

14 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

The biblical rain brought to us by Storm Claudia did little to dampen our spirits at the end of a busy second week of the term.

I want to start by saying how impressed I have been with the attitude to learning of Year 11 students as they have undertaken the first week of their mock examinations. They have shown fantastic determination and resilience whilst making the most of this important opportunity to see how they are progressing with each of their subjects. Mock examinations will continue next week with teachers aiming to complete all the marking by the first week of December. The results will then be shared with students but most importantly their strengths and areas for improvement will be identified to help inform their revision and future studies. We will also publish the updated progress league to see which children have improved their ranking since the end of Year 10 examinations.

At the start of the week we welcomed two teachers into school from Sweden who had travelled over to visit three of the United Learning schools in our cluster. They were very impressed with what they saw during the visit and were looking forward to taking ideas and initiatives from Montsaye back to their school in Gothenburg, Sweden. As always, it was a great opportunity for me to reflect on just how far the school has come in such a short amount of time.

On Tuesday, the whole school community came together to watch the Remembrance Day video which included a poem read by Morgan G, a speech from myself and an immaculate performance of The Last Post by Imogen C on her baritone horn before the whole school observed a two-minute silence. As always, it was a very moving event, and I want to say a big thank you to our cadets, Morgan and Imogen as well as Mr Lyon who pulled the final video together - we are Montsaye and we will remember them.

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed Katie from the Wildlife Trust into school to work with our Montsaye Biodiversity Action Group to build bird and bat boxes to go up around our site. It was great to see how engaged all the children were in the activity with many more planned to take place across the rest of the year. Well done to Erin H, Arthur P, Iona S, Rosanna T, Milo P-C, Oluwasemiloore A, Alfie O-B, Charlie C, Oliver H, Issie P, Jacob B, Alex J, and Mrs Moffett who is spearheading the fantastic project.

On Wednesday evening, we welcomed parents and carers of Year 11 children into school for our Sixth Form open evening. It was a genuine pleasure to see the Sixth Form centre so packed after last year's Year 13 students achieved the best KS5 outcomes since 2018. There was a real buzz in the air as prospective Sixth Form students spoke with all the different subject teachers as well as to Mrs Knight our fantastic careers advisor. We are looking forward to seeing the first applications being completed imminently ahead of several other exciting recruitment events scheduled to take place over the remainder of the year.

Our Year 11 boys football team were back in action again, this time to face a strong Hinchbrook team in the National cup. A hat trick from Louis H with 2 assists coming from Olly M were enough to secure a 3-2 win over the home side and see us progress into the next round of the cup – well done to all the boys!

Our top pledge point earners this week were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Oscar F – 58	Alex B – 60	Oluwaseun A – 71	10 points
8	Thalia H – 19	Lilly-May C – 19	Ade O – 29	8 points
9	Eva M – 25	Hasan R-B – 27	Olivia E – 41	11 points
10	Imogen C – 20	Jocelyn H – 21	Alanna B – 21	7 points
11	Najatul T – 9	Perfect J-D – 9	Courtney F – 11	2 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 12SPU – 98.53%

2nd place – 12JAD – 98.14%

3rd place – 11RKU – 96.99%

Looking ahead to next week, we have our SEND drop in session on Monday between 3.30pm and 5.30pm for parents to come and chat to the Inclusion team. On Wednesday a group of Year 12 biology students will visit Pembroke College in Oxford for the day which is an exciting opportunity, and a date to look forward over the next few weeks is the 9th December where we will be inviting you in for our first 'T'was the night before Christmas, carol and performing arts evening' which we are all thoroughly looking forward to.

Parents, carers, staff, students, governors – We are Montsaye

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal