

18 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at Montsaye, with students taking part in a range of exciting opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. As we continue to settle into the new academic year, it has been fantastic to see our students embracing new experiences, demonstrating ambition and taking pride in everything they do.

On Tuesday, a group of Year 11 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Cambridge University to explore careers in physics and raise their aspirations for the world of work. Experiences such as these are incredibly important in helping our young people to think ambitiously about their futures and understand the exciting opportunities that are available to them beyond school. I would like to thank Miss Bates for organising the visit and for accompanying our students to such a prestigious university.

On Thursday evening, we were delighted to welcome so many Year 11 students, parents and carers to our Class of 2027 Evening. Following the exceptional level of interest in the event, we were pleased to add a second session to accommodate all that expressed an interest in attending. The evening marked the beginning of one of the most important years in our Year 11 students' education and reinforced the genuine partnership between school, students and families that will be so important throughout the year ahead. I had the privilege of opening the evening before colleagues shared practical strategies, interventions and the extensive support that will be available to help every student achieve the very best possible outcomes this year. My thanks go to Mr Stanger, Mrs Jones, Mrs Holland, Mrs Sutliff and Mrs Mooney for their highly informative presentations, and to all of the families who joined us.

If you were unable to attend the Class of 2027 Evening, please look out for information from the event, which will be shared by Mr Stanger. The sets of flashcards that we are providing to all Year 11 students will also be distributed by Mr Stanger next week. Please encourage your child to use these regularly as part of their revision and preparation for their upcoming exams.

I am also pleased to announce that the first edition of our new Student Bulletin was released this week and will now arrive in students' inboxes every Tuesday. The bulletin is written by Year 12 student Tyler S and is designed specifically for our students. The first edition focuses on supporting our new Year 7 students as they adjust to all aspects of secondary school life. It is fantastic to see one of our sixth form students demonstrating leadership and contributing so positively to the wider academy community, thank you Tyler! We are now looking for an editor to join the Student Bulletin team. If your child is interested in getting involved, please encourage them to look out for details of the application process, which will be shared next week.

A huge well done must also go to Olivia E in Year 10, Ruby C in Year 9 and Imogen C in Year 11, who auditioned during the summer term and have been successfully selected to represent Northamptonshire Music (NMPAT). This is a fantastic achievement and a real testament to their hard work, dedication and musical talent. We are incredibly proud of all three students and look forward to hearing about their experiences over the year ahead.

Looking ahead, We Are Montsaye Monday kicks off the start to next week. Every student who attends school on Monday will receive bonus Pledge 4 points for starting the week strongly. Excellent attendance is fundamental to students making strong academic progress and getting the most from all of the opportunities available at Montsaye, so we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

On Tuesday, I am also looking forward to hosting the first Proud Table of the term. This is always one of the highlights for me, as it provides an opportunity for students to bring along work from their lessons that they are particularly proud of and to celebrate their effort and achievement. Every student who visits the Proud Table with a piece of work will have it recognised with one of our prestigious We Are Proud stickers and will also receive five Golden Tickets and some sweets. Please encourage your child to bring along something they are proud of. I am really looking forward to seeing the quality and variety of work our students have produced already this term.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Felix C – 21	Sophia B – 23	Elizabeth D – 24	10 points
8	Shavindu G – 22	Evie C – 22	Oluwasemiloore A – 23	9 points
9	Edith T – 20	Louise F – 20	Cerys F – 20	8 points
10	Brianna W – 22	Millie T – 23	Ellie C – 24	8 points
11	Jay C – 16	Mollie G – 18	Riley S – 19	6 points

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued communication and support during what is always an extremely busy start to the academic year. Understandably, we receive a high volume of emails and telephone calls at this time of year, and our staff will always endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. I would, however, like to remind families that our communication policy allows staff up to 48 hours during the working week to respond to emails and telephone messages. This ensures that parents and carers receive a timely response while also protecting reasonable working practices and staff wellbeing. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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

Best wishes,



Mr Baria
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