



**MELBOURN**  
VILLAGE COLLEGE

# Key Notes

## MVC Newsletter

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### Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, students on the Mandarin Excellence Programme and their invited guests enjoyed an amazing performance of the Lion Dance by the Chung Ching London Lion Dance Group. The Lion Dance is a form of traditional Chinese dance in which performers mimic a lion's movements in a lion costume to bring good luck and fortune. The dancers were accompanied by music from a drum and cymbals. Head teacher, Mr Bennet participated in the lion awakening ritual and the lion then proceeded to dance and give out 'red envelopes' to randomly selected students. The children greeted the lion during the dance and fed the red envelopes into the Lion's mouth to bring good luck for the year ahead. The lion gave out mandarin oranges to students in the audience as their colour is close to that of gold and symbolises wealth. The lion dance is one of the most important traditions of Chinese New Year. This event was a reward for MEP students for their dedication to learning Chinese.





## Forthcoming Events

- 25<sup>th</sup> January: Flu vaccination Years 7 and 8. [Sign up link](#)
- 27<sup>th</sup> January: Science Live trip to Cambridge
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February: Year 9 reports to parents
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term
- 20<sup>th</sup> February: Staff Training Day (school closed). Our training day has moved from 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- 24<sup>th</sup> February: Vaccinations DTP and MenACWY Year 9. [Sign up link](#)

## After-school Clubs and Activities

After-school clubs and activities started this week. These run on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00pm. They will run up to half term, then 5 weeks after half term. They will not run in the last week of the Spring term. Here are some pictures from the first sessions of table tennis, art, squash club, drama club, biology, Minecraft, girls' football, sewing club, running club, programming club, and science club.





## MVC Music

Following the Christmas Concert, Mr Thomson was pleased to see many students back in after-school Chamber Ensemble and Choir rehearsals, this week. The Spring Concert will take place in the Main Hall before the Easter break (date TBC).



## Request from Sewing and Craft Club

For one of their projects for the next two terms, the sewing and craft club are hoping to create a crocheted granny-square/knitted-square blanket that can then be donated to a local charity. To achieve this, they are asking for your help with supplies. If anyone has any spare crochet hooks - size 4, knitting needles size 3 or 4 and wool, they would really appreciate it. Donations can be left at reception. Thank you very much for your support.



## Cambridgeshire Constabulary eCops

This year, Cambridgeshire Constabulary are celebrating the 20-year anniversary of eCops. eCops began back in 2003 when an East Chesterton Sergeant wanted a way to keep local residents informed and up to date with what police were doing in their area. It started as a simple email to all East Chesterton residents and has developed and grown over the past 20 years to an advanced system used by around 19,000 people across the county. It is free and easy to sign up, and subscribers can register according to their location and interests, reducing information overload and ensuring that they receive targeted alerts that are focused on their own area and interests. Messages can include crime news, information about crime happening locally, crime prevention advice, details about local incidents and appeals for help in reducing crime in the county.

Members can also reply to alerts, providing a quick and easy two-way communication between yourself and your local officers. You can tell them about your concerns, to help them police your neighbourhoods effectively. They recommend that all parents/carers of young people in Cambridgeshire subscribe to eCops to be more aware of crime happening in your area, so that you are in a better position to protect yourself and your family against crime.

You can sign up to eCops here:

[www.ecops.org.uk](http://www.ecops.org.uk)



### **PE Fixtures timetable**

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Netball at home after school (Y10/11)  
Y7 District Cup Football v Impington

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> January: U/16 Basketball at Cambourne (Y10/11)

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> February: Basketball at home after school (Y10/11)  
Y8 District Cup Football v Trumpington

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March: Cluster fixture at home - Y7&9 netball, Y7&8 basketball

### **Panathlon**

Congratulations to the 8 students who represented Melbourn VC at the Panathlon Games at Impington Village College on Friday. They competed in a variety of sporting activities, working their way around different adapted sports stations including Boccia, basketball, target practice, and bowling. All the students worked well together and a fantastic time was had by all. MVC achieved third place out of 7 teams who took part. Fingers crossed we have earned our way into the Finals in March – watch this space!



### **Student Support**

Some of the students from the Student Support Centre were in the kitchen on Friday practising their baking skills.

They made and decorated some gingerbread with help from the TAs.

The gingerbread looked delicious, well done!



## Adult Education Art Class

The adult education classes have started at MVC this week with sign language, fused glass, Indian cookery, upholstery and, drawing and painting. You can view our adult education programme for 2022-23 [here](#) or contact Mandy Draper by email: [commmed@catrust.co.uk](mailto:commmed@catrust.co.uk) for more information.



## Vacancies

We are currently advertising the following vacancies on our [website](#):

- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Humanities and PSHE
- Cover Supervisor
- Senior IT Technician
- Teacher of D&T (any specialism)
- Cabin Level 1 Teaching Assistant

With best wishes,

Christopher Bennet  
Executive Head Teacher

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Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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