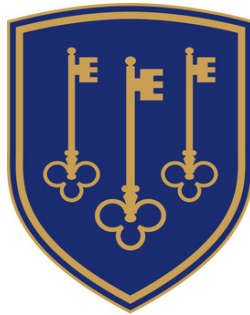


# MVC NEWSLETTER

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and carers,

We are hoping to send our pupils who have enrolled on the Duke of Edinburgh programme on their expeditions next year, but the costs of travel can be a challenge for some families.

We are looking for individuals or local businesses who might be willing to donate, in order to help us cover some of the costs. If your employer is open to considering a donation or sponsorship, we would be happy to provide further details about how they can contribute, as well as the potential benefits of supporting the Duke of Edinburgh programme, including recognition on our school website and other communication channels. Anyone able to help – please contact Alice Powell for more information in the first instance ([apowell@stpetersshuntingdon.org](mailto:apowell@stpetersshuntingdon.org)).



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

Friday last week was non-uniform day to raise money for charity. Although pupils were in non-uniform, staff from the Maths Department decided to do the opposite and either wore items of school uniform, or casual clothes! We raised an amazing £892 for BBC's Children in Need and Melbourn Village Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated.

## KEY DATES

**Monday 18th-29th Nov**  
Year 11 Mock Exams

**Monday 2nd Dec**  
School Closed  
Professional Day

**Monday 3rd Dec**  
Parents' Meeting with  
new Principal

**Friday 6th Dec**  
Year 10 Walk & Eat Tour

**Tuesday 10th Dec**  
Carols at Kings

**10th - 12th Dec**  
Valencia Trip

**Wednesday 11th Dec**  
Flu Vaccinations (Y7-9)

**Thursday 12th Dec**  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 18th Dec**  
Christmas Lunch & Year 11  
Winter Party

**Thursday 19th Dec**  
Christmas Concert

**Friday 20th Dec**  
Last day of Autumn Term



## ART COMPETITION

We launched an art competition last week. Pupils are asked to produce a piece of art based on the scenic view of the school. This can be in any medium and up to A3 in size. Entries will be displayed in school corridors.

## YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Mocks started on Monday (18th) with the English Language paper. Morning exams will be beginning at 8.45, with students registering in form time before moving to the exam spaces. Students will be provided with a seating plan ahead of the exams so they know where they will be sat, and in which venue.

Mock exams will be conducted according to standard exam regulations. Detailed exam regulation information can be downloaded here <https://www.melbournvc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/examinations.php>.

A list of prohibited items is also available, but please note watches of any type are not allowed to be worn.

Students will be provided with equipment, so are not required to bring in their own, however, if students wish to use their own equipment they may do so. Please make sure that any equipment is brought in in a clear pencil case.



## PARENT FORUM

We have the next Parent Forum planned for Tuesday 3rd December, where new Principal, Rachel Spencer, will be joining us. We warmly invite all of you to attend. [Please complete the short form here](#) to book a place at this event.

## STAFF V STAFF BASKETBALL MATCH

On Wednesday we held our first staff v staff basketball game to raise funds for Melbourn Foodbank ([melbournfoodbank.co.uk](http://melbournfoodbank.co.uk)).

The PE department pulled away dramatically to an overall 20:10 win even though they only had 3 players against 7 – it was therefore felt that a rematch was in order! Thank you to all the staff involved.



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

From 4th-6th November, students from The Cabin dived back into the world of film-making with The Cambridge Junction's Total Arts project. After the wild success of last year's hit, 'The Juice Detective', our young creatives have set the stage for an eagerly awaited sequel—The Return of the Juice Detective! Guided by The Junction's hands-on film-making approach, students explored all aspects of movie-making, from story-boarding and acting, to filming and editing. Stay tuned as our talented cast and crew bring this juice-filled mystery to life on the big screen once again!



## YEAR 7 REPORTS

At the end of term you will be receiving a report for your child, detailing their attitude in lessons and their assessment results in each subject.

In the meantime you may start seeing assessment data being put onto Go4Schools. For most subjects this will be expressed as the percentage that your child achieved in that assessment.

We are in the process of standardising assessments across subjects, but an age-expected average would be in the range of 50-60%.

Some subjects also report on skills tested in their subjects, and these may be expressed with terms such as 'emerging, expected or exceeding'.

For more specific information on a particular subject or assessment it is best to contact the head of department or class teacher.

