



MONTSAYE ACADEMY NEWS

July 2021



Where do I start with this one?

What a year 2020/21 has been for everyone. At Montsaye Academy we have embraced any challenge well and had our pupils at the centre of our thinking.

Who would have thought we could all be so adaptable and flexible in our approaches to teaching and learning? Whilst for many of us, remote education would not be our preferred approach, here we moved to it with such ease, ensuring that pupils did not miss out on learning. We were all exceptionally pleased to receive a thank you card from Pearson National Teaching Awards, and were '*recognised as a Lockdown Hero for our outstanding learning and wellbeing support during lockdown*'.

We managed a full testing centre to ensure a safe return from lockdown in March, this was a huge effort by everyone here and of course our pupils demonstrated amazing resilience.

Whilst in school we have maintained a strict risk assessment ensuring everyone's safety, and pupils were housed in year group PODS to ensure that movement was limited across the school. This has been a strong feature of this year and our pastoral teams have really stepped up, not only to give these areas identity, but to ensure that the provision for pupils was as it should be, both educationally and pastorally. Teachers have found themselves moving from classroom to classroom and have dealt with this admirably and are very much looking forward to having their rooms back in September.

This has been a challenging year all around but the dexterity of 'Team Montsaye' has been so strong and so defined though every stage of the last 18 months, that it has made it so much easier to navigate through these challenges. As the leader of this wonderful school, I say thank you to everyone who has stepped up, adapted and lived our ERA values in abundance.

As you will see in this newsletter, we very much live and breathe our ERA values of: **Excellence, Resilience** and **Aspiration**. We are looking forward to 'The Next Era' in Montsaye Academy's history with great anticipation of more exciting and wonderful things to come.

Meena Gabbi - Principal

Meet one of our Governors

During my time as a Governor, I have recognised that this school works hard to be part of the community and very clearly provides its pupils with not just an education, but also life experiences and skills which can be implemented when they leave.

The last eighteen months have shown the real resilience of the staff, pupils and parents and all should be commended for their hard work.

Let us hope that the new school year will bring back a greater sense of normality.

Andrew Laughton - Governor



Time to celebrate our wonderful pupils



Everyone has worked so very hard this year and our amazing pupils have continued to earn those coveted ERA points, even during lockdown.

Points are awarded for positive behaviour, both inside and outside of the classroom. Pupils may display any one of our ERA values in many different ways, be it with an excellent piece of work, showing resilience and determination to achieve a goal, or aspiring to be the best that they can be.

We are very proud to share with you, the names of those pupils who have earned all three **Excellence**, **Resilience** and **Aspiration** pin badges for their blazer:

Year 7

Bailey C
Charlie H
Lainey M
Poppy M
George S
Sarah V
Ava W
Jaden D-A
Ricky M
Aiden W

Year 8

Mia F
Nichita M
Lily-Sue B
Destiny G
Logan N
Rylan M
King T

Year 9

Curtis J
Chloe W
Harry S
Emma W

We are also pleased to share some interesting statistics:

- **21 pupils earned all three pins**
- **633 pupils (64%) achieved 100 or more points**
- **261 pupils (27%) achieved an average of an ERA point every day in the school year, including during isolation and online learning**
- **259 pupils (26%) achieved the Excellence Pin**

We would like to share the names of those pupils who have gained 300 points and an **ERA** Pin (awarded at a Covid-safe Principal's Afternoon Tea, which took place on 14th July):

Year 7: Daniel A., Elliot H., Jessica S., Lainey M., George S., Charlie H., Poppy M., Sarah V., Ava W., Dorothea G., Sophie C., Caitlin B. and Aiden W.

Year 8: Nichita M., Mia F., Logan N., Lily-Sue B., Lola-Jane F., Thaya O., Oliver L., Ryan M., King T., Lorena C., Maja J., Summer S., Ayomide A., Anna W., Jessica G. and Freddie L.

Year 9: Curtis J., Ellie F., Ryan G.

Year 10: Lilly-Maye F.

And last, but certainly not least, we have four students who have finished the year on over 400 ERA points and have qualified for an Amazon voucher: **Year 10:** Lilly-Maye F. (406 points), **Year 8:** Logan N. (476 points) and King T. (482 points), and **Year 7:** Lainey M (430 points). Well done to everyone on some amazing achievements.

Jon Berridge - Assistant Vice-Principal



Sports Days/ERA Days Extravaganzas

After a two year gap, our Sports Days/ERA Days were back. Pupils from across the school got to take part in a multitude of events (COVID-safe, of course). Some took part in track and field events, combined with Badminton and games of Quidditch.

The remainder of the school were involved in activities such as a talk on safer phone use, first aid sessions, Samba drumming, an art competition and our ever-popular bake-off, where pupils were asked to make and decorate a cake to represent COVID. Our Year 7 cohort took part in a treasure hunt around the school building, which involved following clues and was designed to get them to know the whole school, bearing in mind they have been pod-based for the whole of this academic year.



What a wonderful end to difficult year.

Emma Lopes - SMSC Coordinator

CCF News



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Cadets Harrison B., Ben P., Joshua W., Phoebe J. and Emily H. The cadets will be leaving Montsaye CCF at the end of term after finishing school.

Each cadet has achieved promotion, demonstrated self-resilience and determination, grown in confidence and preformed above and beyond both in and out of the group. They leave as ambassadors of both the school and the CCF, and take with them the ERA ethos in all walks of life. To show recognition of the values they hold and to pay tribute to their characters, each cadet has been presented with a framed oath of allegiance as a memento of their service in the Combined Cadet Force.

We would like to send huge congratulations and good luck wishes go to all of them.

The cadets were recently lucky enough to be able to spend a weekend 'in the field' (albeit, based on our very own Montsaye Academy field). Nonetheless, they all had a fantastic time, learning some really important skills. It was wonderful to see our cadets experiencing everything they have trained for.



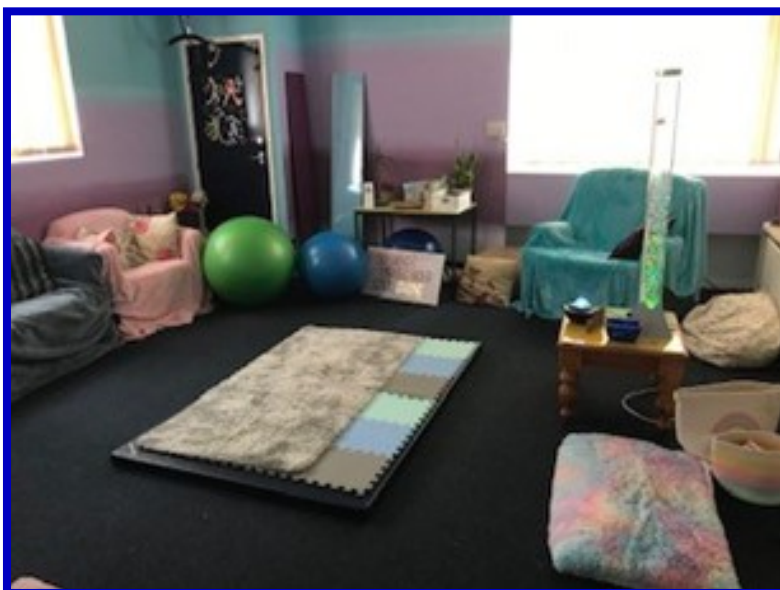
The cadet group goes from strength-to-strength and we are looking forward to continuing our journey in the new academic year.

Mark Chattaway - School Staff Instructor

Wellbeing Room Up-Date

Some of you may remember that we started to develop a well-being room back in 2019.

Due to COVID-19 and lockdown restrictions, we have not been able to open this provision as widely as hoped. However, we have used the time to develop this room further and, even if we do say so ourselves, we are rather proud of the emerging provision.



Ever since I became a SENCo in 2012, I have wanted to develop a sensory area. Thanks to the time, effort and support of a number of our staff, this is becoming a reality and I am super excited for our pupils. The education support base (ES4) has been long over-due a make-over, and so earlier this year, I spent some time with one of our new TAs, Miss Summer, talking through my vision for the room. She then went away and designed a wonderful space which would provide a relaxing, calming and sensory environment.

