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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and purposeful week, I would like to thank students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support.

This week, I had the pleasure of delivering assemblies to all year groups focused on the importance of resilience, grit and resourcefulness. Students engaged thoughtfully with these ideas, recognising how essential they are for success both in school and beyond. Volunteers from the audience in each year group took part in a ‘pressure test’ challenge, where they had 60 seconds to build the tallest structure possible using only plastic cups. The activity proved both competitive and fun, while powerfully illustrating how the qualities of resilience, grit and resourcefulness matter when under pressure.

Our Year 11 students have continued to demonstrate these qualities in abundance. Art and Photography examinations took place throughout the week, with students approaching these demanding practical exams with maturity, focus and determination. With less than a week to go until their final examinations in the main exam hall, they should be extremely proud of how they are conducting themselves during this crucial period. I would also like to thank Mr Severn and Miss Vickers for their excellent preparation of Year 11 students for their French speaking examinations; their support has helped students approach this important assessment with confidence.

On Monday, Mr Wing and the team took the Cricket Young Leaders to Burton Latimer Cricket Club. Our Year 8 Young Leaders played a central role in the success of the day, umpiring, scoring and leading an eight-school cricket tournament. They conducted themselves impeccably throughout, showing confidence, organisation and strong leadership skills. Teachers from the visiting primary schools were full of praise, commenting on how fantastic all of our leaders were in their roles and highlighting several standout examples of leadership. The students did a superb job and were excellent ambassadors for Montsaye.

On Tuesday, Mrs Collins, Mrs Knight, Mr Lyon and Mrs Mills accompanied a group of Year 10 students to Moulton College for a careers-focused day. Students took part in interactive career-based sessions, toured the campus and met with college ambassadors, all of which provided valuable insight into post-16 pathways and future opportunities.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Thea P – 23	Brandon S – 24	Molly M – 25	11 points
8	Thalia H – 19	Layla T – 22	Ade O – 25	7 points
9	Skyla C – 25	Lilly N – 26	Annabel H – 32	8 points



10	Millie E – 25	Olivia-Rose R – 28	Imogen C – 31	10 points
11	Charley W – 16	Jude B – 21	Evan S – 22	5 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 11RKU – 98.15%

2nd place – 11ZHA – 98.13%

3rd place – 8NVI – 97.86%

Looking ahead, Year 10 students will be sitting the ‘Challenge 100’ assessment next Tuesday. This initiative, launched by Mr Stanger last term, is designed to strengthen students’ core knowledge across subjects. We hope students are using the booklet provided to revise the 100 key facts in preparation and approaching the assessment with ambition and confidence.

Finally, Mrs George has launched a student survey to gather views on the end-of-year rewards trip and the prizes for the Golden Ticket box. Students are strongly encouraged to take part and have their say — the survey should be in their school email inboxes, and there are lots of exciting options to choose from.

As we head into the Bank Holiday weekend, I wish all students, staff and families a restful and enjoyable break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria
Interim Principal