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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at Montsaye Academy, with students, staff and families coming together to support learning, celebrate achievement and strengthen our school community. As I walk around the academy each day, I continue to be impressed by the pride our students show in their work, the way they engage with opportunities beyond the classroom and the positive contribution they make to school life.

On Monday evening, we were delighted to welcome Year 7 parents and carers to our Year 7 Information Evening, hosted by Mrs Patterson and supported by Mr McLellan, Mrs Horne, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Holland. It was wonderful to see so many families attend and engage positively with the information shared. Mrs Quinn was available throughout the evening to discuss inclusion and answer questions from parents, while Mr Finan met with families of students who have qualified for our exciting new Grammar Stream, which begins next week. Thank you to everyone involved in making the evening such a success.

Mrs Patterson was back in action on Tuesday evening as she and the Sixth Form team welcomed parents and carers to our Year 12 Information Evening. The event provided valuable guidance and support as students begin the next stage of their educational journey. My thanks go to Mrs Jones, Mrs McNish, Mrs Briffa, Mrs Thomas and Miss Bates for their support and contribution to the evening.

Also on Tuesday, I had the privilege of hosting our second Proud Table of the academic year. This continues to be one of my favourite opportunities to celebrate student achievement. Students proudly shared work from a range of subjects, and I was extremely impressed by the quality, presentation and effort on display. The standard of work continues to demonstrate the ambition and commitment our students are showing in their learning.

On Thursday, our Student Council met for the first time this term. Representatives from across the year groups came together to discuss priorities for the year ahead and to ensure that student voice continues to play a key role in the development of our school. The Student Council is an important part of our improvement journey, and Mrs George said it was fantastic to hear thoughtful ideas, suggestions and plans for future events. We are fortunate to have students who care so deeply about making a positive difference to school life.

Today, we proudly marked Hello Yellow Day, raising awareness of the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the day, we focused on the theme that kindness is contagious, celebrating and recognising the many acts of kindness shown by both students and staff across our school community. Students and colleagues were invited to wear an item of yellow clothing as a visible sign of support for this important cause, and it was fantastic to see so many people taking part. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by our community reflected the inclusive and caring culture we continue to build at Montsaye Academy. I am also pleased to report that I fully embraced the occasion by proudly wearing my yellow tie!

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Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average points
7	Biatris V – 32	Olivia B – 36	Lyla G – 40	15 points
8	Elsie C – 23	Darcy-Leigh K – 26	Niki P – 29	10 points
9	Joseph T – 26	Edith T – 33	Callie L – 34	10 points
10	Henry S – 27	Eva M – 27	Ellie C – 27	10 points
11	Kaylan C – 30	Pippa M – 34	Daniel B – 39	12 points

As we move further into the term, opportunities such as these continue to reinforce the importance of community, leadership, character and service. Whether through sharing excellent work, representing their peers on the Student Council or supporting important causes, our students continue to demonstrate the values that make Montsaye Academy such a special place.

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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