

Friday 26th February 2021

Return to school

We are now finalising the plan for students returning to school in line with the latest government guidance and Mrs Gabbi will be sending detail regarding this home on Monday. We recently shared with you a form to establish whether or not you give consent to your child having the test and thank those of you who have completed it. If you haven't, please do so at your earliest opportunity via this link: [testing consent form](#).

Home Learning Report

We look forward to welcoming students back to school in March after a period of eight weeks of online/home learning during this recent lockdown. You will be receiving a Home Learning Report (Year 7 to Year 11) via Go4schools week beginning 1st March. This provides feedback on attendance, engagement and completion of work during this time, the details of each score are outlined on the report itself.

The surveys we conducted last term with both students and parents have provided us with lots of positive feedback regarding the provision we have provided. This report will allow you to see which subjects your child is up-to-date in, and where there may be gaps, and therefore some catch up required when we return to full time face-to-face teaching. If you have any further questions regarding your child's report, please contact their progress leader in the first instance. Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming back the students very soon.

Year 9 GCSE Options

Our Year 9 students have all now started on their GCSE options process and have been asked to log onto the careers platform we use, called: [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. Students 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 to Friday 5 th March	National Careers Week
Thursday 11 th March	Parents' Evening (online)
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th March	GCSE Taster Lessons
Thursday 18 th March	Options Evening (online)
Friday 26th March	Deadline for options choices

The Year 9 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 11th March. This will be an online event on with five minute appointment slots between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Further details will follow in due course. The Year 9 Options Evening is on 18th March. This will be a live online event. Further details will follow in due course.

We are very proud...

We are really proud of the amazing work which has been going on at Montsaye Academy during the pandemic. We are even more proud that our efforts have been recognised and that we have been nominated as a [Lockdown Hero](#) for outstanding learning and wellbeing support during lockdown. This is through the Pearson National Teaching Awards scheme. We have also had a 'shout-out' on the Northants Live website. They recently asked their readers to name a school they wanted to single out for a mention and over 200 people commented on their Facebook page. We are proud to announce that Montsaye Academy received high praise.

Karen Wright said: "From 9am on day one of lockdown, the children have received good quality online lessons with their teachers all day and every day of the week. The teachers have been on-hand and helpful to students and parents (at the same time as learning a new way of teaching themselves). My son started Year 7 in September so I was very worried as he never got to finish his junior school properly due to lockdown, and therefore didn't receive the normal transition that you would have to secondary. Montsaye have dealt with this fantastically as have the children. Well done Montsaye."

It is wonderful that we have been recognised for going above and support.

Step into the NHS Secondary Schools' Competition - Calling all Students aged 11 to 14

The NHS has launched a competition across England and are inviting students aged 11 to 14 years to submit a fun and lively job description and advertisement on a chosen NHS career. Full details can be found on the academy website, simply follow this link: [Step into the NHS](#).

This could be a particularly useful exercise for our Year 9 students who are beginning their GCSE options process. The closing date is 30th April 2021.

Montsaye Academy's #KeepActive Challenge

We are pleased to publish the final results of last half term's #KeepActive Challenge. The challenge set was for students, staff, parents and carers to cover as far a distance as possible during a three week period by running, walking or cycling. Everyone who took part should be really proud of themselves. Montsaye students travelled a staggering to 2985km, which is absolutely fantastic.

The individual team results are:

- Year 7:** 656.6km (Well done to Charlie H for travelling the furthest).
- Year 8:** 335.6km (Well done to Haroldas V for travelling the furthest).
- Year 9:** 385.3km (Well done to Curtis J for travelling the furthest).
- Year 10:** 353.7km (Well done to Keira P for travelling the furthest).
- Year 11:** 109km (Well done to Alex O'B for travelling the furthest).
- Year 12:** 574.2km (Well done to Freya B for travelling the furthest).
- Year 13:** 570.2 (Well done to Bethany S for travelling the furthest).

Montsaye staff covered a grand total of 2148km. Well done all staff members who took part, and particularly to Mr Wing who travelled the furthest. Montsaye parents and carers who took part, travelled a total of 839km. Collectively, all of the teams covered the equivalent of one whole lap of the 1800km capital city circuit of the United Kingdom

Montsaye Reading Challenge Blog

As part of our recent wellbeing afternoon which took place on Friday 12th February, staff and students were encouraged to get involved in something to support their mental health. Students were very clear on the wellbeing impact of reading with 'happy', 'excited' and good being the most common words to describe how reading made them feel. There were an amazing 1535 pages read by Montsaye students during the last week of the last half term during their DEAR lessons. That's more than are in the entire Hunger Games series!

World Book Day Thursday 4th March

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March and we are delighted to share with you our plans for how this will look across Montsaye Academy.

Teaching staff will be reading 'The Hitchhiker' by Anthony Horowitz throughout the course of the school day. An extract from the short story will be read at the start of each TEAMS lesson. Staff will also be posting on Twitter, images of their bookshelves at home. The English department will be taking part in a 'Masked Reader' event. Video clips of staff members reading their favourite book will be shared throughout the day on Twitter. We will be asking people to guess who that staff member may be.

Please remember to follow us on social media for regular academy up-dates.

**Twitter feeds: @Montsaye, @MontsayeEng, @montsaye reading,
@montsayepe and @MontsayeSF**

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