

24 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support. It has been a week full of achievement, celebration and important preparation across the school.

We were pleased to welcome visitors from United Learning into school this week. During their visit, they saw a calm, orderly and purposeful environment, with students engaging well in their learning and demonstrating excellent attitudes in lessons. We are proud that the hard work of students and staff was clearly evident throughout the day.

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of hosting the first Proud Table of the term. It was a real pleasure to welcome a wide range of students who had been invited to share work they were particularly proud of. The event provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate individual successes, recognise effort and resilience, and highlight the high standards students are achieving across the school. The sense of pride and positivity around the table was wonderful to see, and I congratulate all students who took part.

This week also saw our Duke of Edinburgh Award students take a significant step in their journey. Mr Siddons and Mr Lyon organised and led a practice walk of over nine miles, giving students the chance to test their equipment, teamwork and resilience ahead of their assessed expedition. The walk was both challenging and rewarding, and students should be proud of the determination and maturity they demonstrated throughout the day.

On Thursday evening, Mrs Edney hosted the Year 9 PGL Trip meeting to officially launch the upcoming visit to the Isle of Wight. The meeting was well attended and provided families with clear, detailed information about what promises to be an exciting and enriching experience for our students. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended and engaged so positively with the plans for the trip.

Thursday evening was also a very special one for our performing arts students. Year 11 and Year 13 Dance and Drama students performed their final exam pieces in front of an audience of parents, carers and fellow students. These performances marked the culmination of a great deal of hard work, creativity and dedication. Thank you to Mrs George and Mrs Childs for supporting their students to such high standards and enabling students to showcase their talent with confidence.

On Friday, a number of our Year 11 Art and Photography students began their final practical examinations. This is a crucial stage in their GCSE courses and reflects months of careful preparation, skill development and sustained effort. We wish them every success as they continue through this demanding but rewarding period.



With just nine school days remaining before the GCSE examination season begins for Year 11, attendance and punctuality are more important than ever. Lessons at this stage are focused on essential exam skills, final consolidation and targeted support. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend school every day so they can make the most of this vital preparation time, and we thank parents and carers for their continued support in this.

We have recently released a wide range of ‘Character sought’ opportunities, including an extensive programme of extra-curricular clubs and activities designed to develop students beyond the classroom. Full details can be found in the latest Character Newsletter, and we strongly encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment activity each week as part of their wider personal development.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Jorgie F – 32	Evan C - 32	Sophie M – 59	12 points
8	Lilly-May C – 26	Hugo P – 28	Ade O – 28	10 points
9	Jaymi A – 24	Eva M – 27	Olivia E – 29	9 points
10	Anaia G – 32	Georgia W – 34	Marney G – 36	14 points
11	Perfect D – 22	Tyler S – 23	Bailey S – 23	9 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

- 1st place – 11ZHA – 97.81%
- 2nd place – 11FAL – 97.74%
- 3rd place – 8KLA – 97.6%

As always, I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful to our staff for providing such a wide range of opportunities and experiences. There is a real sense of momentum as we move through the summer term, and I look forward to sharing many more successes with you in the coming weeks.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria
Interim Principal