Beth Cooke  
Associate Assistant Principal

## HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We have high standards for the behaviour of our pupils. Last week we told you all about 'How we teach' which included details of some of the things that pupils are expected to do in class. When a pupil fails to meet our expectations, and disrupts the learning in a class, we have a simple system that has 3 steps:



If a pupil is removed, they will be taken to the Removal Room for the remainder of that lesson, and will receive a sanction for the behaviour.

## WHAT IS MY CHILD LEARNING IN LESSONS AT SCHOOL?

Details of the curriculum your child will follow in every subject – what they learn, when, and how they will be assessed – can be found on the 'curriculum' area of our website here: [Our Curriculum - Melbourn Village College \(melbournvc.org\)](http://melbournvc.org).



## WINTER GERMS

The cold weather marks the start of the cold and flu season, often accompanied by the winter vomiting bug and other nasties! Please can you remind your child to keep themselves safe by ensuring they wash or sanitize their hands regularly during the day and, if they are feeling unwell, to ensure they sneeze into tissues that are immediately thrown away? We all know how important children's time in school is and some simple measures can ensure they stay well, and learning.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

At the recent parent event a question was raised about how much cover any one child will experience in a day. We said that we would benchmark our cover against other Trusts schools, and the data is back.

For the first half term of this year our pupils experienced the second lowest number of cover lessons in all Trust secondary schools, by a significant margin.

While this is good, we will not be complacent – we will continue to work to reduce the number of cover lessons, and to increase the quality of any cover lessons that do occur.

## MY CHILD AT SCHOOL APP

You will have seen information that we emailed out about the new 'My Child At School' (MCAS) App. This app can tell you about your child's attendance and behaviour.

MCAS is available as a website on a laptop, PC or tablet, and as an app for phones and tablets, from all app stores.

A reminder that you will 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 to ask for assistance.

MCAS will show you a live version of your child's timetable so you will be able to see if your child is late arriving to a lesson as well as being able to see if the lesson is being taken by a supply teacher.



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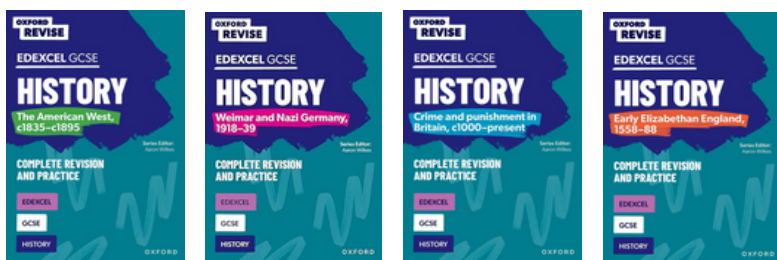
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## YEAR 11 HISTORY REVISION BOOKS

The History Department recommends the Oxford Revise Edexcel GCSE History set of revision books for all KS4 History students. These can be used in class and at home. They contain excellent short summaries of each topic as well as exam tips, questions, answers and timelines. Many students have found these extremely useful.

In addition the Melbourn Village College Sharepoint contains a wealth of instructional videos, work sheets, past exam papers and markschemes that we encourage students and parents to explore and make use of in the run up to exams.



## MVC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 18th December we will be offering Christmas lunch for £2.50. This meal must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. If your child requires the vegetarian option, please let us know via this [form](#) by Friday 6th December. If we are not notified, pupils will receive the meat option by default. Please note that Wednesday 18th there will be no other food available at break, and no alternative meal at lunch time. Only drinks will be on sale at break time. Students must either pay for Christmas lunch on ParentPay in advance to receive the festive meal, or they can bring in a packed lunch.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals (FSM) they will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch, but please complete this [form](#) if they require the vegetarian option.

## BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM UPDATE

We wanted to share with you a key change to our behaviour system. This half term we have moved to a slightly different system. The same system of two reminders and then being removed from the lesson continues but we have introduced a new behaviour room, where pupils will be taken to reflect on their behaviour. This new change will limit the disruption to other pupils who are learning.

We are happy to report that in the first week, we have seen a 20% reduction in removals from lessons. We will continue to monitor this closely over the coming weeks.



Don't forget to book your child's  
**Christmas Lunch**  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Meat option:**

- Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy  
Choice of Choc Yule Log, or Christmas Cookies, or Festive Krispy Cake

**Vegetarian option:**

- Roasted Winter Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing Ball, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy  
Choice of Choc Yule Log, or Christmas Cookies, or Festive Krispy Cake