

**MELBOURN**  
VILLAGE COLLEGE

# Key Notes

## MVC Newsletter

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### Bake Sale

On Friday the prefects ran a cake sale for students and staff to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who donated food items to sell at break time. We raised an amazing £170. Well done everybody for making this such a success.



### Personal Social Health Education (PSHE)

On Tuesday, Year 11 students had a PSHE sessions on Transition to Year 11; taking responsibility and time management; and respectful relationships.



### Forthcoming events

- 12<sup>th</sup> October Visit from David Binns (Sanako UK) for Year 9 Language Classes
- 12<sup>th</sup> October deadline for school photo orders to receive free delivery to school
- 14<sup>th</sup> October deadline for locker payments
- 19<sup>th</sup> October Deadline for Y11 personal statement to be handed to tutors

## Visit from St Peters School Students

On Friday we welcomed some St Peter's School Year 11 and 13 students who came to work with our students and learn more about their experiences at MVC. They have been specially trained for this task, having worked with the NSPCC, and gained a level 2 qualification to support their work. Students were encouraged to be honest so that we can understand how best to support them all to become successful adults of the future.



## Student survey

All students have been sent a survey to complete about their experience of Melbourn Village College. Please encourage your child to complete the survey, so that I can make the school better. Every student's response is important.

## Above and Beyond

Congratulations to Mr Barlow's Year 10 students who gained the highest number of 'above and beyond' achievement points since the start of term and those who gained the most points this week.



## Cycling route

On a rainy Friday last week, Year 7 student Iris took Nik Johnson, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, on a bike ride around Melbourn to show him how helpful a safe off-road Melbourn to Royston connection would be. The route would be for bikes, scooters and walking, and includes a bridge over the A505 roundabout into Royston. This would complete the off-road "Melbourn Greenway", a walking and cycling path all the way from Cambridge to Royston. Iris highlighted the issues with the existing route, and then explained what can be done to solve this problem.



Iris would like to encourage you to make your voice heard as part of the Melbourn Greenway public engagement opportunities taking place this month. You can take part in the online survey [here](#) or come along to one of the following events:

- Zoom Event, Tuesday 11 October, 18:00 – 20:00.
- Melbourn Hub, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 16:00 – 19:00, High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ
- Hauxton Centre, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 16:00 – 19:00, Church Road, Hauxton, CB22 5HS

You can register for these events [here](#).

Melbourn **greenway**

GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP



### Have your say on a new Greenway route linking Melbourn, Foxton, Harston, Hauxton, Meldreth, Shepreth and Royston.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership would like to hear your views on a new Greenway that will improve facilities for walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse riding.

An online survey and events will run from midday on Monday 3 October until midday Friday 28 October 2022.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Please visit our website below or attend one of our public events where you can view our designs and provide your feedback. Details for the events can be seen overleaf.

<https://www.consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway>

The engagement period ends at midday on Friday 28 October, so please submit your feedback by then.



### What are the proposals?

Please visit our website where you can find out more and provide feedback: <https://www.consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway>

Our plans aim to make walking, cycling and, where appropriate, horse-riding safer and easier. They include:

- More direct off-road, all weather, shared paths between Hauxton, Harston, Foxton, Melbourn and Royston as well as improvements to the links to Meldreth and Shepreth railway stations
- Safer streets with traffic speed reduction measures and reduced speed limits where the Greenway runs on road
- New and upgraded walking and cycling crossings
- Localised road repairs and surface improvements to make them safer and easier to use
- Easier to follow signs to guide people along the Melbourn Greenway route
- Potential walking and cycling bridge across the A505 to connect with Royston

### Find out more and have your say

 Fill out the online survey at: <a href="https://consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway">https://consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway</a>	 We will be holding one virtual event and two in person in October. Details below:
 Email us: <a href="mailto:consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk">consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk</a>	 We will be holding a live event online with the project team. Date: Tuesday 11th October Time: 18:00 – 20:00
 Contact us on Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GreaterCams">Facebook.com/GreaterCams</a>	To register, please visit: <a href="https://consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway">https://consultcamb.org.uk/engagement/gcp-melbourn-greenway</a>
 Contact us on Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/GreaterCams">#CambsGreenways</a>	 Venue: Melbourn Hub Date: Monday 17th October Time: 16:00 – 19:00 Address: High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ
 Telephone us: 01223 699906	 Venue: Hauxton Centre Date: Thursday 20th October Time: 16:00 – 19:00 Address: Church Road, Hauxton, CB22 5HS
 You can request a printed survey by contacting us on the details above and we will send one to you	

