

28 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the final week of November draws to a close, the 1st of December brings with it our official transfer to the United Learning Group from Pathfinders Multi Academy Trust. United Learning have been supporting the school since November 2023 and so we are all looking forward to officially joining the group from Monday. All the new signage, logos and displays are booked in to be changed over the Christmas break and so it will be nice to welcome all the students back in January to a school which will look very different.

It has been rewards week for Year 11 children to celebrate their efforts and hard work in their mock examinations over the past two weeks. The week started with a lovely reward breakfast for all, which was followed by some reward raffles and continued with an early visit from Santa who delivered treats to classrooms. On Thursday it was lovely to see the children all smiling at lunchtime as they joined in with a special karaoke session for Year 11 where they enjoyed performances from their peers and Mrs Mooney.

On Thursday morning, as part of our big biodiversity project, every Year 7 student was given the opportunity to plant an individual bulb in our new Year 7 garden. It was heart-warming to see how much the children enjoyed this, and they are very much looking forward to seeing the bulbs grow in the spring.

Onto sporting successes and a big well done to all of the students who participated in the very cold District Cross-Country event last Monday. All students persevered to conquer the course, with top 20 finishers in each age group qualifying for the next round. Official results pending, qualifiers include Montsaye students Sophie B – 7th, William B 9th and Harry T 10th.

The year 7 boys have had increasingly more success week on week in their district football tournament with Troy, Freddie and Oliver all recently hitting the back of the net!

Our Young leaders have also been in action! Last week our very experienced leaders Sam and Olivia in Year 10, officiated the Primary school Futsal tournament. This week Year 8 students had their first ever leadership event with 20 students running a net and ball festival for 5 primary schools. All students were fantastic in their roles, with a big congratulations to Zara S, who was identified by the primary school teachers as an outstanding young leader! The young leaders are back in action on Monday for a Boccia event.

This week also saw the Year 11 boy's football team play Northampton Academy at home in the county cup. Following a very strong performance against a good Northampton Academy team, Montsaye won 5-1 securing their place in the next round. Northampton Academy are also part of our United Learning cluster of schools so it is always fun to secure bragging rights!

On Friday, Mrs George spearheaded and expertly planned Character Day for Year 11 who were joined by Year 12 and 13 students for the first talk of the day by a representative from the University of Lancaster. They then spent the rest of the day listening to various careers talks from visitors including several Montsaye alumni as well as receiving guidance and support with how to write CVs. It was a very well planned day that will have given the children lots of food for thought regarding their future.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Oluwasemiloore A – 26	Cody O – 27	Oliver H – 27	10 points
8	Lilly-May C – 25	Riley M – 26	Ade O – 31	10 points
9	Demi W – 28	Romeo S – 29	Josh D – 56	11 points
10	Ben P – 23	Kieran L – 23	Anothony C – 23	10 points
11	Isabella B – 16	Mia B-C – 18	Perfect D-J – 25	7 point

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 12SPU – 97.79%

2nd place – 8ATU – 97.04%

3rd place – 9SCR – 96.07%

Next week will see the start of the We Are Montsaye Advent Calendar. Each day will see another door opened revealing an exciting event for the day including creative opportunities, prize-giving, and staff performances! Most of these require no additional preparation for students, but I do want to draw attention to Thursday 11th December which will be Christmas Jumper Day. Instead of a monetary donation, we are kindly asking for pupils to bring in tinned food in order to make a donation to The Wellbeing Hub Rothwell Foodbank. This information will be shared with pupils in advance as well.

Parents, carers, staff, students, governors – We are Montsaye

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines

Principal