

**MELBOURN**  
VILLAGE COLLEGE

# Key Notes

## MVC Newsletter

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### School Improvements

Already we are drawing to the end of the first half term. The students and staff have all worked hard adapting to the positive changes that have taken place. All these changes are for one purpose – to make Melbourn Village College a better school. An email was sent to all parents and carers earlier this week outlining some of these improvements and I will continue to keep you up dated as we move forwards.

### Pastoral Staff

Students and staff are beginning to notice the positive impact of the changes to our pastoral team. We are moving to a position where each year group has an allocated member of Associate (non-teaching) staff to support the students. This member of staff is also available for you to contact directly as form tutors/Heads of Year are teachers, and spend most of the school day teaching. These Pastoral Support Officers are:

- Ms R Drum: Year 7
- Ms R Howard: Year 8
- Ms G Butcher: Year 9 (from 14<sup>th</sup> November)
- Ms E Tidby: Year 10
- Ms A Flowerdew: Year 11

### Design and Technology



Mr Nash, teacher of design and technology is asking for donations of any clean unpainted offcuts of wood to assist with KS3 Construction and DT projects. He would like any small offcut sections of softwood materials and plywood which you may have left over from your DIY. These will be used by students to make prototypes for their model-making tasks and coursework. Unfortunately, we cannot accept painted wood, chipboard or MDF type materials. Donations can be handed in at Reception.

### Forthcoming Events

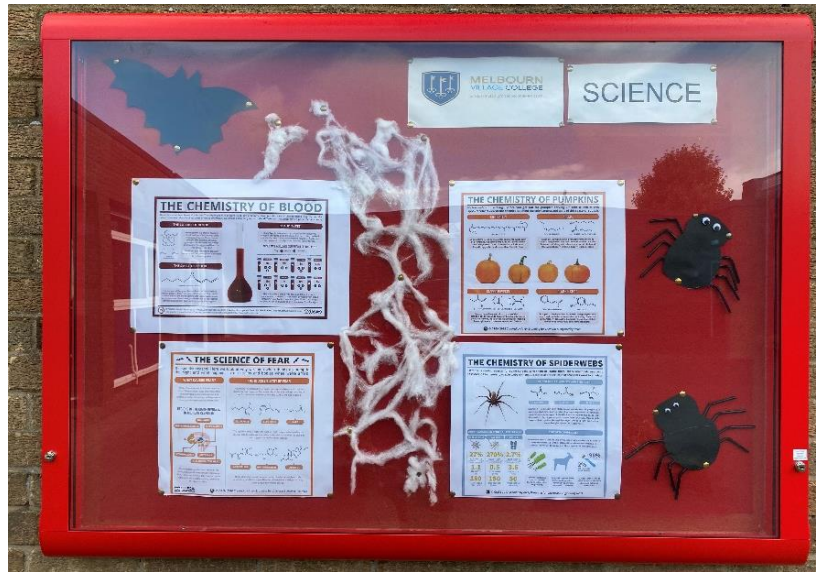
- 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November: Year 11 Mandarin Speaking Mock Tests
- 1<sup>st</sup> November: University of Hertfordshire Talk for Year 9 and 11 students
- 9<sup>th</sup> November: Year 9 Enterprise Day in school

## Year 7

The year 7 students have had a fantastic start to their time at Melbourn VC. Lots of new friendships have been made, enrichment opportunities experienced, and all the young people have fully immersed themselves in lessons. In assembly this week they have reflected on the first half term. Hawking Form were congratulated for gaining the most achievement points and Lewis Form for completing the most time on [Timetables Rockstars](#). Well done!

## Science

Our Science Noticeboard has been updated with a Halloween theme! Find out about the blood, spiders, pumpkins and the science of fear!



## Black History Month

October is Black History Month and students have been spending time in forms considering why this event is important, and discussing significant people and events in the history of the black community and their positive impact on the world.

RESPECT STARTS WITH YOU  
#CHOOSE RESPECT



### Classes League

1	9XE 2022-3	1092000
2	7YC 2022-3	633100
3	9XM 2022-23	594400
4	7YA 2022-3	472600
5	7XM 2022-23	426800

## Spanish

Spanish classes have been completing tasks on Languagenut to help them learn new vocabulary. The chart shows the top 5 classes this week. Year 9 students have had assessments this week and class 9XE have been revising really hard, achieving 4 of the top 5 student scores. The top five pupils have all received positive achievement points on Go4School.

## Rugby after half-term

Most of the Year 7 - 9 boys classes will be starting rugby after half-term. These lessons will be on the field and pupils are advised to wear boots and gumshields. If parents would like assistance in buying these items, please contact Mr Barlow.

## Physical Education: Year 9 and KS4 Hockey Fixture


On Tuesday afternoon the sun was shining as we welcomed Bassingbourn VC for a friendly hockey fixture. With an early 2-0 lead to Bassingbourn, our hockey team were determined and shooting with much more confidence by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, making the score 2-1. The girls stayed focused and determined to win, keeping the intensity up until the final whistle. They worked well together as a team and were unlucky not to get a win. The final score was 5-2 to Bassingbourn. Congratulations to goal-scorer Isabelle (x2) and players of the match, Hattie and Laura.