## Year 7 Routine Literacy Screening

Our routine literacy screening test for year 7 students will be taking place this week. Headphones will be available for students to use, but if they would like to bring their own wired headphones into school to use, they can do so (we cannot connect via wireless Bluetooth). If you have any queries, please email [aaa@melbournvc.org](mailto:aaa@melbournvc.org)

## Lockers

If your child had a locker last year and would like to continue using it this year, please pay the rental fee of £10 on ParentPay by Friday 14th October. Thank you to those who have already paid. If your child no longer wants to keep their locker, please ask them to return the key to reception. Lockers that have not been paid for by 14<sup>th</sup> October will be reclaimed by the school and any belongings returned. The locker will then be fitted with a new padlock before being reallocated.

## Comberton Sixth Form

On Tuesday our Year 11 pupils welcomed David Clarke, Head of Comberton Sixth Form. He talked to them about the fantastic opportunities for post-16 study at Comberton. The presentation has been emailed to all Year 11 parents/carers. There is still time to book a tour of Comberton Sixth Form if you missed the summer term open evening. For more information, you can scan the QR code below, call Sixth Form Reception on 01223 265470 or visit [www.combertonsixthform.org](http://www.combertonsixthform.org)



## School Photographer

Students were given their photo proof cards today. The deadline to order photos online with free delivery back to your school is: **Wednesday 12th October 2022**. If your child had their photo taken but have not received their proof card, please ask them to check in Reception. For queries about orders please contact [DSP Photography](http://DSP Photography) on 01242 691910 or email [dsp.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:dsp.enquiries@gmail.com)

## Science – Primary Liaison

Dr Wilson, our Head of Science, visited Hedgehog and Squirrel Year 3 pupils at Melbourn Primary School last week to talk about rocks! They have been learning how our ancestors used rock tools to hunt and build. Dr Wilson talked to them about two properties of rocks - 'Does this rock react with acid?' and 'How soft is this rock?' The pupils were very excited to see and hear the bubbles when chalk reacted with acid. Dr Wilson will be visiting our other feeder primary schools over the course of this year.



# Biology Week 2022



The Science noticeboard in the courtyard has been updated to celebrate the amazing world of the Biosciences! Students have been watching the new BBC series 'Frozen Planet 2' presented by Sir David Attenborough, and we received the fantastic poster featuring the animals adapted to live in these extreme environments.

Also in the display board are some important facts about two 'power plants' – the sunflower and crab apple.

If you are interested in learning more about Biology or even considering a career in this, then please attend the 'Big Biology Day' at Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, on Saturday 15th October. It will be a day of hands-on activities and entertainment with education and careers advice.

This week, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Svante Paabo for his discoveries on human evolution and the genomes of our extinct human relatives. He had pioneered a way to sequence ancient DNA from a bone of a Neanderthal that lived 40,000 years ago, previously thought to be impossible!

## Physical Education

Our Year 10 boys football team bowed out of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Cup last week to Freman College. We were dealt a blow with serious injuries to Fletcher in the lead-up to the game and our striker Laurence early in the game. Stand-in manager, Mr Kennedy was particularly frustrated with losing Laurence after his collision with the Freman goalkeeper, which sadly resulted in a broken leg. Hopefully, we will have both boys available for important matches after Christmas.

Our Year 11s will fly the flag for MVC as they host Sawston Village College on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in their ESFA Cup game. Pupils are reminded to attend the football enrichment on Tuesdays after school.

We have another badminton/table tennis GCSE fixture on Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>) against Cambourne.

A reminder: if anyone has any old astroturf trainers or football boots they would like to donate to the PE dept they would be gratefully received. Please send them in with your child or leave them at reception. We are encouraging all students to have suitable footwear for use on the astroturf pitch by October half term.