During the May half term, I picked up my paintbrush and painted the room. The colour we went for was ombre as this is believed to have a calming effect when someone's emotions

are heightened. Miss Summer finished the blending off (due to my lack of artistic skills). The end effect was a beautiful and calming colour scheme which immediately transformed the room.

As the weeks have gone on, we have added items to the room in order to create the provision we want. With the continued support of the SEN Team and some of our wonderful pupils, we are adding items which are known to support well-being. We have some wonderfully soft throws on the sofas now to give a real sense of comfort and relaxation.

We have sensory pillows and exercise balls (which are proving to be extremely popular). The lighting is just lovely; we have some vertical lights and a bubble light tube. We also have a galaxy projector which has a Bluetooth speaker, so that we are able to play relaxing music to further add to the calming effect we want the room to have for our pupils.

Moving forwards, we will develop a plan of how we can best utilise this provision and safely open it up for those who need it. We still have work to do to perfect it, but we are so excited at the progress we have made so far.



With special thanks to Miss Summer, the Site Team, Mrs Gabbi, Mrs Holt and staff who have lent dust sheets and paint brushes.

Year 7 map out their future...

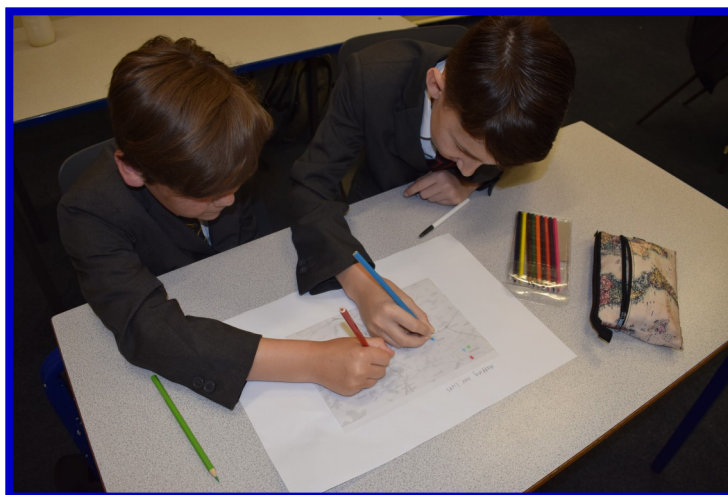
Our Year 7 geography groups have been working hard to produce some thoughtful and creative entries for the Royal Geographical Society's 'Young Geographer of the Year' award.

For this year's competition, entries had to be based around the theme 'Remapping Our Lives'. Our pupils created an annotated map that revealed how their lives have been shaped by the pandemic.

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The cohort discussed and recorded ideas around how their local area has changed, and how their feelings about these places have changed. They then plotted the places and locations on a map. A removable layer of tracing paper was added to the map to represent how their feelings about these places have changed.

Pupils really enjoyed creating these maps; they thrived on the opportunity to try a practical activity in geography. In the near future, we hope to introduce pupils to mapping software on the computers, where they can create their own digital maps.

We also introduced the groups to some geography-based careers which are centred around mapping, including a 'GIS Specialist' who collates information and produces maps to help a range of industries, such as wildlife conservation, police or the army.

Harriet Willis - Teacher of Geography

Year 7 Artwork

Some beautiful work created by some of our Year 7 pupils in their art lessons. They looked at the paintings produced by Austrian visual artist and architect, Friedrich Hundertwasser, and produced their own interpretations.



Well done Year 7.

Julia Roberts - Teacher of Art

The millionaire readers just keep on coming...



Following on from our previous awards for Accelerated Readers in April, we now have more double millionaires. Year 7 pupils, Dorothea G., Sonny W. and Andre F., join Daniel A. in reading over **two million** words since last September.

We are also pleased to announce that Daniel has now read over **three million** words since September.

This is an amazing achievement. All pupils have received another certificate and a gold reader star.

