

20 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive and purposeful week at Montsaye, with a number of important milestones and enriching opportunities taking place across the academy.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now successfully completed their final set of mock examinations before the summer exam series. We are incredibly proud of the mature, focused and determined approach they have shown throughout this period. Their commitment has been exemplary, and we know they will continue to work hard as they move into the final phase of preparation.

In their Year 11 assembly this week, Mr Stanger launched this year's Prom, and we are delighted to share that the much-loved 'Promometer' has officially returned. As part of this initiative, students can collectively earn up to £1000 towards additional extras for the event. Each day the year group achieves an attendance rate above 93%, a further £50 is added to the total. The prom committee are looking at ways to spend this money. We look forward to seeing Year 11s continued enthusiasm and excellent attendance as they work together to unlock these rewards.

On Thursday we welcomed Nina from the University of Northampton to the Academy, to speak to our Year 13 students and their parents about how to apply for student loans. The application process is due to open at the end of March, and we hope this session helped to increase both knowledge and confidence about this process.

On Thursday, Dale Willis from 'My Great First Job' returned to the academy to deliver a session to Year 10 and 12 students on 'How to Find a Great Work Experience Placement'. We hope these students returned home yesterday full of confidence and ideas about where to search for their summer placements. One of the biggest pieces of advice was to 'go home and speak to parents about who they know', so hopefully some of these conversations were had last night! After this, Dale delivered a separate session to Year 12 on 'Using LinkedIn' as a professional tool to make connections and seek out opportunities. We are looking forward to seeing how many of our students soon have their LinkedIn pages up and running!

Beyond exam-related activity, the week saw a Life Skills cooking session led by Miss Collins for 40 KS3 students where they enjoyed learning how to prepare healthy and nutritious dishes on a budget. A practical and enjoyable experience that developed confidence and independence.

The biodiversity group presented at the United Learning virtual Social Action conference this week and were presented with a certificate from the Regional Director, Chris Clyne. A great recognition of the hard work they have completed with Mrs Moffett so far, this term.

Next week marks our final week before the Easter break, and we are looking forward to several key events. We're excited to welcome inspirational speaker Ricardo Erasmus, who will be sharing the powerful message of UBUNTU — "I am, because we are." to speak with year 7, 8 and 9 on Tuesday.

Principal: Mr Ben Baines



On Wednesday, we welcome students and parents/carers to our Year 9 Subject Preferences Evening, a crucial opportunity to explore GCSE and KS4 courses as students begin shaping their future pathways. We also have our annual Culture Day, where students are invited to wear items of clothing that celebrate their heritage or cultural identity, this will be a vibrant and uplifting day in the school calendar.

Revision cards for collecting stamps will be issued to year 11 students attending the Double Down revision sessions starting next week. In the lead-up to exams, at least two subjects will be running after school each day. Students who complete a full revision card with nine stamps will receive a £5 discount on their prom ticket.

Finally, next week also sees our Golden Ticket Prize Draw, where the winners of our major prizes will be selected and announced. We wish all our students the best of luck!

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Sophia W – 22	Ruvarashe M – 24	Anna S – 34	9 points
8	Ade O – 28	Louise F – 29	Cerys F – 32	7 points
9	Olivia E – 20	Abigail K – 25	Dib B – 29	7 points
10	Lewis C – 14	Kieran L – 15	Anaia G – 19	6 points
11	Maciej – 9	Maddison J – 10	Liam C – 18	3 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 7ATH – 98.28%

2nd place – 11RKU – 98.15%

3rd place – 11ZHA – 97.5%

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful weekend as we approach the final days of term.

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

Best wishes,

Montsaye Academy Team