

5 June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and that you and your families had an opportunity to rest during what was an extremely warm half term week. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our students back into the academy and see corridors and classrooms full of energy, focus and purpose once again.

This week has marked another significant period of examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students; I have been consistently impressed by the way in which they have approached their exams - demonstrating confidence, resilience and real determination. Well done also to those students who attended revision sessions during the half term break; your dedication has not gone unnoticed and will undoubtedly support you in the weeks ahead.

Our exam 'heads up' sessions have continued this week and have been extremely well attended. It has been fantastic to see such strong engagement, including a group of Year 11 students joining us from 7am for early morning sessions! I had the pleasure of supporting students in maths on Wednesday morning and witnessing first-hand the positive mindset and focus of our students - a great start to the day.

There have been many opportunities to celebrate wider school life this week. Our FOMO Friday event saw students take part in a highly engaging murder mystery challenge, solving clues across the academy to determine 'who did it'. Mr Adams took on the role of the unfortunate victim, and the event, organised by our student leadership team, was a fantastic success. The case will close on Monday...

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Knight for organising a valuable Year 10 careers session with SSG this week, providing students with important insights into future pathways and opportunities. We are also very grateful for Mr Lucas, who delivered a Mini Medics first aid course for our Year 8 students. This was an excellent opportunity for students to develop essential life-saving skills, while also building confidence, responsibility and teamwork.

We are also proud to see our newly appointed prefects already stepping confidently into their roles, having announced the year groups they will support. They are a fantastic group of young leaders who will act as strong advocates for the school, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have across the community.

On Monday, our Year 8 young leaders represented Montsaye superbly by leading a striking and fielding event for six local primary schools. They demonstrated leadership, confidence and maturity throughout the day. My thanks go to Mr Wing for providing this opportunity and supporting the students so effectively.



It was also fantastic to see so many of our students representing the academy at the Rothwell Fair Parade on Sunday. Students from our Combined Cadet Force (CCF), Scouts and young leaders took part, showing great pride in both themselves and the school.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you and congratulations to Mrs Thomas and all of the students involved in Montsaye’s contribution to the recent Flower Festival. The displays were beautifully presented, and the performances at the church were truly special. This was a wonderful example of our students demonstrating character, creativity and a strong commitment to supporting our local community.

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	Shadrek M – 23	Oliver H – 23	Elliot B – 30	10 points
8	Pavel U – 22	Ella P – 29	Ade O – 29	10 points
9	Amelia L – 30	Ava H – 35	Olivia E – 51	9 points
10	Maisie J – 19	Anthony C – 19	Olivia-Rose R – 20	7 points
11	Euan L – 8	Arabella C – 8	Perfect D – 10	2 point

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – 12PSU – 97.27%

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 8TRC – 97.04%

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 7HWI – 96.15%

As always, I would like to thank our staff, students and families for their ongoing support and dedication. It is through this collective effort that we continue to create such a positive and purposeful environment for our young people.

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

Best wishes,

Mr Baria  
Interim Principal