

**Friday 12th July 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer

My second week has flown by, and I have met so many wonderful children who have been keen to talk to me and tell me all about themselves.

The week started with transition day for Year 6 students who are joining us in September. It was a pleasure to meet them all and share all the exciting opportunities and experiences that they have, to look forward to, and to also share the pupil and staff pledges that form the bedrock of 'The New Montsaye Way.' The students enjoyed several taster sessions whilst learning about how lessons and the school day are run. Parents and carers then had the opportunity to come into school on Monday evening to hear all about what their sons and daughters had been up to along with information about the future of Montsaye.

On Tuesday, a group of students went on a trip to East Carlton Park where they enjoyed a day of exploring before sitting down together to share a picnic. All the students were keen to tell me about how much they enjoyed the trip. In addition to the East Carlton Park trip, we also had a number of students who were lucky enough to visit Wimbledon whilst another group of students travelled to Irchester Country Park to complete a range of activities.

The highlight of the week for me though was watching the students perform in their production of Oliver. It was lovely to see the students involved all flourishing in their roles on the stage. The hours of practice and rehearsals all came together as they delivered a wonderful performance for all in attendance. All the individual performances were fantastic, but I wanted to give a special mention to Olivia, Jacob, and Adele for their performances as Oliver, The Artful Dodger and Nancy, respectively – simply stunning! A big thank you to Mr Shea, Miss Purvis, Maddie, and everyone else involved in putting the show together.

On the theme of celebration, the top 3 forms in terms of the highest cumulative attendance this week were:

1st place: 7LFE – Mr Fernandes  
2nd place: 8MAS – Mr Sipple  
3rd place: 7AZO – Mr Lyon

Our top 3 achievement (ERA) point earners this week are:

1st place: Jack S – Year 7 – 33 points  
Joint 2nd place: – Megan G – Year 9 – 29 points **and** Thomas G – Year 9 – 29 points

Well done all!

Looking ahead to next week, we have Sports Day to look forward to which promises to be a fantastic spectacle and is always one of the most exciting days on any school calendar. We also have the Key Stage 3 drama production of 'Around the World with Class 6' which is taking place on Wednesday evening at 5pm. Tickets are on sale for £1 per adult and 50p per child.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you for the support I have received since joining Montsaye Academy. I am incredibly grateful to parents and carers for getting behind me as the school continues its journey of rapid improvement. Looking ahead to September, I will schedule several parent forums for you to give your viewpoint on a range of topics, the first of which will be around support for students with Special Educational Needs. These forums will not be to discuss individual children but will be a forum to talk about broad areas that are going well or that are causing frustration.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Baines  
Principal

Please be aware that this will be the final parent bulletin for this academic year.  
The bulletin will re-commence the first week back in September.

### Attendance Statistics

**Whole school attendance target:** 95%

**Whole school attendance this year to-date:** 86.68%

**Whole school attendance last week:** 85.29%

Year group with highest attendance last week: Congratulations to Year 7 with 87.31%.

Students with 100% attendance, zero late marks and zero behaviour points will receive a Golden Ticket each week

### Invitation...

We would like to invite you to our Attendance Clinic to discuss any attendance concerns you may have. You will be able to meet with Mrs Walker, our Attendance Officer and Mrs Denton, our Family Support Worker.

The clinic will be a supportive meeting to identify the reasons for your child's absence, and to put in place a plan to find a pathway for your son/daughter to follow; for example, if your child is struggling to come to school due to ongoing mental health concerns, financial matters, medical appointments etc. The Attendance Clinic is available **by appointment only**; please email our Attendance Officer: [RWalker@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk](mailto:RWalker@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk) to book a slot at the clinic. We look forward to seeing you.

### Uniform Changes

Please follow this link: [Uniform Changes](#) which will take you through to our website and a letter regarding uniform changes which will come into effect from 1st September 2024. Please be aware that from this date, skirts will no longer be permitted and that our uniform for **both** boys and girls will consist of grey school trousers.

### End of Term Letter

Please follow this link: [End of Term Letter](#) which will take you through to our website and a letter from Gopal Baria, our Senior Vice Principal.

### Recycling of Unwanted Montsaye Uniform

Do you have any unwanted academy uniform? If you have anything at home which is no longer needed, including blazers, trousers, PE kit and trainers (PE kit may be branded or unbranded), we would be delighted if you would consider donating to the academy. All donations may be left on main reception or, in the case of Year 11 students, may be returned on results day. Thank you for your support.



### Library Book Sale - Monday 22nd July

During break and lunch times on Monday 22nd July, we will be holding a student book sale in the Library. Books will be priced at 50p for paperbacks and £1.00 for hardbacks. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of new books for the Library.



### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 17th July:** Year 12 trip to the Globe Theatre, London. Students involved have been notified.

**Thursday 18th July:**

- Year 12 Biology Coastal Fieldwork trip to Norfolk. Students involved have been notified.
- Year 9 and Year 10 Sports Day.

**Friday 19th July:**

- Year 7 and Year 8 Sports Day.
- Year 10 Maths trip to Silverstone. Students involved will be notified.

**Tuesday 23rd July:** School closes at 12.30pm for the summer holiday.

**Monday 2nd September:** Staff Training Day (school closed for students).

**Tuesday 3rd September:** Staff Training Day (school closed for students).

**Wednesday 4th September:** School reopens for students at 8.30am for the autumn term.

### Online Safety Newsletter

Please follow this link: [Online Safety Newsletter July 2024](#) which will take you through to the latest Online Safety Newsletter from Pathfinder Schools.

### Wellbeing Drop-In Services

**WELLBEING DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

If you find yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need.

Book an appointment by calling the numbers provided or drop in during our opening times.

**Espresso Yourself Café**

- Support and Advice
- Wellbeing Activities
- Peer Support
- Parent Support is Available
- Also Available Remotely

**Monday's & Friday's 4pm - 8pm**  
the lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street, Northampton, NN1 1PP - 01604 634385

**Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm**  
Youth Works at Corby Mind, 18 Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU - 01536 518339

**Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm**  
Service Six, Rounds Methodist Church, Brook Street, Rounds NN9 6LP - 01933 277520

**Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm**  
CHAT Youth Counselling, Souster Youth Building, 30 Market Road, Thrapston, NN14 4JU - 01832 274422

**Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm**  
Time 2 Talk, Chantry House, 88 Walling Street, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BT 07385 295008 - 01327 706706

**Thursday's 4pm - 8pm**  
Youth Works, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX - 01536 518339

**Saturday's 10am - 2pm**  
Service Six, 15 Sassoon Mews, Wellingborough NN8 3LT - 01933 277520

**Saturday's 12pm - 4pm**  
Time 2 Talk, The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG - 01327 706706

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### Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is always our priority. If you have any safeguarding concerns, regarding any of our children, please contact us in confidence via [safeguarding@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk). The safeguarding team currently consists of Mr Haig (Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mr Rogers (Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Long and Mrs Wood (Deputy Safeguarding Leads) and Mrs Walters-Morgan, Miss Douglas, Miss Beaton and Mrs Heighton (Student Welfare Officers).

### Social Media

Make sure that you like and follow us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram:

**Facebook page: Montsaye Academy**

**X (formerly Twitter) feeds: @Montsaye, @montsayepe and @MontsayeSF**

**Instagram: montsayeacademyofficial, montsaye\_art\_design\_department and montsayepe**

