

10 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The penultimate week of this half term has been a week full of university applications, university offers and students working hard in lessons!

Mrs George led assemblies for all year groups which centred on the theme of mental health. With World Mental Health Day being on Friday, Mrs George talked about the difference between mental health and diagnosed mental illnesses before moving onto day-to-day stresses and how we can manage them effectively. The children all had the opportunity to contribute things they find stressful and add them to the stress bucket before then sharing a variety of ideas for dealing with managing those things daily. The assembly was a nice lead up to our 'Hello Yellow' day on Friday where all staff and children were encouraged to wear an item of yellow clothing in support of Young Minds for World Mental Health Day.

In terms of University offers, our Head Student, King T, has been offered a place at the University of Sheffield to study Aerospace Engineering; Ollie has been offered a place at the University of Derby to study History; Nadim has been offered a place to read Law at the University of Birmingham and Matthew has been offered a place to study History at the University of Liverpool. 100% of our Year 13s have now applied to university with 25% of those applications being made to Russell Group universities.

It has been another strong week in terms of the Character Caught with students winning fishing matches, a student making it through ballroom dance preliminary competitions to reach the prestigious finals in Blackpool, a student gearing up to take their grade 1 piano exam as well as multiple sporting successes in the form of players of matches and of the month. There is so much talent in our school and it is great to celebrate the diversity of this talent through Character Caught so please keep sending things into us via charactercaught@montsaye.org

On Monday afternoon we welcomed a number of children from Rothwell Junior school into our library to read with some of our children as part of United Learning's Utterly Lit initiative. It was great to see this in action and lovely to welcome the children from one of our biggest feeder schools into our library for the afternoon. I am looking forward to seeing this project continue now that they have chosen their books for the next few weeks.

On Friday, I had the pleasure of listening to more Year 7 students attempt the pledge challenge with all of them managing to recite all five pledges, word perfectly. This weeks successful children were: Samiha K, Penny C, Maisy P, Lennox C, Cardi N, Eli C, Lyla W, Elliot B, Pranav P, Tye C, Keisha B and Florence D.

Excitement is building as our first WoW day will be taking place one day next week which will be the first one for our new year 7 students who have already been asking me lots of questions about the day. We are all looking forward to the first WoW day of the year with lots of exciting activities and prize raffles scheduled for the day.

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Finlay R – 16	Cody O – 16	Oluwasemiloore A – 16	9 points
8	Beverly N – 23	Louise F – 23	Ade O – 29	8 points
9	Basira A – 22	Romaine A – 24	Toria W – 25	8 points
10	Charlie C – 21	Oliver H – 23	Imogen C – 28	8 points
11	Jithuli M – 11	Evie C – 13	Liam C – 14	4 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 12SPU – 100%

Joint 2nd place – 7FMI and 11RKU – 99.31%

Looking ahead, our final week of term is going to be full of fun and opportunity. Mr Lyon is hosting a parent and pupil information evening to provide our Year 9 and 12 students with all the information they need to start their Duke of Edinburgh Award. This will be in the Library at 5pm on Monday 13th October. On Tuesday, our Year 10 Dance and Drama students will be presenting their work to parents, friends and staff and we are all looking forward to seeing them shine in their performances. After school on Thursday, we have our first community clean up of the term and again it has been wonderful to see the amount of students who are keen to help in this project showing respect for the environment and compassion for the community.

Parents, carers, children, staff, governors – We are Montsaye.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal