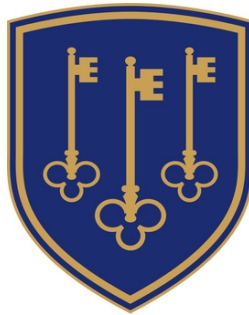


MVC NEWSLETTER

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

12 DEC 2024



Dear Parents and carers,

Well, here we are – about to enter the last week of the longest term of the school year. Everybody is getting tired, and we are noticing this in the increased lateness of pupils to school.

We have a coherent programme of personal development, much of which is delivered through tutor times and promptness to school is vital for all pupils. Please encourage and enable your child to be in school before 8.30am to ensure they receive the full entitlement of this important programme. In the New Year, we will be giving lunchtime detentions to any child arriving after the 8.30am bell has rung, so developing the habit of good punctuality will be really helpful.

Related to this, we have noticed some pupils who arrive to school on the bus, are then leaving the school site to walk into the village and visit the shop. Please can you ensure that your child understands this is not permitted, and will also incur a detention.

After Christmas, we will be starting the Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP) in year 7. This entails creating a teaching group containing all MEP pupils and so the other teaching groups (the class in which pupils receive all lessons except maths, science and PE) will also be re-assembled. For many children, this will mean a change of teaching group in January and we are taking the opportunity to revisit maths and science groupings at the same time to ensure that all classes are taught by a subject expert. We will re-issue all year 7 pupils with new paper timetables on the first day of term, but their timetables will be visible on Bromcom and Go4Schools the weekend before the term starts.

Niki Smith
Acting Principal

KEY DATES

9th - 13th Dec
MVC Reading Week

Wednesday 18th Dec
Christmas Lunch & Year 11
Winter Party

Thursday 19th Dec
Year 8 Reward Event and
Christmas Concert

Friday 20th Dec
Christmas Mystery Bag
Extravaganza.

Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 6th Jan
School Closed

Tuesday 7th Jan
Spring Term Opens

6th - 17th Jan
Year 9s experience 'taster
lessons' in KS4 subjects

Tues 14th Jan
Year 9 Vocational
presentation and Parent
Form Event.

10th, 15th, 16th & 17th Jan
Parent Listening sessions
with Rachel Spencer

SCHOOL BUS TIMES

Reminder that the published times for the school buses are the times that the bus leaves the stop. Pupils are asked to arrive at the stop at least 5 minutes before the published departure time so that they are ready to board when the vehicle arrives.

Bus times are available on our website here:



[https://www.melbournvc.org/about-us/School Transport.php](https://www.melbournvc.org/about-us/School_Transport.php)

PARENT FORUM AND LISTENING SESSIONS

We are pleased to announce the rescheduled date for the next Parents' Forum. This will now take place on Tuesday 14 January, 6-7.30pm. We appreciate your patience and hope you can attend this event. In attendance will be the CEO, Claire Heald, Director of Strategy & Improvement, Dr Richard Kueh and our new Director of Inclusion and Community, Iain Mackintosh.

Please kindly complete this form to confirm your attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bmSSifquvi>

Rachel Spencer, the new principal, will also be hosting open door 'listening sessions' in the first two weeks of term. These sessions are an opportunity for you to have a face-to-face with Rachel to share your views and ask her questions.

Sessions will be allocated at 20 minute intervals on the dates shown below on a first-come-first-served basis. We kindly ask that parents arrive 5 minutes prior to their meeting with Rachel in order to be sign in at reception.

Appointments will be allocated at 20 minute intervals on the dates and times below:

- Friday 10th January - 8am-11am
- Wednesday 15th January - 1pm-4pm
- Thursday 16th January - 8am-11am
- Friday 17th January - 1pm-4pm

To book onto one of these sessions please email the Principal's PA, Ms Young at lyyoung@melbournvc.org.

VISIT FROM PROFESSOR PO-SHEN LOH



We were delighted to welcome Professor Po-Shen to MVC on Wednesday as a treat for our Year 10 pupils who enjoyed a fun and engaging maths lesson covering:

infinity, geometric series, solving quadratic equations using a new method, and why we can't divide by zero.

After the lesson pupils said:

Professor Po was a very influential teacher who made an immense impression when he taught my maths class. His teaching style was unique. It was a fast-paced lesson yet it made logical sense. Instead of coming with a topic to teach he asked students for a topic and improvised a lesson to teach from our suggestions. Our class chose the subject of Quadratic equations and Prof Po taught us with his own technique to solve these equations with simple and logical steps. He told us instead of "un multiplying" the x term just simply unadd the C term. This method has helped me loads." Max

"Prof Po was not only a great teacher but also a general great guy when he came in to teach my class. He was very smart and explained in a very clear way, that I was able to understand and I learnt a huge amount in his lesson. He was talking about really interesting things to do with maths and now I am understanding more and am pursuing further to see what I can find out about maths." Archie

"What I enjoyed most about Professor Po's visit was the clarity in which he spoke. When he spoke, I didn't get lost in the technicality of his words. Although he went into great detail I managed to grasp the overall topic." Lottie

Professor Po-Shen is an American mathematician specializing in combinatorics (the study of discrete systems). He teaches at Carnegie Mellon University, and from 2014 to 2023 served as the national coach of the United States' International Mathematical Olympiad team. He is the founder of educational websites Expii and Live.



CAROLS AT KING'S COLLEGE

This week our GCSE Music, choir and chamber ensemble pupils enjoyed attending the dress rehearsal for this year's 'Carol's at King's College' event, in Cambridge.

King's Christmas services are followed by a worldwide audience of millions of people. We were privileged to have been offered a small number of tickets and the experience was greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you to all staff involved in facilitating the trip.



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Harvey (Year 9) represented MVC in the annual District Schools Cross Country race at Netherhall School last week.

The Year 9 course is just over 3km and features a tricky gradual hill up towards Cherry Hinton on the school field.

Harvey followed up his excellent scores in a recent fitness unit to finish 3rd. Well done!



FOOTBALL CLUB IS THRIVING

Our Wednesday after school football club has been thriving this term with over 60 pupils signing up to play. Here is the Key Stage 3 section ready for action.

The football club for KS3 and KS4 will be back by popular demand after Christmas so please encourage your child to come and join us!

#EverybodyIsSomebody

TALK THE TALK VISIT

As part of our reading week, Talk The Talk visited MVC on Monday to deliver their 'Talk About Communication' workshop to pupils in Years 8 and 9.

The workshop develops speaking and listening skills within a creative learning environment, providing numerous speaking opportunities. Pupils were coached and supported throughout the day to deliver a structured two minute presentation to their peers, on a topic for which they have a genuine passion.

Talk The Talk's mission is to develop students' oracy skills and their communication confidence to support positive life interactions and improved social outcomes. Talk the Talk have trained over 115,000 students to be confident communicators across England and Wales since they began in 2013. To learn more about Talk The Talk's work visit them at: www.talkthetalkuk.org



VALENCIA TRIP

Students from Years 10 and 11 are having a great time on the Spanish trip to Valencia. They arrived on Tuesday and after lunch, visited Torres Serranos Miguelete, Tower Lonja de la Seda and had dinner at the Hard Rock Café. On Wednesday they visited the Fallera museum, city of sciences, cathedral and had a Spanish lesson. They enjoyed some churros with chocolate and had a paella for dinner! On the final day they had their second Spanish lesson, and visited the supermarket to put into action what they have been learning about.





SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

Christopher Stead, the School Crossing Patrol has decided to retire at Christmas. I'm sure we would all like to wish him a happy retirement. The County Council will review the vacancy, but in the meantime, please encourage your children to cross on the zebra crossing by the Hub and not on the blind corner opposite the entrance to the Moor.



Melbourn Village College Christmas Concert Thursday 19 December 2024 19.00 in the Main Hall



Celebrating Christmas with musical performances featuring MVC Choir, Chamber Ensemble, Year 10 Band and more

***TICKETS: £3 (Adult) £2 (Concession)**

*Available from school reception
Come along and invite friends!

'UNWRAP THE MAGIC' CHRISTMAS MYSTERY BAG EXTRAVAGANZA!

On 20th December the year 11's will be raising money for their leavers day next year by doing a Christmas themed lucky dip during break and lunch time in FN1.

There will be various items available including key rings, bracelets, rings, stationary, toys etc for either £1 or £2.

Drinks and cakes will also be on sale. If you would like to donate any baked goods for this event, they will be gratefully received.

Pupils should bring cash to purchase items on the day.

Unwrap the Magic
JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS MYSTERY
BAG EXTRAVAGANZA!
BREAK AND LUNCH LUCKY DIP IN FN1 **20TH DECEMBER**
£1 (1 ITEM) **MYSTERY BAGS** £2 (3 ITEMS)
ALSO AVAILABLE CAKES, COOKIES AND FIZZY DRINKS!