# **MVC Newsletter**

MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

Dear parents and carers,

As we wrap up another exciting week, I wanted to take a moment to share some of the highlights with you.

This week, we have been celebrating Science Week, and what an eventful week it has been! One of the key events was our stargazing evening, where students and families gathered to explore the wonders of the night sky. It was a truly magical experience, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Science team for organizing such a fantastic event. Their enthusiasm and commitment continue to inspire our students to look beyond the classroom and ignite a passion for learning.

On Wednesday, we also hosted interviews for the Director of Maths role within our Trust. I am proud to say that our students played a pivotal role during this process, serving as incredible ambassadors for our school during lesson visits.

In other news, we are delighted to confirm that places are being secured for our incoming Year 7 students. For families who have not yet had the opportunity to see the school, the senior team are liaising with our primary feeder schools to offer the chance to visit our school and meet key staff.

As always, I want to thank you for your continued support of the school. Together, we continue to make great strides in providing a positive and inspiring environment for our young people.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Spencer, Principal

14 MARCH 2025

# **KEY DATES**

#### 17th Mar

Year 8 Football Fixture KS3 Netball v Bassingbourn

#### 20th Mar

Year 11 Maths Mastery Day Speed Stacking SSP Event Year 7 Football Tournament

#### 26th Mar

Year 10 visit from Jamie Shackleton from CRC

#### 27th Mar

Panathlon at St Ivo College Year 9 Football Fixture Spring Concert

**28th Mar** Year 7 Laser Tag Event

**31st Mar** Year 9 DTP and MenACWY vaccinations

**4th Apr** Last day of Spring Term

**22nd Apr** Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

**23rd Apr** First day of Summer Term



## **SCIENCE WEEK 2025**

It has been a busy week at Melbourn Village College celebrating British Science Week. The theme of this years Science Week is "Change and Adapt". KS3 classes have been looking at how we change and adapt in Space. All classes have built a 'Mars Rover' craft to successfully land a pringle without breaking it, when it is thrown 2m? It is harder than it sounds! The successful students were rewarded with a Crème Egg. Classes then looked at whether we should build a base and live on Mars? Pupils in Year 7 completed a science quiz using books in the Henry Morris Library to help find the answers.







Year 8 pupils took part in a 'chat with a scientist' via an online, text-based chat session. Scientists from all around the country answered questions about their job, what they were working on, what qualifications did they need? The scientists came from a variety of backgrounds including computer scientists, chemists, biochemists and physicists. Afterwards pupils discussed which was their favourite scientist/job.

We finished the week with some year 9 pupils and their parents coming into school for an evening of stargazing to look at some amazing features of the night sky with Mr Washbrook and Mr Hodgson.

Rosa and Poppy said they really enjoyed making the Mars Rover and especially enjoyed winning the Crème Eggs! Dr Wilson said it was an amazing week to lots of fun and inspiring activities for everyone!



### YOU SAID: WE DID

Thank you to those parents who took the time to offer feedback on mobile phones in the survey last week, we will be reviewing the results and communicate any changes to current procedures. There are some <u>top tips here</u> <u>from the BBC</u> regarding how as parents, you can support your child with safe mobile phone use. Our current procedure is that students should not have their phones our during the school day and if they are seen with a phone out, the phone is confiscated and will be left with reception for parents to collect.

## **DJ AND MUSIC PRODUCTION SUCCESS**

Ellis in year 10 has been doing internet radio station sets this week with drum and bass live streams. Ellis has been learning to DJ since he was 10 as his dad is involved in music, and is well-established in the drum and bass music world. DJ'ing took off for Ellis during lockdown and he has continued progressing his passion. Ellis is also involved in music production. He recently released a track on the Koba recordings label called Jungle Realm which reached number 1 on the Juno download charts. Ellis has recently been signed to a DJ agency and is playing at Next Gen Festival in July in the Netherlands. Ellis hopes to go to music college as his post-16 choice.





Ellis and his parents have also been running 'Mix Music', a free weekly community based workshop in Melbourn to support local young people learning to DJ. This gives them a positive outlet, a hobby and a skill as well as somewhere to be, which is hugely commendable. Mix Music are on <u>Facebook</u> so if anyone is interested in learning how to mix and produce music, check out their posts.

We are excited to see where Ellis' journey takes him and are proud of his achievements.



Year 10 team

#### Saturday 22nd March **Melbourn Village College** 10:00-16:00 Adult education day school

**Creative Mosaics** Have fun creating colourful handmade mosaics £55



#### **Fused Glass**

An introduction to the basics of glass making and its infinite possibilities £58

**Pottery Complete Beginners** A practical workshop exploring hand building techniques in clay £60

Watercolours for Spring

£30





For further information please visit our website www.combertonadulted.org To enrol please call the adult education office on 01223 264721 or email commed@combertonvc.org

# Melbourn Village College Spring Concert 2025

**Thursday 27 March** 19.00 - 20.00Main Hall



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

\*Available via Parent Pay or Reception (card payment only) Cash cannot be accepted

# 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
Oscar	7
Zsofia	7
Рір	7
Violet	7
Elsie	7
Matilda	8
Arthur	8
Lennie	8
Sofia	8
Harry	8
Cameron	8
Rhys	9
Dylan	9
Freya	9
Evan	9
Amélie	9
Isobelle	9
Carra	10
Barney	10
Hannah	11
Jazmin	11
lan	11
Frances	11

# EASTER CLINICS FOR MISSED VACCINATIONS

#### Week 1



# SCARLET FEVER

We have had 3 confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school this week. If you feel your child may have sympoms please contact your GP. We will update you if further cases occur.

You can find more information on Scarlet Fever on the government website here:

<u>Scarlet fever: symptoms,</u> <u>diagnosis and treatment -</u> <u>GOV.UK</u>"

#### Week 2

