

13 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the end of what has been a very wet and grey term it was nice to finish with a WOW day. The rain did little to dampen spirits as the children arrived eager to reach into the lucky dip boxes in the hope of getting a ticket for Bonkers Bingo. I thoroughly enjoyed going into lessons, all of which contained a WOW day fun activity; I even had to stay for an extended time in a Year 7 lesson where I got really into a family fortunes game where I was comprehensively beaten by several students!

On Friday, we wished Bon Voyage to all students travelling to Austria for our annual ski trip – apologies for the delayed departure time which was a result of a lack of internal communication by the bus company. There were lots of excited students and staff as they loaded their suitcases and bags onto the coaches. I know they are all going to have a fantastic time and I look forward to hearing all about their experience when they return after half term. A big thank you to the staff who are leading the trip as without your efforts we wouldn't be able to provide such amazing experiences for our children.

Progress leaders led celebration assemblies for all year groups this week to recognise individual achievements from across the term. There were tutor awards, pledge awards, values awards and individual subject awards and as usual it was a real highlight to see so many students being recognised for working hard this term. It is also a highlight to see the children cheering and celebrating the successes of their peers which is fully aligned to our ethos of 'We are Montsaye.' I know I have recently shared a couple of updates on our STEM on Track team's progress on the online learning platform and I am delighted to say that they have now climbed the rankings to the top spot which is an incredible achievement for Montsaye Motorsport.

To end the week, I had the pleasure of showing Christie Spurling (MBE) around the school who is one of the trustees for United Learning. Once again it was a pleasure to narrate the improvement journey and show our guest just how far the school has come in such a short amount of time. Christie also spent some time talking with a group of children about the improvement journey and, as always, it left me feeling immensely proud to lead a school with such incredible children in it.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Average points
7	Elsa M – 20	Efua O – 21	Freya T – 25	8 points
8	Louise F – 16	Robert B – 16	Ade O – 28	6 points
9	Kimberley W – 24	Mia R – 24	Olivia E – 25	9 points
10	Jacob B – 19	Kenzie C – 23	Delin F – 24	7 points
11	Sophie B – 19	Jessica L – 22	Ellie L – 26	5 points

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Our top lesson star earners this term were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Ade O – 57

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Perfect D J – 51

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Freddie M – 50

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 12PSU – 99.12%

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 13MTH – 98.69%

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 9ABR – 98.67%

Whether you are working during half time or off work with your children, I hope you have a pleasant week and I will look forward to hearing all about how the children spent their time off when they return. For Year 11 students, there are number of revision sessions taking place during half term and the timetable for these sessions has been sent out to parents.

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

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Baines  
Principal

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