<u>Recommended footwear</u>							
Incorrect footwear may damage the turf, but more importantly may increase the risk of injury							
RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Boots with moulded or screw-in rubber or plastic studs	Boots with short rubber or plastic blades	Specialist, multiple synthetic turf trainers	Boots with long screw-in plastic studs	Boots with short metal or metal tipped studs	Flat sole shoes/trainers (except First Aiders)	Long metal or metal tipped studs	Long blades
							

## Sports Leaders Update

On 3<sup>rd</sup> October our Year 10 Sports Leaders kicked off their leadership journey by attending the leadership launch event. Students received information on how the programme will support their development as leaders. They learned about training and volunteering opportunities which will help to develop their interpersonal skills, enhance their CV and provide a career pathway. Leaders also received their brand-new leadership uniform. We are very excited to work with our young leaders who will help us deliver enrichment clubs, competitions, festivals, and events to children across South Cambridgeshire, allowing all to enjoy physical activity and sport.



Our sports leaders are committed to active volunteering and after a busy launch event they attended their first leadership course – an introduction to netball officiating. On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October our leaders will use their newly acquired umpiring skills to host our local primary schools for the BEE netball league tournament.

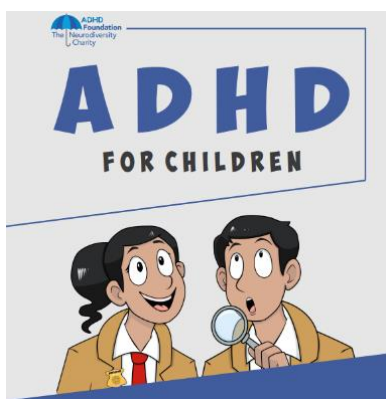
The next leadership course has been arranged for October half term. We are able to offer a dodgeball leaders course free of charge to our leaders (usually costing £60pp). The course will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 11-2pm at Comberton VC. There are limited spaces available, so if any sports leaders are interested, please speak to Miss Evans as soon as possible and check your school email account. Watch this space for our next leadership course – Introduction to Football Refereeing run by The Cambridgeshire FA's Referee Development Officer.

**Dodgeball Leaders Course**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
**11am-2pm**  
**Comberton Village College**

- Developed by StreetGames and UK Dodgeball Association, the workshop provides learners with game ideas and the basic rules of dodgeball in order to introduce the sport to young people in their community and help to set up a dodgeball club at your school.
- This workshop is being offered free of charge to leadership academy pupils (usually charge £60pp)
- If you are interested in attending this course please speak to your PE Teacher. There is a maximum number of places per school.







### ADHD Awareness Month

October is [ADHD Awareness month](#) and here are 7 facts about ADHD:

1. ADHD is a real, brain-based medical disorder
2. ADHD is a common, non-discriminatory disorder
3. Diagnosing ADHD is a complex process
4. Other mental health conditions may occur along with ADHD
5. Diagnosing and treating ADHD can improve the quality of life
6. ADHD is nobody's fault
7. There are many approaches to ADHD treatment

You can find out more about ADHD [here](#). The ADHD Foundation have produced a fun quiz for children to help them find out more about ADHD. You can download a copy here: [ADHD FOUND Takeda KidsBooklet May22 2.pdf \(adhdfoundation.org.uk\)](#)

### Spanish

KS3 pupils are starting to use the Languagenut platform to complete their Spanish homework. It is an interactive and fun way to learn vocabulary, which is essential to make good progress. The app is available to download from the Self-Service section of the iPads. 'Above and Beyond' points are going to be given to the students with the highest scores each week. Well done class 8XM for being top of the class leader board.



#### Students School Ranking

1	Jasmina	39400
2	Roza	31600
3	Dexter	24400
4	James	23800
5	Sophie	23000

#### Classes League

1	8XM 2022-3	159000
2	7XM 2022-23	114800
3	9XE 2022-3	87800
4	9XM 2022-23	82400
5	8YC 2022-23	69100



## Safer Schools Newsletter

October's edition of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter is being sent with this edition of Key Notes.

The subjects covered are:

- Be bright, be seen
- The dangers of vaping
- National hate crime week
- Clever never goes



## Current Vacancies

Our partner contractors are seeking to recruit cleaning staff, catering staff and relief school crossing patrol. See below for details:

**WE ARE NOW HIRING!**  
Cleaning positions available at Melbourn Village College



- ✓ £10.00 per hour (4 weekly Pay by BACS)
- ✓ Mon-Fri / 3pm-6pm / 3 hours per day / 15 hours per week
- ✓ Pro-rata Holiday Pay
- ✓ Uniform and Training provided
- ✓ 43-week contract

Opportunity to work with a flexible, friendly and local employer. Positions contracted to term time plus additional non-term time deep cleaning. All up to date ID and proof of entitlement to work in UK required as a fully enhanced DBS will be processed for successful applicants.

