

Friday 29th January 2021

Temporary School Day Timings

We are sure that you are all aware of our temporary timing changes to the school day. Each lesson is now 50 minutes long which we think you will agree, has given students some much needed transition time and, with an extended break and lunch, some valuable time away from the screen.

Tutor time/assembly	8.40am - 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am - 9.50am
Period 2	10.00am - 10.50am
Break	10.50am - 11.20am
Period 3	11.20am - 12.10pm
Lunch	12.10pm - 1.00pm
Period 4	1.00pm - 1.50pm
Period 5	2.0pm - 2.50pm

Thanks to our incredible community!

We are bowled over by the generosity of our community in donating devices. Guru Technology donated 8 laptops and 5 SIM cards for our students and James Bull from Midland Stone Centre, Rothwell dropped off 4 brand new Chromebooks! We have also received numerous individual donations. They all will make the world of difference to the families who receive them enabling children to effectively access their online timetables and interact with their teachers for support and guidance via Microsoft Teams. Once again, the kindness and compassion of those in our County has shone through – thank you.

Montsaye Academy's #KeepActive Challenge

A reminder that the PE department's #KeepActive Challenge started this week. The final day of the challenge will be Wednesday 10th February. Results will be published on Thursday 11th February. The challenge is to cover as far a distance as possible during this period.

There is a team for each year group, sixth form, parents and carers and Montsaye staff. All you and your child need to do to take part, is to record how far you travel by *walking, running or cycling*. Teams are competing against each other to see who is keeping the most active. Make sure that you stay local, keep safe and follow the government guidelines. Your information should be recorded on a Microsoft Teams form which can be found here: [#KeepActive Log](#). If you wish to send any pictures of yourself or your child taking part in the challenge, please send them to the [PE Department](#). We will share the best ones on our social media pages and in our bulletins.

There will be overall first, second and third place teams, as well as ERA points for individual students who travel the furthest in each team. Look out for up-dates on our social media pages and in our regular bulletins. Good luck and #KeepActive.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Performing Arts Project

This week has seen the start of the KS3 music and drama project. Students will have been informed of what is involved during their lessons this week. Full information will also be emailed in due course. The focus of the project is on everything students have learned since Christmas. Please ask your child to email Mr Shea if they have any problems: tshea@montsaye.northants.sch.uk

Is your child considering joining our Sixth Form in September?

Please remember that the deadline for applications to our Sixth Form is Thursday 11 February 2021.

Week Commencing 1 st February	Live Student Led Q&A
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If you have any questions about our sixth form and post-16 options, please contact Mrs McNish at: lmcnish@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Student Newsletter:

Does your child enjoy writing? Would they like to work on a school newsletter?

Four of our sixth form students are putting together a student newsletter during lockdown. All students are welcome to contribute ideas and articles for this publication. Articles should be between 50 to 150 words although simple recommendations can be shorter. The deadline for articles for the first newsletter is Monday 8th February. Students can also be part of the editing team and support our sixth form in putting together the newsletter (we are looking for a maximum of six students to help).

Articles can be written on any one of the following subjects or a mixture of a few:

- Daily life: what has your child done in lockdown? What has helped them get through?
- Learning from home: what has online learning been like? Any top tips?
- Resilience: how have they overcome any challenges?
- Physical health: how have they stayed fit?
- Mental health: how have they helped their own wellbeing?
- Staying connected: how have they communicated with others?
- Recommended: Covid-19 safe relaxation. Suggestions for gaming, music, films, TV etc.

Articles and offers of help should be emailed to: elopes@montsaye.northants.sch.uk Why not encourage your child to take part?

ERA Point Up-Date

Students are receiving those all important ERA points even though they are working remotely. We are gathering the data and will make sure that everyone receives their rewards upon our return to school. Please encourage your child to keep up the good work.

Home Learning: Paper Packs

We continue to send out paper packs for home learning to those students who do not have access to a device or the internet. A further set of paperwork has been distributed this week and we are constantly monitoring the situation. Thank you for your support.

Year 9 Booster Vaccinations



Due to Covid19 and schools being closed the year 9 Teenage Booster vaccinations are going to now be delivered by the Immunisation team in clinic setting across the County.

The Immunisation team will be ringing you to arrange a convenient date and time that you can take along you son or daughter to ones of these clinics.

Please if you wish to contact the Immunisation team on the below numbers to book into one of our clinics.

07712 545012

07895 209059

07710 386859

07717 009991

Details about the vaccinations being given can be found via the attached links;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/men-acwy-vaccine/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/3-in-1-teenage-booster/>



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