

Friday 5th February 2021

Welcome...

We would like to extend a warm, Montsaye welcome to Luke Darby who joined us last week as our 'Think for the Future' Mentor. Luke is going to be working with our students, online and in school.

Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 11th February from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. Considering the current climate, the event will take place online, however the evening remains an invaluable opportunity for you to virtually meet your child's teachers to discuss current progress, engagement and development areas.

The academy has introduced a new, intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers, following which you will receive an email confirming your appointments. Bookings for appointments are now open and will close at 3.00pm on Wednesday 10th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date, please contact our main reception on 01536 418844. Full information can be found on our website under Parents/Letters.

Please visit <https://montsaye.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointments. A short guide can be found here: [Parent guide to booking appointments](#). There is also a short video available, if you are unsure on how to book appointments, please click here: [Parent Video Guide](#).

To login, you will need the details to match with the information which we hold on our school records such as your full name, email address, your child's full name and date of birth. If your login fails, please email the data team to ensure that we hold the correct details: data@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Year 9 Options

Although we are not in school, Year 9 have begun their journey towards choosing their GCSE Options by being asked to log into the careers platform we use, called Start: [Start Profile](#). Students have been signposted to a variety of units which will help them to recognise their strengths and possible future careers and guide them through making good GCSE subject choices. After half term, they will receive a booklet outlining the subjects they can choose, and there will be a variety of events to support them, and you, in making their choices. Please see the timetable below.

Date	Event
Monday 1 st February	Assembly focus on Start website followed up in tutor time to encourage students to log on to relevant units
Monday 22 nd February	Main Options Launch Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd to Friday 26 th February	Options Form Time Focus
Monday 1 st to Friday 6 th March	National Careers Week
Thursday 11 th March	Parents' Evening (online)
Monday 15 th and Tuesday 16 th March	GCSE Options Taster Days
Thursday 18 th March	Options Evening (online)
Friday 26th March	Deadline for options choices

Sixth Form Deadline Application

Don't forget that next week is the deadline for sixth form applications. Register by Thursday 11th February. If you have any questions about our sixth form and post-16 options, please contact Mrs McNish at: lmcnish@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Montsaye Academy's #KeepActive Challenge

The PE department's #KeepActive Challenge continues 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.

Students, staff and parents/carers travelled a staggering 1042km last week by running, walking or cycling. The furthest travelled by students in each year group last week was: Charlie H (Year 7) , Haroldas V (Year 8), Curtis J (Year 9), Kiera J (Year 10), Ellis P (Year 11), Freya B (Year 12) and Bethany S (Year 13). Mr Siddons led the pack in the staff team.

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.

Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day, Friday 12th February – Well-being afternoon

As part of Northamptonshire's Mental Health Awareness day on Friday 12th February we are hosting a well-being afternoon. There will be no lessons delivered over TEAMS after lunch and we will be asking our children and community to take part in an activity of their choosing that would improve their sense of well-being. We have various suggested tasks that students can chose or they can feel free to choose their own. The event will be launched with children during their assembly on Monday and there will also be a special assembly next Friday morning too.

Action for Happiness: Friendly February

This month, Action for Happiness are looking at reaching out to connect with others. It is all about doing our best to be a good friend; our acts of kindness affect so many more people that we could even realise. These acts of kindness are also known to boost our own happiness too. We need each other more than ever right now.

ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones



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