

# MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

17 JANUARY 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of our second week, it's fantastic to reflect on how well the students have settled back into school. The atmosphere around the school has been calm and respectful, with students showing a strong commitment to remembering their 'STEPS' as we continue to promote respect and good manners at all times.

In addition to recognising the hard work of our students, we also dedicated time on Friday morning to thank staff members who have gone above and beyond to support each other. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all staff across the school for their continued dedication to embedding our new routines and driving our school improvement efforts.

On Tuesday, we hosted The Cam Academy Trust Headteachers' strategy meeting with colleagues from across our Trust schools. It's a privilege to be part of such a collaborative network, working together to improve education for all our students within the Trust.

This week, I also had the pleasure of meeting with more parents during listening sessions. These conversations have provided valuable insight into how our students have settled back after the Christmas break. I am incredibly grateful to those parents who took the time to share their thoughts and feedback with me. It's this kind of open dialogue that helps us make informed decisions as we shape the longer-term plans for our school. I would also like to express my thanks to the Melbourn community for making me feel so welcome by offering your support during these meetings. I look forward to continuing to work together on our journey to excellence.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Spencer  
Principal

## KEY DATES

**20th Jan**

Clubs and activities start

**24th Jan**

Year 7 Lion Dance

**30th Jan**

Year 7 Parents' Evening

**13th & 14th Feb**

Long Road Post-16  
guidance meetings

**13th Feb**

Year 11 Raising  
Achievement Parental Event

**14th - 22nd Feb**

Ski Trip

**17th - 21st Feb**

Half Term

**5th Mar**

Year 8 Parents' Evening



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## YOU SAID: WE DID

**We would like to dedicate this section to themes of queries from parent feedback this half term:**

Many Year 7 parents have raised with me that the younger children are struggling to have a hot meal due to the queues in the dining area. From next week Year 7 children will be taken down to the dining hall five minutes before the start of lunch for the rest of the school so that they can all be first in the queue for a hot meal. Students will be escorted by their period 4 teacher and should remain in the dining area to eat.

*Mrs Coglan, Head of Year 7*

Feedback from the Parent Forum was around who to contact at Trust level. If you would like to raise an issue with the school please email the office [office@melbournvc.org](mailto:office@melbournvc.org) stating who you would like the email to be sent to.

If you would like to contact Mr Mackintosh who is our Director of Inclusion within the Trust executive team and is based at MVC currently, his email is [imackintosh@catrust.co.uk](mailto:imackintosh@catrust.co.uk).

We aim to acknowledge receipt of your email within 48 hours.

*Mrs Spencer*

## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL **my child at school.com**

The start of the new term has seen our new behaviour system used by all staff for both positive and negative events. To make sure you are able to track your child's behaviour and attendance please gain access to 'My Child At School' (MCAS). MCAS is available as a website on a laptop, PC or tablet, and as an app for phones and tablets, available from all app stores.

You should have received an email inviting you to link with your child's account. If you have not, you can link yourself in the app or website using the school's ID number or postcode (14767, SG8 6EF) and the email address we hold for you. We have allowed access for anyone listed as contact 1 or 2 on the school system – if you have any difficulties linking in MCAS, please email [MEL-DataManager@melbournvc.org](mailto:MEL-DataManager@melbournvc.org) to ask for assistance. MCAS will also be able to show you a live version of your child's timetable.

*Mr Barnes, Assistant Principal*



## YEAR 9: VOCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

On Tuesday our Year 9 students were given the opportunity to learn about vocational studies, apprenticeships and T-level qualifications that Cambridge Regional College have on offer. This tied in well with them thinking about their option choices and possible career pathways. It was great to see the engagement and positive interest of our students.

*Mr Willder, Assistant Principal*



## TUTEES OF THE WEEK

Our tutees of the week receive hot chocolate and marshmallows (of course optional!) on Thursday morning as a reward for having a great week last week. This will happen every week for all year groups with students receiving a certificate to take home.

First Name	Tutor Group
Jack	7Darwin
Isaac	7Franklin
Andreas	7Hawking
Pod	7Lewis
Brooke	8Darwin
Theo	8Franklin
Elliot	8Lewis
Lily-Mae	8Newton
Poppy	9Darwin
Harvey	9Hawking
Max	9Lewis
Benji	10Darwin
Archie	10Goodall
Kyrylo	11Hawking
Grace	11Drawin
Molly	11Franklin



## THE CABIN

As the lead in The Cabin, I have worked closely with Mrs Spencer to ensure that the newly released behaviour plan is inclusive and effective, particularly for students with special educational needs and disabilities. Together, we have focused on ensuring the language and systems used in the plan are clear, positive, and accessible to all students. By aligning the plan with our values, we aim to create a consistent approach that supports every student's needs.

The Cabin has been actively involved in refining and implementing the plan, ensuring that all students, particularly those who require additional support, benefit from a uniform approach to behaviour management across the school. Students have shared positive feedback about the consistency, with one student commenting,

“Now that the rules are the same in every lesson, I know exactly what's expected and feel more confident.”

Another said,  
“It's easier to manage my feelings when I know everyone is on the same page.”

These responses reflect the success of the inclusive approach, helping students feel secure and supported in their learning environment.

*Mr French,  
Communications Support Specialist in Charge - Cabin*

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Harvey in Year 9 on his sporting achievement representing MVC in Cross Country. Harvey qualified for the Schools County Cross Country before Christmas and recently came 3rd in the County Schools' Championship race.

Harvey said: “On Saturday I competed in the County Cross Country race against around 50 boys from all over the county. I ran the race well and finished in 3rd place. Now I am through to Regionals on 1 Feb 2025”  
*Harvey, Year 9*

