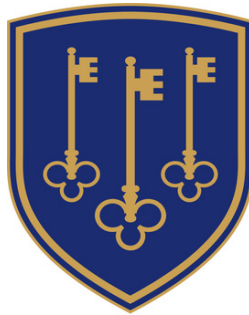


MVC NEWSLETTER

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

18 DEC 2024



Dear parents and carers,

Here we are – the last week of the longest term of the school year and what a week!

On Tuesday we played host to Ofsted, who were conducting a monitoring visit and thank you to all the parents who completed the Parent View survey about the school – this link is live all year round, and so if you didn't manage to register your views this week, you can do so at any time: [Give your views | Ofsted Parent View](#)

Any of you who have visited the school this week cannot have failed to notice the big hole just outside Reception – we have had people repairing the pipework leading from the school; this is due to be completed this week. We have also been given a look inside the newly-refurbished swimming pool, which looks great and is almost ready for swimmers.

This week is the last week of my being the Acting Principal, a role I have enjoyed very much. I will then revert to my previous role as Head of School and work with the incoming Principal, Rachel Spencer to ensure the school continues to make rapid progress towards an Ofsted 'Good' rating.

I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all pupils, families and staff. See you in 2025.

Niki Smith
Acting Principal

KEY DATES

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

20th - 24th Jan

Year 9 Guidance meetings

30th Jan

Year 7 Parents' Evening



MVC READING WEEK

We had a very successful Reading Week last week. On Monday selected students in Year 8 and 9 enjoyed an Workshop delivered by *Talk the Talk*. The presenter, Dave, said that our children were wonderfully behaved, active participants in the sessions, and all made significant progress in their speaking confidence. On Thursday, poet **Ash Dickinson**, delivered a workshops for selected Year 7 and 9 students. Mr Luxton said “It was a real privilege to have witnessed the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils. The poetry that the pupils produced was phenomenal”. Friday saw the arrival of the pop-up bookshop from **Niche Comics Bookshop**. Pupils enjoyed browsing the books and purchasing items for themselves and as presents.



POEM: TAKE FLIGHT

Here are a couple of poems written by our amazing Year 9 pupils following the poetry workshop:

Doesn't matter if you're ready or set

*There's no stopping you from reaching
delight*

Life is as beautiful as a pretty sunset

*So, take your passion and with it, take
flight*

By Lizzie



POEM: HACKED!

*My bank account has been set
In the middle of the night
So now I am in debt
As hackers fight.*

*Now police use morse
For that really annoying guy
Soon they will catch this horse
Now he will die.*

By Dylan



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



WALK AND EAT TOUR

Earlier this month, year 11 pupils spent a fantastic day in Spitalfields and Brick Lane in London experiencing cuisines from around the world. Dishes included: chocolates from Ghana, street food from Sri Lanka, samosas from India, salted beef beignets from the oldest beigel shop in London.

Mrs Millwood, Head of Food, Art & Technology said “I was very proud of the year 11s impeccable behaviour. Our guide was also impressed by how the pupils they conducted themselves. I hope this trip will inspired them to create dishes from around the world for their cooking exam next year.”



‘UNWRAP THE MAGIC’ CHRISTMAS MYSTERY BAG EXTRAVAGANZA!

On 20th December year 11 pupils 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.





CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Today we had Christmas Lunch at MVC and pupils enjoyed a festive meal cooked by our wonderful Caterlink team. The menu included roast turkey with pigs in blankets, or vegetarian roasted winter vegetable wellington, roast potatoes, stuffing ball, seasonal vegetables and gravy, followed by a choice of Christmas cookies or festive krispy cake.



YEAR 11

WINTER PARTY

Today, Mrs Millwood hosted a Year 11 winter party. The hall was laid out for a sit-down dining event and pupils were able to enjoy their Christmas lunch with music and mocktails.

Year 11 pupils were allowed to wear non-school uniform for the day for a voluntary contribution to raise funds for their leavers day next year.