

**Friday 5th July 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer

Coming back to my roots here, as Principal of Montsaye Academy, has left me with a sense of being back where I belong. My first week has flown by with so many great things happening in and around the academy.

I started the week by leading assemblies for all year groups to introduce myself and most importantly to talk about 'The New Montsaye Way' and how we are going to ensure this school and our students receive the highest standards of education. I shared the new pledges which all students will follow, as well as the new staff pledges. I also shared the impending arrival of the new wellbeing dog, Jet, which went down very well with all the students.

Firstly, Year 10 students have all been working hard to complete their final mock examinations so that we can see how they are progressing with their studies. Once all examinations have been marked, teachers will be sharing individual strengths and areas for development with their students so that they know what topics and skills to prioritise for revision. Year 10 Art students also completed some excellent coursework in exam conditions and were all very keen to show me the pieces of work they had produced on the theme of emotions.

We have welcomed a number of Year 6 students into the academy for some additional transition visits which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The feedback from staff members that attended from Rothwell Junior School commented on the school being unrecognisable compared to last year, which is a testament to the huge amount of work undertaken to improve the school.

Mr Wing hosted a large number of primary schools for an athletics event on our school field which involved hundreds of primary school children taking part in lots of wonderful events.

Year 11 students enjoyed their prom celebrations on Thursday night which followed a House of Balloons and midnight theme. They also enjoyed their leavers' assembly on Friday afternoon, which gave them a chance to reflect on the last five years at Montsaye Academy.

The highlight of the week for me has been meeting over 60 parents and carers who took the opportunity to come in and tour the school during the day. The feedback from these tours has been overwhelmingly positive and I am grateful to those parents and carers who have already shared this positivity on social media platforms.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mr B Baines  
Principal

### Attendance Statistics

**Whole school attendance target: 95%**

**Whole school attendance this year to-date: 86.71%**

**Whole school attendance last week: 87.08%**

Year group with highest attendance last week: Congratulations to Year 10 with 88.93%.

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.

### Library News

Don't forget to vote for us...

National Book Tokens - Help us to win £1000 for our Library



Can you help us to rebuild our school library? National Book Tokens are running a competition where five lucky schools will each win £1000 to upgrade their library space (plus be in with a chance of winning a £100 book token for yourself). Follow this link: [National Book Tokens Competition](#) which will take you through to their website where you will find full details and the nomination form.

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

**Monday 8th July:** Year 6 Transition Day and Parent Meeting.

**Tuesday 9th July:** Trip to East Carlton Park. Students involved have been notified.

**Thursday 11th July and Friday 12th July @ 7.00pm:** Academy production of Oliver Jr. General tickets will be on sale from Thursday 4th July priced at £5.00 each, available from the Library.

**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 3.00pm for the Summer Holiday.

### Hotshots Basketball - Summer Camps

Are you looking for a way to keep your child occupied over the summer holidays? Priced at £70.00 per week, Hot Shots have three weeks of fun filled camps to keep children engaged, fit and healthy. Interested? Call Mark Spatcher on 07775 670375 for further information.

### BASKETBALL CAMP

2024 BOOKING FORM  
KBA & MANOR

To be completed by Parent/Guardian  
PLEASE FILL IN CLEARLY USING CAPITALS

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
(W) \_\_\_\_\_  
(M) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number whilst child is at Basketball: H W M (Please circle one)

Medical Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick which week(s) your child wishes to attend:

☐ Week 1 (KBA) ☐ Week 2 (KBA) ☐ Week 3 (MANOR)

Due to limited places, please book NOW to avoid disappointment.



**Fun Packed Basketball**  
ALL Children Welcome!  
Boys & Girls aged 5-17 years.

**Week 1 - KBA**  
29th July - 31st July  
Monday to Wednesday, 9am-4pm

**Week 2 - KBA**  
14th August - 16th August  
Wednesday to Friday, 9am-4pm

**Week 3 - MANOR**  
27th August - 29th August  
Tuesday to Thursday, 9am-4pm

For more information about the Summer Basketball Camps or to book on please contact **Mark Spatcher** on: **07775 670375**

Places subject to availability.

Manor School/Sports College, Mount  
Ballara Way, Raunds, NN4 6PA Kettering Buccleuch Academy, Weekley  
Globe Road, Kettering, NN16 9NS



### THE HOTSHOTS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

**The Basketball Coach**  
Michael Lomas is one of the kids favourite Hotshots Coaches, he along with Harvey, Rhys and Mark will be coaching the camps this summer. Throughout this year Hotshots have run basketball camps in each of the school holidays which have been a big hit with all the children who have attended.

This summer the Hotshots Basketball Club is proud to be hold two basketball camps, the camps are aimed to giving your children a great fun packed week of basketball where they will have the chance to improve their basketball skills, win prizes and meet new friends along the way.

**What do you do at Basketball Camp?**

**SHOOTOUTS** **HOTSPOT**  
**DREBBING** **BULLDOG**  
**EXPLOSION** **MATCHES**  
**NEA SKILLS CHALLENGE** **TROPHIES**

**Who can attend the Basketball Camps?**  
The Camp is open to all boys and girls ages 5-17 years old. The children will be split into 4 groups dependant on their age, ability and friends that they would like to be with. (Please note brothers/sisters can attend the camps).

**What to wear?**  
All children are asked to wear sport clothing i.e. shorts, t-shirts/tracksuits

**Medical Information**  
Any medical condition that may be relevant to the child participating in the basketball camp should be filled in on the booking form on the back page.

**The Facilities**  
The Basketball Camp is being held at Manor School / Sports College, Raunds and Kettering Buccleuch Academy, Kettering. All Hotshot Camps and basketball matches are held at this venue, and the basketball facilities there are excellent.

**Camp Times and Details**

**Week 1 - KBA - £70.00 for 3 full days**  
Monday 29th July- 31st July  
Time: 9am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch to this camp every day.

**Week 2 - KBA - £70.00 for 3 full days**  
Wednesday 14th August - 16th August  
Time: 9am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch to this camp every day.

**Week 3 - MANOR £70.00 for 3 full days**  
Tuesday 27th August - 29th August  
Time: 9am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch to this camp every day.

The whole Hotshots team of coaches have been working tirelessly to ensure that the children have had a great time throughout the year whilst attending the Hotshots sessions. It's without a doubt that this is the most exciting event in the Hotshots calendar, so be quick to book your place and enjoy the fun...

**Package and Prices**  
The cost of each week is £70.00. Inclusive of this cost all children will receive a FREE SPECIAL EDITION BASKETBALL at the end of the week they attend. There are limited places and the places will be given on a first come, first served basis. Should your child wish to attend the Hotshots Summer Basketball Camp you should fill out the back page booking form and return ASAP to your basketball coach along with the full payment.

**Payments by Cash / Cheques** should be made payable to 'Hotshots Basketball Club' or Bacs to SC: 090150 AC: 066511 REF: MANOR C or KBA C (followed by the number of the week attending & Childs name).

### Are you struggling to feed your family? Free Jacket Potato in Morrisons Café - 1st July to 14th July

To help customers at a time of extra financial strain and in partnership with Heinz, Morrisons is giving away a free jacket potato topped with Heinz Cheesy Beans, whilst stocks last. All customers have to do is 'Ask for Henry' when they get to the till at Morrisons Cafes to receive the meal. Supermarket staff have been trained on the code word 'Henry and will understand phrases like "Is Henry here?", "Can I have a Henry?"

### 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

