

# MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

28 MARCH 2025

Dear parents and carers

We've had another busy and exciting week at our school, full of enriching activities and opportunities for our students. From sporting successes to leadership visits and thoughtful discussions about future transitions. Whilst we are enjoying the warmer weather, we have reallocated duty staff to enable the field to open for students to play during lunchtime.

Earlier this week, we welcomed the Director of SEND in the Trust who spent time with staff and students in the Cabin and Student Support Centre. This was an invaluable opportunity to discuss how we can continue to improve the support and provision for our students with SEND, ensuring they have the best possible educational experience.

I also had the pleasure of visiting Melbourn Primary School this week to meet Year 5 students and spend time with the Headteacher discussing transition planning. This visit marks the beginning of an exciting opportunity for further collaboration, as we start working on a long-term plan for transition. We're looking forward to continuing to build strong relationship with Melbourn Primary and creating a seamless transition process for all students involved.

I would like to thank our PE team who have been busy this week with lots of events! We are incredibly proud of our students who participated in the Panathlon sports event this week. The event, which promotes inclusivity in sport, saw our students return with medals around their necks and smiles on their faces. Events like these highlight the importance of physical activity, not just for fitness, but for building confidence and teamwork.

Mr Barlow has also taken a group of students to the South Cambs school ZAP laser tag event on Friday. Schools play against each other in a selection of structured missions designed to test their tactics, develop teamwork and gaming skills, whilst having lots of fun.

As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us provide a rich and varied educational experience for our students. We look forward to another productive week ahead!

*Mrs Spencer, Principal*

## KEY DATES

### 31st March

- Year 9 DTP and MenACWY vaccinations
- Year 10 English Literature Mock Exam
- Year 11 Drama Exam

### 1st April

Year 10 Maths Mock Exam

### 2nd April

Year 10 visit from Jamie Shackleton from CRC

### 4th April

Last day of Spring Term

### 22nd April

Staff Development Day  
(school closed to pupils)

### 23rd April

First day of Summer Term

### 28th April

Clubs and Activities start

### 23rd May

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration Day

### 29th-30th April

Year 11 Art Exam

## PANATHLON CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who completed the Panathlon challenge at St Ivo school on Thursday. It was a delight to see how they represented the school so well.

*Mrs K Coghlan, Head of PE*



## SPORTS ROUND-UP

Congratulations to the Year 8 and 9 football teams this week. Last week saw the year 8 football team win in the first round of the cup. They now play St Bede's next week. The year 9 football team won their match against St Bede's in the first round on Thursday. Our students showed incredible sportsmanship and teamwork.

We would like to ask anyone with any old PE kit or football boots to please donate them to the PE department.

*Mrs K Coghlan, Head of PE*

## YOU SAID: WE DID

At the parent listening sessions in January, parents raised that students would like more information regarding regulations ahead of examinations for students. This week Ms Cooke has delivered assemblies to Year 10 and 11 students on the importance of understanding AI linked to examinations and the JCQ regulations. There are further resources [here](#) and attached to this communication for parents to access to support conversations at home. Ms Cooke is currently leading on internal and external assessments and examinations to support the exams team.

## PARENTAL SURVEY MARCH 2025

We are really proud of the improvements that have been made this term at Melbourn Village College. As parents, we would value your feedback on the progress we are making. If you have a few minutes, please could you complete the survey linked here: <https://Parent Survey March 2025>

## PARENTAL LETTERS



Key letters that have been sent to parents and carers are available to download from our website [here](#).

## TUTEES OF THE WEEK

Our tutees of the week receive hot chocolate and marshmallows on Thursday morning as a reward for having a great week. All pupils receive a certificate to take home.

First Name	Year Group
Jimmie	7
Oscar	7
Charlee	7
Archie	7
Rupert	7
Megan	8
Ruby	9
Olly	9
Harvey	9
Lily	9
Bertie	10
Matthew	10
Tilley	10
Echo	11
Scarlett	11
Josh	11
Frances	11

## YEAR 11 GCSE COOKING EXAM WEEK 2

The second week of the Year 11 GCSE cooking exams has been a huge success, truly reflecting the students' hard work and commitment. Many demonstrated outstanding technical skills, from flawless knife work to mastering complex cooking techniques. I was especially impressed by their unwavering concentration throughout the exams, tackling each task with both focus and precision. It was evident that their thorough preparation paid off, as they approached every dish with confidence and creativity. Their growth in the kitchen was undeniable, and I couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

*Mrs Z Millwood, Head of Food, Art & Technology*



## #TECHOGNITION

Thursday 27th March is #TECHOGNITION – a national annual celebration of all technical support staff in schools and colleges. Many departments in school, such as Science, D.T., Food technology and Art employ technicians to do ‘behind-the-scenes’ jobs to make lessons that teachers deliver come to life! This event was started 8 years ago to celebrate and showcase the often unsung hard work that technicians do. They are encouraged to upload photos of themselves doing one or more of the varied tasks onto social media using the hashtag #TECHOGNITION.

In Science, the technicians have been busy this week preparing the equipment and making solutions for the many practicals the students have been undertaking in lessons and Science club. We have recently been very busy getting things organised for Science Week. Our new technician Mrs Wombwell started working in Science in January and has settled in well under the guidance of our other long-standing technicians Mrs Jones and Dr Dyer. Their least favourite job is washing-up after the students, but even that is rewarding with returning the shiny glassware to the labs after, ready for use again! The technicians work with a great team of teachers at MVC who are always organised for their lessons and give them plenty of notice for what they need to make their lessons exciting for the pupils!

### **Mrs Wombwell – Biography**

Mrs Wombwell enjoyed science at school and decided at age 16 to go into dental nursing. It involved a blend of practical skills and scientific knowledge: anatomy and physiology, pathology, scientific materials, infection control and pharmacology. She also undertook a radiology qualification to take X-rays, so she also has an understanding of physics. As a dental nurse, she has worked in a clinic, hospitals and a prison, and also in schools as an educator about dental health.

After a career break, she joined Melbourn Village College as an administration assistant and first aider on reception, and has enjoyed getting to know all students and staff in the school. However, she saw the science technician opportunity as a chance to use her scientific skills and knowledge, so was happy to join the science team.

