

MONTSAYE ACADEMY NEWS July 2022



At Montsaye Academy, we have moved forward with integrity at our heart this year and, as in the previous two years, tackled challenges quickly and effectively.

It has been an incredibly busy summer term; exams, leavers events, trips, Principal's afternoon tea, ERA days, sports days and our wonderful whole school production of Matilda only last week. We have also navigated a national heatwave!

There really is no end to what we can do and achieve and as always, our values remain at the heart of all things Montsaye. Our ERA values are the glue that binds us all together and we look forward to adding further to these with our ERA character traits, so look out for more information on these in September.



I am blessed with an incredibly talented team of support and teaching staff - they are relentless in their drive to ensure that children achieve **Excellence**, **Resilience** and **Aspiration**. They are looking forward to what the new year brings.

I cannot go without recognising the amazing, resilient and wonderful pupils I have at Montsaye Academy. They are so talented, funny and wonderful and we are so blessed to have such a breadth of talent at our school.

Finally, a big thank you to all of our community for your support which we have seen in abundance this year. We wish everyone a very restful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all our pupils back in September.



Meena Gabbi - Principal

Education for Wellbeing Programme - INSPIRE Project

Montsaye Academy have signed up to the Education for Wellbeing Programme, where whole classes of students will take part in lessons designed to support their mental health and wellbeing.

The project leaders are asking classes of students in all schools that have signed up to the programme, to take part in a study. Your child will be asked to complete some questions which will take 30 to 40 minutes. We are seeking your permission for your child to take part.

Please follow this link: <u>Education for Wellbeing Programme</u> which will take you through to our website where you will find full information.



Sports Days and ERA Days for all

Our summer term sports days and ERA days are much anticipated, involving every student at Montsaye taking part in activities over two separate days.

Friday 8th July saw the first of the two days, with Year 7 and Year 8 taking part in sports day and Year 9 and Year 10 taking part in various activities and workshops around the school. The following week, on Friday 15th July, the year groups switched and followed a similar timetable.

The sports days involved games of Quidditch, Rounders and Basketball, along with the more traditional track and field events. A huge congratulations to the following students who have broken some of our school records:

Year 7 - Tiaan C. Shot Put 10m+ Year 9 - Owen S. 100m in 11.84s Year 10 - Destiny A. and Riley L. Long jump 5.50m Year 10 - Todd M. Javelin 30.17m



For those less sporty students, other activities involved our annual Bake-Off Competitionand a quiz in the LRC, along with art and dance sessions.



The ERA days featured a full and varied range of activities, designed to develop further the physical, mental and emotional skills of our students, as well as our values of **Excellence**, **Resilience** and **Aspiration**.

Our students took part in a finance board game, promoting financial awareness, a murder mystery (CSI Montsaye) and a 'Whamazon' escape room-style session where students experienced what it is like to run a big company.

There were Boxercise classes (non-contact), a 'Joe Wicks' workout activity, sessions on CV writing and a musical Boomwhackers workshop.

One of the highlights was inspirational speaker Musharaf Asghar, from Channel 4's Educating Yorkshire. Talking to our Year 9 and Year 10 students. We were thrilled to welcome him back to the academy and we benefited from hearing, first hand, Musharaf's story of resilience and aspiration.



If you would like to see more, head over to our social media platforms, on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where you will find lots of photographs of our fabulous two-day events.



Our Year 7 students ran a tuck shop.

Over £150 profit was donated tr Corby's Florence Bark fundraising appeal.

Inspirational words from Joseph

Following on from the ERA day presentation by Channel 4's Musharaf Asghar, Year 9 student, Joseph had this to say:

"Watching Musharaf talk about having a stammer but being able to overcome it was truly inspirational. For someone who has a stammer, it made me feel it wasn't something to hold me back but something that made me unique.

He spoke to us all about how he overcame his stammer and how it did not change his life. He also showed us a clip of when his teacher found a way to help him speak out loud. His story showed us the vital role teachers play in our lives. After the session, he spoke to me individually. We talked about how it feels to live with a stammer and ways to overcome it to be able to speak more fluently. Overall ,it was great to hear from someone who had the same struggles as myself, but lives by the same ERA values as we have at Montsaye. He has shown us that resilience and aspiration can help us to succeed no matter what our difficulties are".

This is just one of the reasons why our ERA days are so important. Thank you Joseph for sharing this with us.



Emma Lopes - SMSC Coordinator

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Our first performance during the morning of 13th July, saw us welcoming students in Year 5 and Year 6 from Rothwell Junior School. This was followed by three fantastic evening shows, performing to families and members of our wider community.

Each and every one of the cast and crew have put in so much hard work to make the production absolutely fantastic, demonstrating our ERA values in everything they have done. They have worked during the school holiday and on many sessions after school to bring a production which Montsaye could be proud of.

We are already looking forward to next year's production...watch this space.

