Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome Back – A New Academic Year Begins**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well, and that you’ve enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you and your children back to school for the start of the new academic year.

It has been wonderful to welcome our new Year 7 students today. They began their morning with their form tutors, getting to know one another and learning about life at secondary school, before attending a welcome assembly. From there, they headed off to their first lessons full of excitement and curiosity. We are confident they will settle in quickly and thrive as part of our school community.

Over the summer, we’ve had much to celebrate. Our Year 11 students worked incredibly hard and it was a privilege to be part of their results day, seeing them opening their envelopes and talking excitedly about their exciting post-16 plans.

As a school we celebrated improvements in GCSE results, particularly in the crucial Grade 5+ measure in English and Maths. These results reflect not only academic achievement, but also the resilience and determination of our students, many of whom overcame significant challenges to succeed. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you for the kind messages of support and the generous donations of cakes and treats we received in the final week of the summer term. Your kindness and encouragement meant a great deal to our staff and helped bring the term to a positive and uplifting close.

This summer also brought national moments of pride, not least the inspiring performance of the England Women’s football team. Their teamwork, determination, and refusal to give up reminded us how powerful qualities like resilience and curiosity can be – both on the pitch and in the classroom.

While the students were away, our staff have been fully engaged in a high-quality programme of professional development during our INSET days. A key focus was embedding our new school values – kindness, curiosity, and resilience – into every aspect of school life. These values sit at the heart of our MVC Futures Programme, our long-term commitment to preparing students not just for exams, but for life. We also continued to develop our approach to quality first teaching, ensuring every student is supported and challenged in their learning from day one.

We’re also pleased to let you know that our new assessment policy has now been launched, aimed at giving students more meaningful feedback and clearer pathways for progress. Further details on how this will work in practice will be shared with you shortly by Ms Cooke.

As always, we are committed to open and regular communication with parents and carers. A reminder that our weekly school newsletter is sent home every Friday, packed with important updates, key dates, student achievements, and highlights from across the school. Please do take a moment each week to read it and stay connected with all that’s going on at Melbourn Village College.

This is an exciting time for our school, and we are committed to making this year one of high expectations, personal growth, and collective achievement. Whether your child is just beginning their journey with us or returning to continue it, we look forward to working with you to help them thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Mrs Spencer

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