

Friday 19th March 2021

Back to School: Our Values

We have never been more proud of the way in which our school community has shown **Excellence, Resilience** and **Aspiration** in their everyday lives over the last few months:

- Key worker children continued to attend school every day.
- Support staff in school came together as a team to learn totally new skills and conduct testing in a safe and reliable way.
- Pupils and staff seamlessly adapted to online learning.
- Training of staff continued throughout lockdown and staff shared experiences and ideas to improve lessons for everyone.
- Wellbeing has been at the heart of all of our decisions. Nurturing everyone is at the centre of our resilient, flexible, compassionate community.
- We continued to look up and move forwards. Year 9 are choosing options, pupils in the sixth form are preparing for university and Year 11 are focused on their GCSE courses.
- Extra-curricular activities never stopped, with a range of careers, sports and wellbeing activities being available and encouraged throughout.

Year 9 GCSE Options Process

Please follow this link: [Year 9 Options Information](#) which will take you to the Year 9 options section of our website. Here, you will find our new brochure and individual subject information.

A reminder that the deadline for options choices is Friday 26th March.

KS3 PE News

You will be aware that pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 have two PE lessons per week but that, over the last few months, one of the lessons has been classroom-based, covering the theory behind PE and the other has been a practical lesson outside.

We are delighted to inform you that, after the Easter holiday, both lessons will become practical and pupils will be outside taking part in various sporting activities.

Please ensure that on the day that your child is scheduled to take part in PE, they come to school wearing their PE kit. A reminder that pupils are not permitted to wear hoodies/coats but can wear plain black tracksuit jackets (no hood) and additional layers underneath their PE tops. Whilst we are coming into spring, the weather can still be unpredictable and it is always better for pupils to bring lots of layers and not wear them, than not to bring them and be cold.

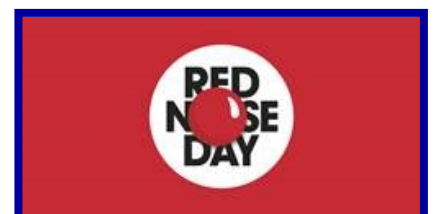
Please follow this link: [School Uniform](#) which will take you through to the uniform page of the academy website, where you will find full details of our PE kit.

Parking in Greening Road at 3.00pm

A quick reminder to be careful when parking whilst collecting your children from school at 3.00pm, particularly during this time when there are traffic lights on the main Rothwell to Desborough road. Please do not park in the direct vicinity of the school gates.

Comic Relief Friday 19th March

For Comic Relief this year, we asked pupils and staff to get involved in a comedy spectacular. Everyone was invited to tell us their best jokes, whilst raising money for this worthwhile charity at the same time. Parents can donate from £1.00 upwards, via 'Parent Pay'; a Comic Relief icon is now on the account.



Montsaye Reading Challenge Blog: World Book Day Competition

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to everyone who entered our recent loo roll competition for World Book Day. Pupils were tasked with using a loo roll to portray the front cover of their favourite book. Head over to our [Twitter](#) page where you will be able to see some of the fantastic entries and the ultimate winners. Everyone who took part in the competition earned ERA points for their contributions and those entries featured on the Twitter page received double points.

Youth Works

Youth Works are offering weekly Monday Zoom sessions with information and advice for young people and their families. Join one of their counsellors to get support, advice and guidance:

LGBTQ+ - support for parents and carers

Monday 22nd March 6.00m to 7.00pm

Register here: <https://forms.gle/JdpQDfKSSncUXR6BA>

ADHD - support for parents and carers

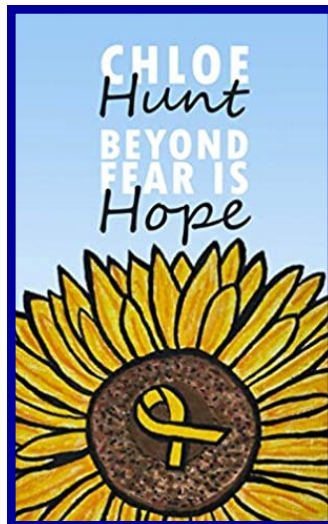
Monday 29th March 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Register here: <https://forms.gle/SiLbPLPKAfGAjKCCA>

Ex-Student Publishes Book

An ex-student Chloe Hunt has just published her first book, telling the story of her fight against Neuroblastoma. Chloe was diagnosed whilst in Year 11 (2009), and then continued at Montsaye to complete her A-levels, before going onto Northampton University and qualifying as a children's nurse. Chloe who still lives in Desborough, has shared her story to help others to understand and support young people who may be going through the same experience and to help raise money for CLIC Sargent, who supported her in her fight against cancer.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of Chloe's book, it is available on Amazon; please follow the link: [Beyond Fear is Hope by Chloe Hunt](#).



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