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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week before the May half term break, I would like to take a moment to thank students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support during what has been a very busy and purposeful period across the school.

This week marks a significant milestone for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have completed a full week of examinations. I have been incredibly impressed with the calm, focused and mature way they have approached this important stage. Speaking to many students as they came out of their exams, it was clear that they are feeling confident, a reflection of the sustained hard work, revision and preparation they have put in throughout the year. We are very proud of their attitude and determination.

The exam period continues next week, and I would encourage all students to maintain this positive momentum. Consistent effort, careful preparation and making the most of the support available will be key as they move through the remainder of their examinations. Staff will continue to provide guidance and support to ensure every student is well prepared and confident going into each exam.

On Wednesday, our Year 8 and Year 9 athletics teams represented the academy with great pride at the district competition. Both teams performed admirably across a range of events, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and commitment. I am delighted to share that the Year 8 girls achieved an impressive third place overall, while the Year 9 girls secured sixth place. These are fantastic achievements, and we are very proud of all students involved for the way in which they conducted themselves both on and off the field. An individual sporting success to celebrate in this competition was this incredible achievement for Year 8 student Sophie B where she ran the 200m in 27.23 seconds and broke the school record which has been in place for the last 13 years (the same year Sophie was born!!). Huge congratulations to Sophie.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed parents and carers of our Year 10 students for the Parents' Evening. I would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to what was a very positive and well-received event. There was excellent engagement throughout the evening, with productive conversations taking place between families and staff about students' progress and next steps as they move towards their GCSE examinations. Opportunities like this are invaluable in strengthening the partnership between school and home, and it was fantastic to see such strong support for our students' learning.

Last weekend, Mr Severn took a group of our CCF students to Beckingham for a training exercise. It was an incredibly successful event, with all students passing their weapons handling tests and achieving their 2-star shoot. What was particularly pleasing to hear was the feedback from instructors from another contingent, who commented on how well our students represented both themselves and the academy.



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	Oliver H – 25	Penny-May C – 25	Lilah B – 30	10 points
8	Cerys F – 25	Ade O – 31	Lilly-May C – 32	8 points
9	Phoebe A – 30	Harry H – 32	Olivia E – 37	10 points
10	Rocco E – 40	Lewis G – 41	Imogen C – 45	10 points
11	Archie J – 11	Charlie S – 12	Liam C – 12	2 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 12PSU – 96.82%

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 8KLA – 96.8%

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 7SLE – 96.13%

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to the return of the Proud Table, with a Humanities takeover. This is always a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the work students are most proud of and to give them a platform to articulate their learning and achievements. I look forward to seeing the range and quality of work on display.

As we move into the final week of this half term, there remains a strong sense of purpose and ambition across the school. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain these high standards.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria  
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