MVC Newsletter

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

9 JANAURY 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, and a very happy New Year to you all. It has been wonderful to see students return this week, and the school has quickly come back to life with a positive and purposeful atmosphere.

Although the term has begun with very cold weather, the snowfall earlier this week made the site look absolutely beautiful. I would like to thank our site team and staff who have worked extremely hard in difficult conditions to ensure the school remains safe and open for everyone.

I have been particularly impressed with our Year 11 students this week. Their focus, maturity and determination have been excellent, and they have made a strong start to this crucial part of the academic year.

As the cold weather continues, please can I remind families to ensure students come to school with warm coats and appropriate clothing so they remain comfortable throughout the day.

Looking ahead, we are beginning a review of our school website with the aim of modernising it for next year. This work will align with an update to our school branding, which we are currently exploring and will share more about in due course.

I am also pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our community: Mr Carolan, who joins us as Head of Sport and Performance, and Mr Arbeleaz, who joins us as Acting Head of DT and Food. We are delighted to have them with us and look forward to the contribution they will make.

Finally, our training day on Monday provided high-quality professional development for staff, with a strong focus on teaching and learning underpinned by educational research. This included a session on strategies teachers can deploy to support student regulation, ensuring calm, focused and effective learning environments across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I look forward to a successful term ahead.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

KEY DATES

13 January
- Under 13 girls football match V St. Edmunds (away match)

15 January
- Drama Trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre 12.00pm - 7.00pm

21 January
- Year 9 Enterprise Day
- Melbourn Host Primary Friendship games

22 January
- Year 7 Parents' Evening 5.00pm- 7.00pm

26 January - 6 February
- Year 11 Mocks

9 - 13 February
- Children's Mental Heath Week

12 February
- Year 9 Parents Evening 5.00pm - 7.00pm

2 March
- Enterprise Day Year 9

5 March
- Year 8 Parent's Evening 5.00-7.00pm

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

Rewarding Resilience: Year 11 Celebrate Success at Hollywood Bowl

Our Year 11 students recently took part in a well-deserved reward trip to Hollywood Bowl, recognising their hard work and commitment following the November mock examinations.

This trip provided a positive opportunity to support student wellbeing, a key focus highlighted in recent assemblies, as students prepare for the challenges of the term ahead.

Throughout the visit, students engaged enthusiastically in the activities, demonstrating resilience through friendly competition and kindness by supporting and encouraging one another. The atmosphere was positive, inclusive, and enjoyable, reflecting the high standards we expect of our students when representing the school.

This reward experience was a fitting way to acknowledge the dedication Year 11 students have shown so far and to motivate them as they continue their preparation for their final examinations.

Mr Barlow
Head of Key Stage 4

MVC Christmas Concert 2025

We were delighted with the success of the MVC Christmas Concert 2025, which was a wonderful celebration of the musical talent, dedication, and teamwork of our students.

The concert showcased a wide range of impressive performances from students involved in the Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Annie Band, Pop Rock Band, as well as our smaller ensembles and soloists. Students demonstrated a high level of skill, confidence, and professionalism throughout the evening, and their commitment to rehearsals and performance was evident. We also commend the many students who contributed beyond performance roles, supporting readings, introducing the concert, and assisting with set-up and pack-down.

We are grateful to the staff who supported the event both on and off stage, and we extend particular thanks to the site team, whose continued dedication and practical support were essential to the smooth running and success of the concert.

Thank you to Mrs Spencer for her support of the event, including the initiative to invite neighbouring primary schools to attend a dress rehearsal performance. We were pleased to welcome over 200 Year 5 and 6 students from our local primary schools, providing them with an opportunity to experience live performance at MVC. We also thank Mr Hanna for providing live sound throughout the concert.

We look forward to welcoming audiences to our next major production, the Broadway musical ‘Annie’, which will take place on 12th and 13th March 2026. Further information will be shared in due course.

Mr Thompson
Head of Music

MVC Local Clubs Guide 2026

The Melbourn Village College's Local Clubs Guide provides an extensive list of club contacts and opportunities to participate in sport within the local area, across Royston and the surrounding areas.

This guide can be accessed on the school website, at the following link address: https://www.melbournvc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/extra-curricular-clubs-and-activities.php.

Scroll down on this page and click the Gold tab labelled 'MVC Local Clubs Guide 2026'.

Please note: The clubs listed are external providers and are not endorsed or quality-assured by the school. The details provided are shared for information purposes only and are accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication.

To parents and carers, if you wish for your community club to be added to this list, please email Mr Carolan: recarolan@melbournvc.org.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

Outside of School Sporting, Art and Performance and Achievements

At Melbourn Village College, the Sports and Performance faculty are keen to celebrate students who compete in a range of different sports, perform drama and music and have their artwork exhibited outside of school.

If your child achieves any out of school successes within these areas, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Carolan with a small report, which includes a photograph, which can be featured in the school newsletter: recarolan@melbournvc.org

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

Spring Term 2026 Sport, Art and Performance Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the Sport and Performance Extra-Curricular Clubs list for the upcoming Spring Term, with clubs starting W/C 12th January.

Linked to our faculty vision, our aim with extra-curricular is to inspire every student to discover joy, confidence and purpose through physical activity, fostering a lifelong love for movement, performance and healthy living.

Lunchtime clubs provide a recreational opportunity to increase physical activity during the school day. Afterschool clubs are a structured training/practice/rehearsal/exam booster opportunity to prepare students for examinations and extra-curricular fixtures and events.

