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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive and productive week at Montsaye Academy, with students continuing to demonstrate pride, ambition and excellent character both in and beyond the classroom. As we move further into the term, it is wonderful to see so many students embracing opportunities to celebrate their achievements, contribute to the wider community and engage fully in academy life.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of hosting the first Proud Table of the academic year. This is always one of the highlights of my week, as it provides an opportunity for students to share work that they are particularly proud of. I was incredibly impressed by the quality, presentation and effort demonstrated across a wide range of subjects. The standard of work on display was exceptional and reflected the hard work that students have already invested into their learning this term. A huge well done to all students who showcased their work and took pride in their achievements.

Also on Tuesday, Mrs George welcomed the winners of our tutor attendance competition for a hot chocolate reward during tutor time. Congratulations to 11PHM, who achieved an impressive 100% attendance last week. The reward programme will continue on a weekly basis, recognising those tutor groups that demonstrate outstanding attendance. Attendance remains one of the biggest factors influencing students' achievement, future opportunities and life chances, and we encourage all students to aim for excellent attendance every week.

This week, students explored the virtue of Service during their Character Development sessions. It has been fantastic to see many students making meaningful links between service and respect through their actions around the academy. Across Years 8 to 11, students have been voluntarily taking part in lunchtime litter-picking activities, helping to care for our environment, demonstrate respect for our school and make a positive contribution to the wider community. Students who participated were recognised with Golden Tickets this morning in recognition of their service to others.

Character education continues to form a central part of life at Montsaye Academy, and we are committed to helping students develop the virtues and values that will enable them to flourish in school and beyond. Next Wednesday, students will have the opportunity to take part in our termly community clean-up on Greening Road, and all students are welcome to get involved in this important initiative.

I would also like to recognise two students who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating service to their community. Congratulations to Ella and Evie P, who were successful in the Rothwell litter-picking competition through their efforts to help care for and improve the local environment. They are excellent role models for our school values, and we are very proud of their contribution to the community.

Mr Stanger has also been exceptionally busy this week preparing and distributing revision flashcards for our Year 11 students. With more than 1,500 packs to organise, label and deliver, this has been a significant undertaking. Due to the sheer volume involved, not all flashcard packs have been distributed, he hopes to get the remaining packs delivered next week. These resources

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are designed to support effective revision habits, and I would encourage all Year 11 students to begin using them regularly as they receive them. Short, frequent revision sessions can have a significant impact on retaining key knowledge and building confidence ahead of examinations.

Today, we also celebrated the European Day of Languages. Students enjoyed participating in a whole-school scavenger hunt, with the challenge of locating twenty members of staff wearing greetings in different languages from around the world. The event provided a fun and engaging way for students to celebrate linguistic diversity while learning more about the cultures and languages that enrich our global community.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average points
7	Keane C – 24	Olivia B – 26	Lewis H – 29	12 points
8	Brandon S – 30	Oluwasemiloore A – 30	Andrew D – 33	12 points
9	Ruby C – 26	Alice B – 30	Vicky C – 32	12 points
10	Abigail K – 19	Mason P – 21	Cade F – 24	8 points
11	Mollie G – 18	Ben P – 20	Lily F – 23	8 points

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome prospective students and families to our Year 6 Open Evening on Tuesday. This is one of the most important events in our school calendar and an opportunity to showcase the exceptional opportunities, experiences and community that make Montsaye Academy such a special place to learn. I would like to thank the many students who have volunteered to support the evening. Our students are our greatest ambassadors, and I know they will represent the academy brilliantly by demonstrating the confidence, character and pride that make us all so proud.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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

Best wishes,



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