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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another fantastic week at Montsaye Academy, filled with opportunities for our students to demonstrate pride, ambition, service and leadership. As we move further into the term, I continue to be incredibly impressed by the way our students represent the academy both within school and out in the wider community.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to host our Year 6 Open Evening, welcoming almost 600 prospective students, parents and carers through our doors. It was wonderful to see so many families experiencing Montsaye firsthand and leaving with a positive impression of our academy and the opportunities available to our students. The evening was a tremendous success and showcased the very best of our school community.

Our students who supported the event were, quite simply, outstanding. From presenting and performing, to welcoming visitors, leading tours and showcasing work within departments, they demonstrated the confidence, character and pride that we work so hard to develop. They were exceptional ambassadors for Montsaye Academy and a wonderful reflection of the culture we are building together. Families also had the opportunity to hear Mr Finan talk about our exciting new Grammar Stream, which will provide students with the chance to be part of something truly special through an ambitious academic pathway designed to challenge, inspire and support the highest levels of achievement. A particular thank you goes to our choir, led by Mrs Thomas, and to our student hosts, Jay C in Year 11 and Emily M in Year 13, who helped open the evening presentations. I would also like to thank our staff, whose passion, energy and commitment ensured the event ran so smoothly. We could not be prouder of everyone involved.

On Wednesday, a group of students participated in our first community clean-up afternoon of the academic year, litter picking along Greening Road. This provided an excellent opportunity for students to put the virtues of respect and service into action while making a positive contribution to the local area. The students represented the academy brilliantly, and I would like to thank Mrs George for organising the event and Mr Pierce for supporting the afternoon. If any students missed out, there will be another opportunity to get involved before the end of term.

On Thursday, I had the privilege of presenting badges to members of our Combined Cadet Force in recognition of their promotions and achievements in leadership. Congratulations to Mason S in Year 10, and Issie P in Year 11 on their well-deserved promotions and Evan S in Year 12 who received his Marksman badge for the 3* shoot at the weekend. These achievements reflect significant commitment, discipline and service. Thank you to Mr Severn and Mrs Iliffe for inviting me to be part of the presentation and for their continued leadership of the CCF programme.

Character education continues to play a central role in life at Montsaye, and it has been pleasing to see so many students demonstrating our values in practical ways this week. Whether supporting our Open Evening, serving the local community or developing leadership through the cadets, our students continue to show what it means to be part of the Montsaye community.

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Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average points
7	Declan O – 31	Isabella G – 34	Faye-Marie H – 35	16 points
8	Elliot B – 20	Lennox C – 23	Oluwasemiloore A – 26	10 points
9	Ade O – 26	Sami A – 27	Alice B – 32	11 points
10	Skyla C – 28	Cade F – 37	Ellie C – 41	10 points
11	Kaylan C – 30	Daniel B – 35	Riley S – 39	10 points

Looking ahead to next week, I am very much looking forward to hosting our next Proud Table on Tuesday lunchtime in the library. The quality of work students shared at our first Proud Table of the year was exceptional, and I hope to see even more students bringing work that they are proud of to celebrate their effort, achievement and commitment to learning.

On Friday, we will also be coming together as a school community to support Hello Yellow Day, helping to raise awareness of mental health and the importance of looking after our wellbeing. We look forward to seeing our students get involved in this important event and helping to promote positive conversations around mental health.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parents, carers, staff, students, governors – We Are Montsaye.

Best wishes,



Mr Baria
Interim Principal

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