**APPLY NOW!**  
enquiries@reef-cleaning.co.uk  
01480 470110  
www.reef-cleaning.co.uk



**We are hiring! Join Us!** 

We love food and hope you will join our team providing healthy great food at Melbourn Village College

**Great Work Life Balance!**

Are you our next Chef Manager £14ph / Kitchen assistant £10.50 ph?

Dynamic Individuals are required to work in a fabulous team - Term Time only, Monday to Friday

For an Informal chat please contact Danielle below. All successful applicants will be subjected to a full enhanced DBS Check.

**Team Work!** **Are you Passionate?**

Join a fantastic Team! Good Luck we look forward to hearing from you.

Contact Danielle  
dharrison@caterlinkltd.co.uk  
07341 869482

## Relief School Crossing Patrol

We have a vacancy for a relief school crossing patrol. £9.60 per hour 8:00-8:45am and 3:00-3:45pm. For more information please contact Sosan Javaid, [sjavaid@melbournvc.org](mailto:sjavaid@melbournvc.org)

## Post-16 opportunities

See the posters at the end of this newsletter for some more post-16 events that you and your child may be interested in.

With best wishes

Christopher Bennet  
Head Teacher



**Insights: Your Guide to Careers in STEM**  
13th October, 5:30pm-7pm

Discover the wonderful world of STEM and find out if a career in STEM could be for you.

- Learn about the pathways available into a career in STEM, from apprenticeships to university and graduate schemes
- Discover the best subjects to study for different careers in STEM
- Interact and connect with some of the region's leading companies, all on hand to provide insight into their sector. Come prepared with all of your burning questions!
- Find out about jobs that you may have never realised existed
- Access advice and guidance on your next steps.

These events are for students in Year 8 and above - as well as parents and guardians.  
Register at: [bit.ly/FIinsightSTEM](http://bit.ly/FIinsightSTEM)

FORM THE FUTURE  
GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP

**OPEN DAYS 2022**  
19th OCTOBER FROM 6.00 PM

CAMBRIDGE  
MATHS SCHOOL

**Do you love maths?**

Cambridge Maths School will stimulate students' passion for mathematics through an extraordinary curriculum that connects ideas, develops a nimbleness of thought and motivates and excites young people.

Register Now

These events are aimed at Year 11 students but open to all year groups for students who are starting to consider their A-Levels

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

**MORGAN SINDALL**  
CONSTRUCTION

**Degree Apprenticeships WEBINAR**

When: Monday 17th October 2022, 6-7pm

**17 or over and thinking about your next career step?**

Our Apprenticeship Programme is a great way of getting a degree paid for by the employer, earning a living wage while doing it, and securing a full time job after 5 years.

To learn more about a rewarding career where you can leave a legacy and make a real difference, join our webinar hosted by Social Value Manager Helen Clements. Parents, carers and teachers are welcome too!

Sign up here ↓

Visit YouTube to listen to some of our current apprentices share their experiences!

Scan the QR code to sign up

**Deloitte.**

**Curious to meet us?**

University or college not for you?  
Not sure what to do after graduating?  
Want to build a global career and stay local?

On Tuesday 18th October 17:00 – 19:00 we're hosting an apprenticeship and graduate careers event at our Deloitte Cambridge office, CB1 2GA.

If you want real responsibility, to get paid and gain a professional qualification, then an apprenticeship at Deloitte might be for you. Bring your family and friends to explore our opportunities and meet the team.

Scan the QR code to sign up

Cambridge University Surgical Society  
& The Royal College of Surgeons of England

**SURGERY IN SCHOOLS**  
Surgical Outreach Event for Sixth Form & Year 11

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Sunday 16 October 2022, 10.00 – 15.00  
Great Hall, The Leys School, Cambridge

- Talks from a leading surgeon
- First-hand advice on getting into medical school
- Hands-on workshops, including simulation laparoscopy, suturing, interview practice & more

To attend, please register via QR code or E: [careers@theleys.net](mailto:careers@theleys.net)

Drop off on the day at the Main Entrance of The Leys School, Cambridge, CB2 7AD