## Sports Leaders


We have some exciting courses and volunteering opportunities for our Year 10 Sports Leaders to book on to. Students should check their school email account or speak to Miss Evans for all booking links.

## Football Refereeing Course



Cambridgeshire  
Football Association

# Introduction to Football refereeing





Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
4.00-5.30pm  
at Northstowe Secondary College

**Would you like to take the first steps to becoming a football referee?**

We are hosting an introduction to football refereeing in association with Cambridgeshire FA. This course will give you an introduction to the skills needed to referee mini soccer junior matches and consider taking your first qualification in football officiating.

This course will consist of both theory and practical elements. Please wear either your sports leader kit or school PE kit. Bring moulded boots suitable for a 3G Astro surface and footwear to wear inside. You will also need to bring a water bottle, pen, notebook.

**To book on this course please use the link below.**



South Cambs  
School Sports Partnership



## October Half Term Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer at the South Cambridgeshire District Council run Athletics and Netball camps in October half term, please complete the form [here](#).

- Athletics: 25<sup>th</sup> October 10.00-3:30pm at Cambridge University Athletics Track, CB3 9AD
- Netball: 26<sup>th</sup> October 10.00-3:30pm at Impington Village College Sports Centre, CB24 9LX

## Library

Mrs Shakespeare from our Student Support Centre recently met with a volunteer from The Hub Café in Melbourn Village. The Hub have received a grant from local property developers. Hopkins Homes to buy some books aimed at children in Y7-11 with SEND to encourage them to use the Hub library facilities. Brodie, Keira and Grace from SSC chose some books from the school library that they would like to recommend. Mrs Shakespeare said “once the Hub have a new selection of accessible reading books, my colleagues and I are planning to arrange regular visits to the library with our SSC students.”



**Wellbeing Week Events**

Come along to one of our free events to find out what support and services are available in your local area to look after your health and wellbeing. This includes sport and activity services, community groups and health checks. You can also talk to the service providers about what would benefit you in the area.

**Monday 24 October at Harston Village Hall:**  
1:30pm to 4pm  
Including advice and support on young people's mental health

**Wednesday 26 October at Bar Mill Octagon Building:**  
1pm to 4pm  
Including health checks for over 55's

**Thursday 27 October at Linton Sports Centre:**  
1pm to 4pm  
Including health checks for over 55's

All ages welcome. No booking required.

For more information, please email [ben.truett@scams.gov.uk](mailto:ben.truett@scams.gov.uk)

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## SCDC Wellbeing Week Events

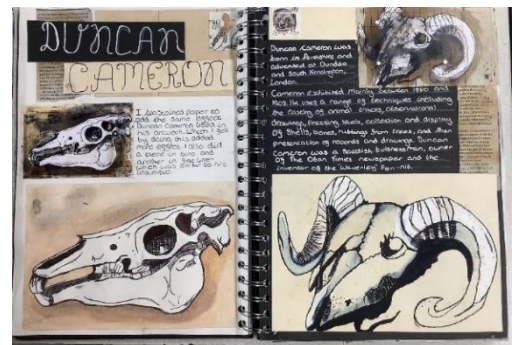
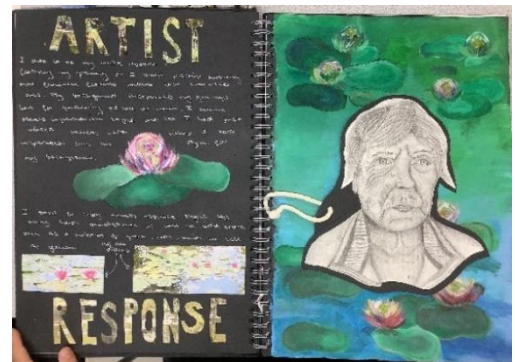
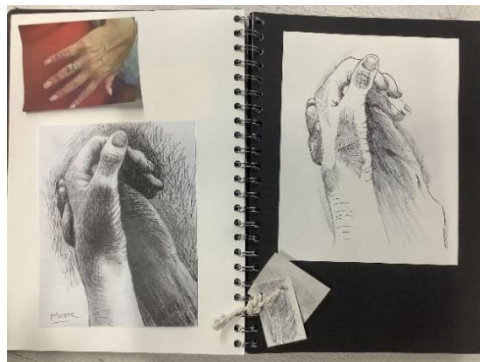
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## Student Showcase: SEND Enrichment Art and Y11 Art

This week we are showcasing some of the wonderful work by students who attend the SEND art enrichment class on Mondays.

Also, here are some more outstanding pieces of artwork from our Year 11 art students who have been working on artist research and response pieces in relation to the artists they have studied.



## Train to Teach

Please see the attached flyer with information about training to teach. More information is available on the CTSN SCITT website: [Events - CTSN \(ctsnscitt.info\)](https://www.ctsnscitt.info)

With best wishes

*Christopher Bennet*

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Head Teacher

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Thinking about becoming a Teacher?  
Come talk to us on  
Tuesday 1st November  
6-7pm  
Book the online event via EventBrite  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ctsn-scitt-train-to-teach-information-evening-november-tickets-4398372377>

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