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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome students back following the half term break and to see such a positive start across the academy. Classrooms have quickly returned to their purposeful routines, students have demonstrated excellent attitudes to learning, and there has been a real sense of focus as we begin another busy and important half term.

This week, assemblies were delivered by Mrs Patterson and Mr Stanger, focusing on our rank order assessment system and helping students understand how assessments are used to identify strengths, areas for development and progress over time. Character lessons followed these assemblies, with Key Stage 3 students exploring the importance of seeking support when needed and understanding the value of talking openly about challenges they may face. Key Stage 4 students learned more about how assessment data is used to support achievement and ensure every student receives the guidance they need to be successful.

As part of our preparation for the upcoming assessment period, all Key Stage 3 students have now received their Mid-Year Assessment Support and Guidance Booklets. These assessments will begin on 11th January and the booklets provide details of the content that will be assessed, subject-specific revision guidance and information about how rank order assessment will be used. We encourage students to make regular use of these resources alongside their classwork and home learning and would appreciate the support of parents and carers in helping students establish effective revision routines at home. These assessments provide valuable information that helps us understand students' progress and identify the next steps in their learning journey.

This week also saw the launch of our first student bulletin of the new term. The bulletin celebrates student achievements from across the academy and includes a showcase of the outstanding work selected from last term's Proud Tables. It is always fantastic to see the quality of work our students produce and to recognise those who consistently demonstrate pride and commitment in their learning.

Applications have now opened for our next team of Head Students. Student leadership plays a crucial role in academy life, and we are looking forward to seeing students step forward for these prestigious positions. We are fortunate to have many young people who are passionate about making a positive contribution to our school community and representing the views of their peers.

Year 11 students have also been working hard this week, taking part in Walking Talking Mocks ahead of their first full mock examination series, which begins next week. These sessions provide students with valuable examination practice, helping them understand how to approach questions, structure responses and maximise marks. We are pleased with the mature and focused attitude demonstrated by Year 11 as they prepare for this important stage in their academic journey.

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Our Student Council met this week and held a productive discussion around the launch of our new Character Passport and plans for Culture Day. Student voice remains an important part of academy improvement, and it was excellent to see students contributing ideas and helping shape future opportunities for their peers.

Looking ahead to next week, I am looking forward to hosting our first Proud Table of the term. Proud Table is one of my favourite opportunities to meet with students and celebrate excellent work, effort and achievement from across the curriculum.

Next Wednesday, 11th November, we will be hosting our Sixth Form Open Evening from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore the wide range of academic and enrichment opportunities available within our thriving Sixth Form. Visitors will have the chance to meet subject leaders, speak with current students and learn more about the pathways, support and experiences that help our students thrive and progress successfully to university, apprenticeships and employment. We look forward to welcoming families to the academy for what promises to be an informative and inspiring evening.

Next week also marks the start of the mock examination period for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We would like to wish all students the very best of luck as they begin their examinations. To support the smooth running of afternoon examinations, lunch will temporarily move to 12.30pm, followed by Periods 4 and 5. This adjustment will ensure that Year 11 and Year 13 students have sufficient time for lunch before making a prompt start to examinations at 1.00pm. All students will continue to follow their normal timetables throughout the examination period.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average points
7	Ethan H – 33	Biatris V – 39	Olivia B – 49	14 points
8	Efua O – 21	Isabelle D – 22	Jorgie F – 26	9 points
9	William B – 23	Afsoon D – 25	Raise S – 26	8 points
10	Richard O – 23	Mason P – 26	Layla H – 30	9 points
11	Anthony C – 11	Kaylan C – 12	Imogen C – 14	5 points

Finally, we would like to make families aware of our first Inclusion Coffee Morning, which will take place on Thursday 3 December from 9.30am until 11.00am. Alongside members of our Inclusion Team and Family Support Team, colleagues from SENDIASS, Maplefields Outreach, Better Together Learning Trust Outreach and Specialist Support Services will be available to offer advice and support. To help us estimate attendance, please complete the following form if you are interested in joining us: Inclusion Coffee Morning – 3rd December.

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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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