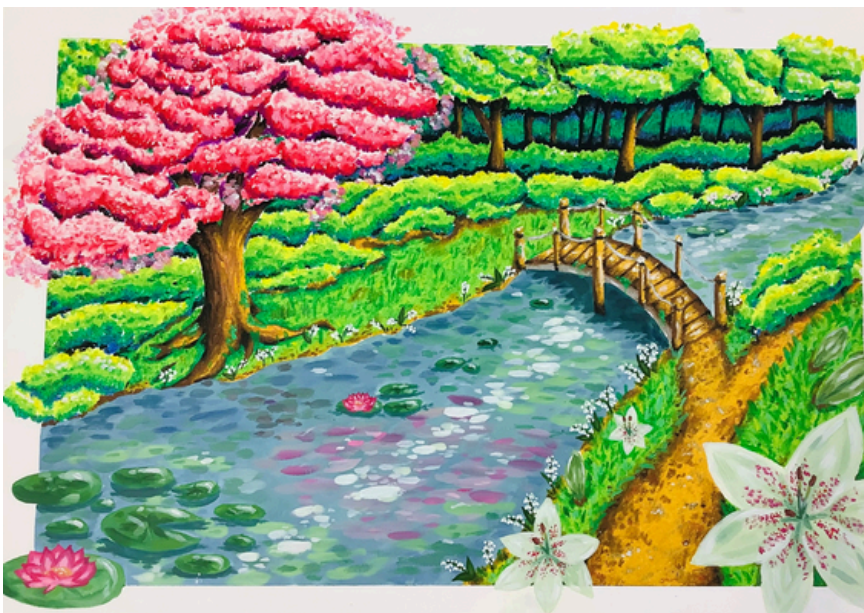
Following a relocation to Cambridgeshire, I took on the role of Senior Assistant Principal at Bassingbourn Village College, where I was responsible for Inclusion and led on Behaviour and Safeguarding.

More recently, I have worked in an advisory capacity for the Local Authority. This role has given me the privilege of working with over 100 schools across the region, supporting and improving practice to enhance outcomes for our most vulnerable children.

I am now incredibly excited to bring my skills, knowledge, and experience to Melbourn Village College. I look forward to working with staff, students, and families to continue building on the school's progress and to help every student thrive.



Date for your diary - Tuesday 24 June



Melbourn Village
College

GCSE ART Exhibition

Tuesday 24th June
2025

From 4-6pm

MVC Community
Centre
All Welcome

Community News

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Date: 3.6.25

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For the attention of:
Parents and carers of pupils who receive
benefits-related free school meals in
Cambridgeshire.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer HAF Programme: Booking Opens on 9.6.25

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers funded holiday scheme places during the 2025 Easter, Summer and Christmas holiday periods. A range of fun and interesting experiences, a meal and snacks are on offer across Cambridgeshire. Primary and secondary school pupils who receive benefits-related free school meals are eligible. Each pupil has 64 funded hours to use at a HAF Programme holiday scheme, subject to availability at the time of booking. These hours can be split across more than one scheme.

A voucher including booking code will be sent by email and/or text to parents and carers, from hello@holidayactivities.com on 9.6.25. Booking open on this date also. This voucher includes a 'view activities' link to the [HAF Provider Directory](#) where all holiday schemes will be listed alongside booking details.

If your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities and may require additional support, please contact holiday schemes early to enable them to discuss this in detail with you.

Further HAF Programme information: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf

For questions, please email the HAF Team: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Purbrick".

Martin Purbrick
Executive Director: Children, Education and Families
Cambridgeshire County Council