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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another very positive and purposeful week across the school, and to thank our students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support.

This week has seen another set of examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Once again, they have approached their exams with focus, maturity and determination. We are very proud of the attitude they are showing during this important time, and I would like to thank staff for the support and guidance they continue to provide.

A reminder that Year 10 end-of-year exams will begin immediately after the half-term break. Students have already been provided with essential revision information and guidance to support their preparation. We encourage all students to make full use of these resources over the holiday period to ensure they are well prepared.

On Tuesday, Mrs Briffa organised a trip for a group of our Year 12 students to the Talisman Theatre to watch A Streetcar Named Desire. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with live theatre and deepen their understanding of the text, and by all accounts it was a thoroughly enriching experience. Also on Tuesday, I had the pleasure of hosting the Proud Table, supported by Mr Wiggins, as part of a Humanities takeover. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the excellent work being produced by our students. The quality of work on display, and the pride students took in sharing their learning, was a credit to both them and their teachers.

This week saw the exciting launch of the Thrive Forward Intensive Programme for some of our Year 10 learners. The programme began with a visit to Market Harborough Building Society, where students enjoyed the fantastic facilities at the main office and took part in an engaging workshop delivered by Spiral. Through team-building games, problem-solving challenges and a bridge-building activity where students took on roles such as engineers and architects, they developed valuable employability and collaboration skills. It was a fantastic afternoon, and all students were a real credit to the school. Opportunities like this play a vital role in helping students develop their understanding of future pathways, and we are grateful to all involved in making this possible.

On Thursday, Mr Lyon and Mrs George led a group of student volunteers in supporting the Montsaye Community Clean Up. It was fantastic to see our students engaging so positively with the local community and demonstrating such a strong sense of responsibility and pride in their environment.

I am incredibly proud of the 45 students who represented the academy at the 'Big Sing' held at the Derngate Theatre on Thursday. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating enthusiasm, talent and exemplary behaviour throughout the event. Their performance showcased not only their musical ability but also their commitment and teamwork - well done to all involved.



Congratulations to the year 10 students who have been successfully appointed as prefects this week. This is a significant achievement and recognition of their positive attitude, leadership potential and dedication to the school community. We look forward to seeing the impact they will have in their new roles.

Today, all year groups took part in assemblies to celebrate their achievements this term. As part of this, students were awarded their next Pin Pledge badges - Bronze, Silver and Gold where they had met the criteria. Congratulations to all students who received an award; this is a significant achievement and reflects sustained effort and commitment.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Sophia W – 24	Sophia D – 26	Elliot B – 37	10 points
8	Cerys F – 21	Thalia H – 23	Ade O – 27	8 points
9	Savanna B – 22	Olivia E – 32	Ava H – 35	9 points
10	Imogen W – 21	Anaia G – 21	Millie E – 21	8 points
11	Wahid A – 4	Millie D – 6	Evan S – 7	1 point

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 7FMI – 98%

2nd place – 9MSE – 95.93%

3rd place – 8TRC – 95.56%

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mrs Palmer, our librarian, who has been accepted as a member of the advisory panel for the School Library Association this week. This is a fantastic professional achievement and recognition of her expertise and commitment to promoting literacy within our school.

As we break for half term, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support. I hope all of our students, staff and families have a restful and enjoyable break.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria
Interim Principal