

MVC Newsletter



MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

7 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Ofsted

I hope that you all had the opportunity to read the Ofsted report which was emailed to parents and carers on Wednesday 5th February. I am sure that you will agree the Ofsted report rightly acknowledges the important role that the Trust has played in stabilising the school and driving forward improvements. It is clearly evident that with the support of the Trust, we are taking effective action as we continue to establish and embed high standards of behaviour and create the right conditions for learning, personal growth, and overall school improvement.

Roy Blatchford School Visit

It was a pleasure to welcome Roy Blatchford back to MVC. Roy had previously visited the school back in May 2024 where is conducted a quality assurance monitoring visit. We welcomed Roy back for another visit on Wednesday 5th February where he undertook quality assurance activities and spoke with students and staff.

Mrs Spencer
Principal

YOU SAID: WE DID

Sparx Science Launch

Since the introduction of Sparx Science we have had a phenomenal response from pupils across all year groups. Positive rewards will be given to the students who complete their homework, with extra points given to those students who complete this work early.

KEY DATES

13th & 14th Feb

Long Road Post-16
guidance meetings

14th - 22nd Feb

Ski Trip

17th - 21st Feb

Half Term

20th Feb

Year 11
Churchill College Visit

25th Feb

Year 9 Options
information evening

27th Feb

Y10 & 11 Learning to Learn:
Parental Event

6th Mar

Year 8 Parents' Evening

6th Mar

Y10 Path to Success:
Parental Event

10th Mar

Primary Netball Tournament

12th Mar

DofE Bronze Training

COMMUNITY LINKS

Mrs Spencer will be visiting local primary schools during February and March to meet staff and pupils. First on her list was Harston and Newton Community Primary School – the most recent school to join The Cam Academy Trust. Mrs Spencer met with Headteacher, Siobhan Rouse to learn more about the primary school and said that she was looking forward to developing a close relationship with the school, which falls within our catchment area.

Mrs Spencer said, “On Thursday 6th February I had a very enjoyable visit to Harston Newton Primary School where I had the opportunity to meet with the year 5 pupil and talk about our wonderful school.”



SCHOOL BUSES

The bus company have informed us that some children are attempting to travel on the school bus without a valid bus pass. Students must have their bus-pass with them on each journey.

We will be checking bus passes next week and reminding those without a pass that they are not entitled to travel.

Lost passes for Council-run buses must be replaced at a cost of £8.50 and can be ordered via the online form available [here](#). A temporary pass can be obtained from the school reception, which is valid for one week.

Replacement passes for the Royston bus are issued by reception once payment has been received.

TUTEES OF THE WEEK

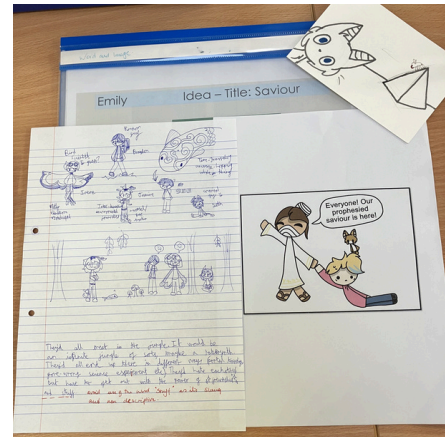
Our tutees of the week receive hot chocolate and marshmallows (of course optional!) on Thursday morning as a reward for having a great week last week. This will happen every week for all year groups with students receiving a certificate to take home.

First Name	Year Group
Ariana	7
George	7
Mljet	7
Hugo	7
Jasmine	7
Jack	8
Toby	8
Maximus	8
Harry	9
Benjamin	9
Oli	9
Lizzie	9
Addi	9
Bertie	10
Oleh	10
Cassidy	10
Niamh	11
Chris	11
Loui	11
Immy	11

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB: WORD AND IMAGE

Congratulations to Emily for her outstanding work done in the Creative Writing: Word and Image after-school club. This club runs on Mondays, and is open to KS 3 at the moment. Students write stories and illustrate them. This club is ideal for students who love to be creative in this way. Emily also enjoys writing and illustrating stories in her own time.

Maryam Sharifi, Teacher of English



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 followed this up by coming 3rd in the County Schools' Championship race. Harvey went on to represent Cambridgeshire at the Anglian Schools Cross Country Championships in Woodbridge on 1st February and ran absolutely brilliantly over a hilly course to finish in 2nd place! He is now hoping to be selected for the English Schools Cross Country in March.

Harvey said: "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. I made it through to the Regionals recently and was delighted to finish 2nd."

Harvey, Year 9



What your child's attendance means

Although we hope that every pupil will be able to attend school every day, we know that there are many reasons why this might not be possible. To help understand your child's attendance and the impact that it might have on their outcomes please use the following threshold guide.

Attendance level	What this means
100% (0 days missed)	Excellent Attendance. Pupils with 100% attendance have the best chance to learn, access opportunities and do well at school. They have the best chance of achieving their full potential.
99%-96% (Up to 8 days missed)	Good attendance. 96% attendance would mean that 8 days of school had been missed in a school year. Research shows that pupils that achieve at least 96% attendance will achieve nearly a grade higher in all subjects compared to those who attend less well.
95%-91% (Up to 17 days missed)	Below expectations. Pupils in this category are missing up to one day per fortnight on average. Learning, progress and opportunities to get the most out of school are all impacted and pupils will find lessons harder as they are missing out on crucial information.
90%-86% (Up to 27 days missed)	Concerning attendance. Attendance at this level means that a pupil will miss four or more school weeks in a year. Learning will be significantly impacted, and they are likely to achieve well below their potential. These pupils also miss a lot of activities and opportunities available in school. Please contact the school if you want help and support to improve your child's attendance.
85% and below (More than 28 days missed)	Serious attendance concern. Research shows that pupils with this level of attendance have significantly less chance of achieving good GCSE passes by the end of their time at school. This level of attendance will impact the opportunities pupils can access beyond school and they will find school very challenging when they do attend as they will have missed a significant amount of information in every subject. If your child has attendance in this category, please contact the school to see how we can work together to support them.

N.B. Numbers in brackets indicate the number of days that could be missed by the end of the year if attendance is within the indicated range.