Mandy Lantz - Librarian

Year 10 Sports Studies Expedition

Despite the very warm June temperatures, our Year 10 sports studies cohort had very productive expeditions.

The groups walked a total of 11km, around the footpaths of the local area, showing their abilities of map reading and leaderships skills.

Before embarking on the walk, pupils showed basic camping skills by setting up a 'campsite' on the field, cooking themselves a meal and then packing away – to simulate an actual camping expedition.



The expeditions were planned and completed by all Year 10 pupils who are on the sports studies course, so that they could gain evidence to support the completion of an outdoors activities unit. Alongside a completed exam

unit, this means that the groups have finalised two out of four of their units to gain their level 2 qualification.

Jake Siddons - Teacher of PE

Pupils go back to basics in IT

During this academic year, learners in KS3 have had to cope with half of their computer science lessons taking place in a computer room and the other half in a normal classroom, learning the theory behind computer science.

We came up with lots of different learning activities for our pupils to do during this time, including making encryption computers with old Pringles tubes.

This term, Year 7 have learnt how search engines, such as Google, can sort and search through billions of websites in less than one second.

Here, class 7y1 are using playing cards to demonstrate how Google uses a Quicksort Algorithm and a Binary Search Algorithm when searching the web.



Stephen Lea - Teacher of Computer Science

There is nothing better than the smell of good bread baking...



This term saw our Year 10 food pupils getting back into the food preparation classroom to begin their practical lessons. They applied their theory knowledge to make bread and to trial the shaping and glazing of bread rolls. The groups worked extremely hard; they should be very proud of themselves.

Gillian Brotherston - Teacher of Food Technology

Year 10 enter their own 'Brave New World' and watch The Tempest



As part of the RSL drama course, we recently took a group of Year 10 pupils to see the University of Northampton's production of 'The Tempest'.

Written by William Shakespeare around 1610, and thought to be one of the last plays that Shakespeare wrote alone, it is set on a remote island. Although the play is listed as a comedy, it deals with both comic and tragic themes.

The event took place in a COVID-secure environment, on the green space situated

in the grounds of the university. The group were also given an opportunity to visit the main building and each pupil received a University of Northampton 'goodie' bag.

After the production, the director spoke to our pupils about opportunities on offer at the university. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.

Pizza and Ice Cream to say goodbye...

Our Year 11 cohort have worked incredibly hard throughout their GCSE journey, and especially in the past few months. They have all made their teachers extremely proud, showing resilience and truly aspiring to be the best that they can be. As a progress leader, I know that wherever their next steps take them, they will continue to succeed and achieve in whatever they put their minds to.



To recognise all of their hard work, and to celebrate their time at Montsaye, we held an event for Year 11; we had a pizza party. We reminisced by watching a slideshow of photos from their time here, played a 'Montsaye Generation Game' and 'Montsaye Name that Tune'. The highlight of the event was the Year 11 leavers' video, available to watch on our [YouTube Channel](#), where staff did their best to lip-sync and coordinate dance moves; encouraging everyone to "Reach for the Stars".

The event culminated with an ice cream van coming onto academy site where pupils enjoyed some incredible creations – including 99's covered in sherbet and marshmallows. There was a buzz throughout the afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the event, with staff also being able to join in at the end of the afternoon, providing a tunnel of clapping as pupils departed.

We wish all of our Year 11 pupils the best of luck on their next steps. We look forward to many remaining with us into Sixth Form, and know that they will all secretly miss being at school.

Hannah Pickering - Year 11 Progress Leader

It's all change in science...

We are excited to announce that we are once again working with our architects, Stimpson Walton Bond on a much anticipated redevelopment project here at Montsaye Academy. The radical refurbishment of four of our science labs is now fully underway and we can't wait to show you the end results. The labs are being completely gutted from top to bottom and refitted with state-of-the-art furniture and equipment to enrich the learning of our pupils.

The new labs will bring a new **ERA** of learning to the science department and allow our pupils many opportunities to flourish within the subject field. Interactive white boards will also be installed in the four labs, allowing for a new teaching and learning experience for everyone. The refurbishment project commenced during May half term and we are expecting the new facilities to be available in September 2021.