To sign up for a club, please visit the My Child At School (MCAS) website or app. If you have any further questions, please speak to the members of staff running the club.

Mr Carolan
Head of Sport and Performance

MELBOURN SPORT, ART AND PERFORMANCE

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

	Lunch-time 1:25-1:55pm (Recreational)	Afterschool 3-4pm (Training/Exam Boosters)
MONDAY	**Come and Play Football** – Astro – All Years – RCA *Football boots MUST be worn. No food on the astro.*	**Girls Basketball** – Sports Hall – Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 – CBU/RCA *(Held in the Gymnasium during exam weeks)* **MVC Musical (Annie)** – Main Hall – All Years (INVITE ONLY) – JTH, GBU, KSW (3-5pm)
TUESDAY	**Come and Play Football** – Astro – Years 7, 8 & 9 – KCO *Football boots MUST be worn. No food on the astro.* **Come and Swim** – Swimming Pool – Years 9, 10 & 11 – RCA *Independent swimming time (lanes set up)*	**Netball** – Netball Courts – All Years – KCO/GHA **Sports Studies Booster** – IT 1 – Year 10&11 – RCA/CBU *Invite only, drop in session for selected students.* **MVC Musical (Annie)** – Main Hall – All Years (INVITE ONLY) – JTH, GBU, KSW (3-5pm) **GCSE Art** – Ar1 – Year 10/11 (Invite Only) – SHE **Boys Basketball** – Sports Hall – Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 – RBA/RCA *(Held in the Gymnasium during exam weeks)*
WEDNESDAY	**Come and Play Football** – Astro - All Years – RCA *Football boots MUST be worn. No food on the astro.* **Come and Play Badminton** – Sports Hall – Years 7 & 8 – CBU *Club will not run during examination weeks.*	**Squash** – Squash Courts – All Years – external coach **GCSE Music Coursework Booster** – Music Department – Year 11 - JTH **GCSE Drama** – Drama Studio/Main Hall – Year 10/11 - CNI
THURSDAY	**Come and Play Football** – Astro - Years 10 & 11 – RBA *Football boots MUST be worn. No food on the astro.*	SPRING TERM 2026
FRIDAY	**MVC Musical (Annie – Band Rehearsals)** – Music Department – All Years (INVITE ONLY) - JTH	

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Year 7 Parents Evening - Thursday 22nd January

We are delighted to welcome our Year 7 parents to attend Parents Evening on Thursday 22nd January 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.

We will be offering some different and new after school and lunch time clubs from Monday 12th January, if your child would like to sign up to any of clubs on offer please do this via MCAS app.

Year 11 Mocks Examinations
Monday 26th January - Friday 5th February 2026

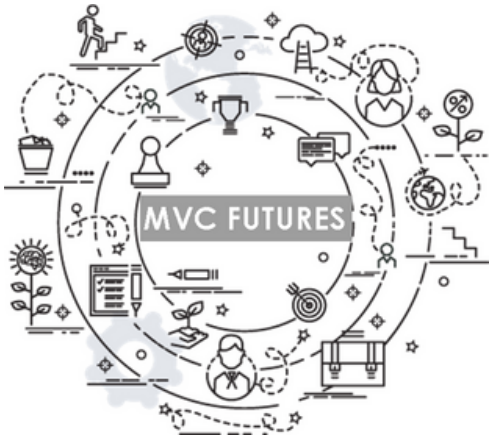
Year 11s will be sitting their full set of mocks between Monday 26th January and Friday 5th February.

A full mock timetable will be shared with students and parents before the Christmas break, but students will be sitting a paper for all their core and options subjects and should expect to sit two subject papers on some days.

Class teachers will be sharing revision information with students in the upcoming weeks. Access arrangement information will also be updated, following the core mocks in November, and will distributed to those students in receipt of them.

Ms Cooke

Associate Assistant Principal



MVC Future Talks

MVC Future Talks will resume on Wednesday 14th January when we welcome Fashion Designer - Hailey Webdale to the school.

This is an exciting opportunity for for your child so please remember to sign up for this event via the MCAS app.

Mrs Elvin
Assistant Vice Principal

LONG ROAD SIXTH FORM COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

SAVE THE DATE: LONG ROAD OPEN EVENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 STUDY

JANUARY 2026

ADULT EDUCATION

NEWS LETTER

Happy New Year from theadult education team.

Whether you are a seeking to upskill, explore new horizons, or simply wanting to learn something new, we are delighted to offer new courses, starting in January.

Explore our wide range of courses from BSL to pottery, languages to drawing and painting, we hope you find an inspiring course for you.

Children Now Welcome

We are delighted to offer families, the opportunity to study together and some of our classes will now be open to parent/carer and child options. Accompanied children aged 14+ will now be able to attend some of our classes, at a discounted rate. Please contact us for further details.

Cambourne

- Beginners English
- British Sign Language
- Creative Mosaics
- Drawing & Painting
- Dressmaking
- Pottery
- Spanish Language
- Pilates
- Woodwork
- Yoga

Comberton

- Calligraphy
- Creative Mindfulness
- Drawing for Beginners
- Dressmaking
- Fused Glass
- Italian for Beginners
- Pilates
- Spanish Conversation
- Watercolours
- Yoga

Melbourn

- Drawing & painting
- Cake Decorating
- Pottery

Our next weekend workshops will be on Saturday 25th April 2026 in Cambourne