Tim Shea - Head of Performing Arts

Time to celebrate

As the academic year draws to a close, it has been time to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students. On Wednesday 13th July, we held our annual Principal's Afternoon Tea for all those students who have achieved over 300 ERA points since September 2021. It was a wonderful occasion; with a lovely atmosphere which offered us an opportunity to celebrate the successes of over 100 hard-working, young people.



As part of the celebrations, those students who have achieved over 400 ERA points, were each awarded a £10.00 Amazon Voucher. In addition, we have two students who have achieved over 500 ERA points and they were both awarded a £25.00 Amazon Voucher. A huge Montsaye Academy well done goes to:

Meira H., Freddie L., Marley P., Megan G., Morwenna O., Deryca V., Tyler S., Lola E., Phillippa G., Alex C., Braeden A., Thomas G., Edison B., Tom Barker., Eilidh O., Abbie G., Jia Xi., and John F.

and to our two 500+ ERA point winners:

Toby O. and George H.



We are immensely proud of each and every one of these students and congratulate them all on their hard work this year. They are true examples of ERA learners, displaying all of the academy values of **Excellence**, **Resilience** and **Aspiration**.

We look forward to seeing what next year will bring...watch this space.



Learning Support Hub

Well, what a year! Our learning support department has worked hard this year to support our wonderful students with additional needs. We have so much to celebrate so here are a few highlights...

Wellbeing room: we painted our wellbeing room using an ombre design and freshened it up with some colourful (and rather comfortable) soft fluffy throws and cushions. This room is used for interventions, to support students with their wellbeing. It's lovely.



Magado, our elephant: earlier this year, Miss Owen adopted an elephant for the hub students. Magado is an elephant who lives in Kenya. We can track her movements which is super exciting. We also have a little display of elephant trivia to help us understand about Magado's life.

The chalkboard: this is changed frequently, to ensure that our students know about important events which link to their wellbeing and needs. It's colourful and engaging – the students really love this.

Cress: we did a little project around cress. This was linked to planting seeds, watering the plants to ensure they were cared for, measuring the growth and recording the colour of the cress. This became a bit of a competition to see which cress could grow the quickest.

Sensory activities: we have introduced some sensory activities to support our students' wellbeing. We have made various concoctions to find soothing textures, completed craft activities, created games, supported each other and found different ways of completing mindful activities.

Here's to a great 2022-2023.

Becky Gatiss - SENCO



Learning important skills...

As part of our new lifelong learning initiative, we have introduced an exciting new cookery skills session.

On Thursday 7th July, a small group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students were invited to take part.

Students worked with Mrs Brotherston in our food technology rooms to cook healthy and nutritious meals from scratch, using ingredients from the store cupboard and fridge.

At the end of the sessions, everyone had the opportunity to taste and share their creations. The group of students all demonstrated our academy values of **Excellence, Resilience** and **Aspiration**. Well done.

We are looking forward to being able to hold many more of these important sessions next year.

Switch-on Reading

Following a successful pilot scheme which has taken place during this term, and as part of our targeted support for students, we are pleased to announce that Switch-on Reading will continue into the new academic year.

Switch-on Reading is a 10 week literacy intervention programme. We involve selected students from all year groups, to give them some extra support with their reading.

Our learning mentor, Mrs Tanser, sits with a student, 1:1, for 20 minutes each day, as part of their timetable, and delivers the sessions. The students also take home a short reading book for them to familiarise themselves with, by reading aloud. It begins with one book, but it progresses to two books in the following weeks.

We have purchased a new range of books, specifically tailored to the programme, covering various topics, both fiction and non-fiction, which have proved very popular with students. The course also fits in with the Accelerated Reader series of books which our students are already familiar with.

This is a great opportunity for parents, carers and all the family to get involved in reading. Students will benefit from practicing what becomes their 'familiar text' at home - this is a short passage of around 100 words in each book - a great excuse for 20 minutes' family time, to listen and then talk about what has just been read.

If you feel your child(ren) would benefit from the Switch-on sessions and would like to register interest, or would like more information about this fantastic opportunity, please contact:

Mrs Tanser at: <u>htanser@montsaye.northants.sch.uk</u> or

Ms Matthews, Second in English and Switch-on project leader, at: <u>nmatthews@montsaye.northants.sch.uk</u>.

Nina Matthews - Second in English

Eco Club @ Montsaye

Montsaye has recently started up its own Eco Club. On a Monday lunch time, the club is held in H2 in the Humanities Department. We are striving to make Montsaye even more eco-friendly than it already is. Students from any year group may drop in and join the team.

We are working on a new project, looking at improving recycling at the academy. We have designed new posters to put onto the rubbish bins to show which items can be recycled. We are hoping that our next project will be something which the local community can get involved with.



Milly E - 7JEL

Eco Club's next project is to work towards achieving the Eco-Schools Green Flag. Students will be choosing a few areas of our school to focus on, to try and make more environmentally friendly. We are always looking for more members; if your child is passionate about saving the planet, why not encourage them come along in September?



