

Friday 6th September 2024

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly parent bulletin for this academic year. For those of you who are new to the academy, the bulletin is published, via email every Friday. A copy is also placed on the academy website under Parents/News. It contains useful pieces of information for the forthcoming weeks at the academy.

As we enter the new academic year, we would like to share with you, our high expectations for our students:

- Wear correct uniform, including blazer, tie, trousers and shoes.
- Attendance of 97% or more.
- No mobile phones or ear phones at all between 8.35am and 3.00pm.
- Bring the correct equipment: blue/black pen, pencil, ruler, eraser and calculator.
- Full engagement in lessons, challenging themselves to achieve their full potential.

Please remember that hoodies, sweatshirts and trainers are not permitted in school, and that we do not allow facial piercings.

Arbor - Parent/Carer Email Addresses

We are currently in the process of rolling out our new management information system (Arbor) which has replaced Go4Schools. You should have received/will shortly receive an email regarding this system. In order for you to be able to access the system, we need to hold your correct email address on our files. If you wish to update your email address details, please contact us on office@montsaye.org or call our main reception on: 01536 418844.

Parking in Greening Road

Please be mindful when parking in Greening Road at school drop off/collection times. Please do not block driveways, park in the vicinity of the school gates or on double yellow/zigzag lines. Thank you for your support.

Praise Points

What a wonderful start to our academic year, with over 1400 Praise Points being awarded to our amazing students across all year groups. Well done everyone.

Year Group	Praise Points
7	437
8	171
9	311
10	345
11	138

Celebrating our Student Stars of the Week



Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 19th September: Class of 2025 Launch Evening 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Thursday 26th September: Year 12 Parents' Information Evening and meet the tutors. 4.00pm to 6.00pm

New Timings of the School Day

A reminder that the timings of our school day have changed slightly. Please see below:

Time	
8.35am	Arrival to form time
8.40am to 9.00am	Form time
9.00am to 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am to 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am to 11.20am	Break
11.20am to 12.20pm	Period 3
12.20pm to 1.20pm	Period 4
1.20pm to 1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm to 3.00pm	DEAR time and Period 5
3.00pm to 4.00pm	Enrichment Clubs and Year 11 Revision

Attendance

Whole school attendance target: 97%

With effect from next week, we will be sharing our attendance figures with you. 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.org to book a slot at the clinic. We look forward to seeing you.

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)

Our DEAR sessions will now take place during the last period of the day. This is where the whole school sits down and reads a book for ten minutes. Please ensure that your child has a reading book in their bag at all times. If your child is unsure as to what to read, please ask them to visit our Library and speak with our new Librarian, Mrs Palmer who will be able to guide them to suitable books.

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. The safeguarding team currently consists of Mr Haig (Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Long and Mrs Wood (Deputy Safeguarding Leads) and Mrs Helliwell, Miss Douglas, Miss Beaton, Mrs Thomas 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

Instagram: montsayeacademyofficial