This is the start of a site development journey and we are excited about this project and future prospective changes that lie ahead.



Emma Exley - Business Manager

We say goodbye to Year 13 in style...



We recently said goodbye to Year 13 with our annual leavers' lunch event.

We treated the year group to a buffet lunch which was followed by speeches from Mrs. Gabbi and Mrs. Jones, both of whom praised everyone for the resilience and determination which they have demonstrated over two challenging years. Mrs. Gabbi presented George B. with the Principal's Award and Mrs. Jones thanked the Head Boy and Head Girl, Harry and Esme, for all their support and commitment to the role. Other awards were handed out for achievements such as attendance and dress code, as well as some more humorous ones.

Once the formalities were over, pupils took part in a quiz which resurrected some retro gameshows, including the 'Generation Game' memory challenge (featuring some very familiar faces) and 'Name that Tune'.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know everyone over the last two years; they have coped remarkably well with everything that has come their way. We look forward to seeing everyone on results day.

Laura McNish - Sixth Form Centre Manager

A New Partnership...

We are delighted to announce that with effect from July 2021, Montsaye Academy Sixth Form will be partnered with The Elephant Group.

The Elephant Access Programme provides a range of activities, trips and experiences to support pupils' aspirations, attainment and applications to top universities. They will help to ensure that our most academically capable pupils have access the top third of universities at the end of their time with us.

We will be working with a regional collaboration of head teachers in the East Midlands. Partners are also involved from top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, Sheffield, York, Exeter, Newcastle, St George's Medical School, SOAS and King's College in London.

The programme kicks off this summer, with a number of our Year 12 cohort having signed up for a virtual summer school. This will allow pupils to gain guidance on university admissions and applications, receive careers information directly from employers and young professionals, and meet current undergraduates. Pupils will also participate in a team academic project centred on tackling real world



problems.

We are really excited to be able to offer this provision. Look out for future news stories on what our Elephant Access participants have been up to.

For further information, please visit: [The Elephant Group](#).

A message from our catering supplier

We have been busy working away with our development chefs and nutritionist to create new and exciting menus. Your child's health and happiness is the key driving force behind ABM Catering's values and we feel every child deserves the best quality of food and nutrition.

It's only natural to be concerned about whether your child is eating the right things, getting enough food and enjoying what's on the menu. That's why we put so much effort into getting our menus right.

Our menus reflect the seasons to ensure we can always use the freshest ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible. By buying in fresh ingredients from quality producers, we can guarantee that your child is getting what it says on the menu. We always look to provide two hot main meals – one of which is vegetarian, filled jacket potatoes/pasta in sauce and a cold deli-bar with unlimited fresh salad and a choice of fresh bread to compliment your child's meal.

From our experience, we know that children love eating together at lunchtime. It's all part of a normal day at school and a chance for them to socialise with their friends away from lessons. Our job is to enhance that with some great food and exciting special days that add an extra bit of fun to proceedings.

With such a fun-packed term ahead, we are confident your children will be eating healthily, trying new things and receiving the fuel they need to concentrate throughout the afternoon.

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Summer holiday swimming lessons

Summer Week 1 Monday 26th July – Friday 30th July	9.00am - Stage 1 9.30am - Stage 2	9.15am - Stage 3 9.45am - Stage 5
Summer Week 2 Monday 2nd August – Friday 6th August	9.00am - Stage 1 9.30am - Stage 2	9.15am - Stage 6&7 9.45am - Stage 4
Summer Week 3 Monday 9th August – Friday 13th August	9.00am - Stage 1 9.30am - Stage 2	9.15am - Stage 3 9.45am - Stage 5
Summer Week 4 Monday 16th August – Friday 20th August	9.00am - Stage 1 9.30am - Stage 2	9.15am - Stage 6&7 9.45am - Stage 4
Summer Week 5 Monday 23rd August – Friday 27th August	9.00am - Stage 1 9.30am - Stage 2	9.15am - Stage 3 9.45am - Stage 5



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