

8 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a shorter week following the Bank Holiday on Monday, I would like to thank students, staff and families for maintaining such strong focus and momentum across the school.

On Tuesday, our Year 10 students sat the 'Challenge 100' assessment. This marked an important milestone as many experienced exam conditions in the hall for the first time. I was particularly impressed with the resilience and maturity they demonstrated throughout the process. It was also encouraging to see so many students making the most of every final moment, revising right up until the assessment began. This commitment and determination will serve them well as they continue to prepare for their GCSEs.

Also on Tuesday, I welcomed students back to the Proud Table. It was a real pleasure to see so many students keen to share work they were proud of. What stood out most was how confidently students were able to articulate what they had learned and explain why they were proud of their achievements. This ability to reflect on and talk about their learning is a crucial part of their development, and it was wonderful to celebrate these successes together.

On Thursday, the GCSE examination season officially began, with our Year 11 Psychology students sitting their first written exam in the main hall. We are incredibly proud of the calm and focused manner in which students approached this important milestone. I would like to thank Mr Jordan and Mrs Quinn for leading 'heads up' sessions ahead of the exam, providing students with valuable last-minute guidance and helping them feel confident and prepared. I would also like to thank Mr Jordan and Miss Lauder for delivering their 'heads up' session ahead of the Sports Studies exam on Friday. These sessions will continue ahead of upcoming exams and are a key part of our support for students during this period.

On Friday morning, Mrs Patterson delivered a thoughtful and engaging presentation during student briefing to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. It was a fitting opportunity to reflect on his extraordinary contribution to our understanding of the natural world and the importance of sustainability.

Finally, Mrs George has launched the Year 10 to Year 11 Prefect application process. These roles are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate leadership, responsibility and commitment to our school community. I strongly encourage all eligible students to consider applying. The deadline for applications is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.



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	Olivia-May J – 19	Penny-May C – 19	Ruvarashe M – 20	8 points
8	Lilly-May C – 21	Raine S – 23	Ade O – 37	7 points
9	Ollie P – 21	Madelyn E – 21	Evie V B – 21	8 points
10	Adrian S – 18	Imogen W – 19	Roos V – 19	8 points
11	Zia C – 8	Danila P – 9	George H – 10	3 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 9SCR – 99.52%

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 11ZHA – 99.22%

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 8KLA – 98.5%

As always, I am incredibly proud of our students and grateful to our staff for their continued dedication and support. There is a real sense of purpose and ambition across the school as we move further into the summer term.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria  
Interim Principal