Celebrating the sporting successes of our students...

Callum plays for Scotland in under 18's Six Nations

During the Easter holiday, my son (and ex-Montsaye student, Callum), was in Marcoussis, France playing rugby for Scotland in the Under 18's Six Nations Tournament. Although Callum was born in England, he qualifies to play for Scotland due to our family's Scottish heritage.

Callum began playing rugby at Kettering Rugby Club when he was five years old and he loved it straight away. When he joined Montsaye in Year 7, he quickly became part of the academy team and was Captain for all of the games in which he played. Callum always enjoyed his rugby at Montsaye. At twelve years old, he joined Northampton Saints Developing Player Programme and eventually went on to join their Academy. At fourteen years of age, Callum was selected to play for the East Midlands.

In Year 10, Callum was offered a sixth form rugby scholarship at Oundle School. Two other establishments also offered him a scholarship but he eventually decided to go to Bedford School where he played in their first team as Forwards Captain. He is hoping to go to university and eventually to become a teacher.



Scottish Rugby showed an interest in Callum when he was fifteen years old. He was chosen to play in the under 16's in March 2020 but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the training programme was suspended. Callum trained for several months at weekends in Edinburgh and was lucky enough to be chosen to play in the Under 18's Six Nations this year. He was so proud. For us as a family, to be able travel to France and watch him stand there, sing the National Anthem with the team, and then play in the games, was beyond amazing. Callum plays 'No. 1 loosehead prop' and occasionally 'No. 3 tighthead prop'.

Callum has always been very humble about his success in his sport, he is always surprised when he gets selected to play and doesn't quite realise what a good player he really is. We are very proud of him.

Lizzie Smyth - Cover Supervisor

Lauren earns silver for England

Back in April, one of our Year 11 students, Lauren, took a break from GCSE revision to compete in the EUBC (European Boxing Confederation) Youth European Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria.



Following a Boxercise class here at Montsaye Academy, Lauren took up boxing three and a half years ago. Fast forward to today and she now competes for England. Lauren worked her way through the competition in Sofia, ending up in the finals and coming home with a silver medal.

Olivia competes in Golf Championship

Having taken up golf during lockdown, Year 11 student, Olivia, recently took part in her first ever, Ladies Northamptonshire County Open Gold Championship.



After 36 holes on the Friday, she qualified to play in the Swannell Salvar match play event where she played some amazing golf, winning the quarter final on the Saturday.

The last day of the golf championship saw Olivia earning a place in the final but, unfortunately she came up just short, losing 3-2.

Social Media

Our social media platforms are going from strength to strength. For those of you who aren't aware, we have the following accounts:

Instagram: montsayeacademyofficial Twitter feeds: @Montsaye, @montsayepe and @MontsayeSF Facebook page: Montsaye Academy



The platforms are used to show our local community the many varied activities we have going on at the academy. We love to be able to celebrate news and the successes of our wonderful students via these platforms. Does your child take part in any extra-curricular activities where they have achieved success such as in a sport, are they involved in a theatre group which is performing locally or even nationally, or do they volunteer for a local organisation? If you would like to get involved in this, please send full details, including photographs if you have them, to: JGinns@montsaye.northants.sch.uk.

Accelerated Reader Up-Date

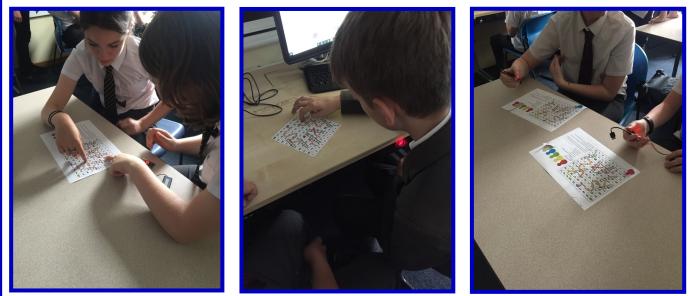
We are delighted to be able to share with you, the complete list of students who have reached the dizzy heights of millionaire status during this year's Accelerated Reader Programme. This is a fantastic achievement for everyone; this year has been our most successful yet.

Student Name	No. of Words Read
Eilidh O.	5,487,549
Dorothea G.	5,269,694
Jack S.	3,950,881
Morwenna O.	3,215,748
Daniel A.	3,182,498
Lucy F.	3,035,590
Meghan T.	2,613,857
Poppie D-M.	2,247,479
King T.	1,817,826
Tyler S.	1,658,088
Liam M.	1,581,377
Beth P.	1,540,697
Jessica S	1,497,034
Harry C.	1,495,886

Student Name	No. of Words Read
Thomas G.	1,433,882
Felicity M.	1,428,175
Каі С.	1,379,489
Ewan P.	1,345,8311
Charlotte P.	1,251,960
David U.	1,222,406
Erica V.	1,168,010
Lucas B.	1,160,936
Olivia S.	1,132,270
Patryk B.	1,022,134
Eden F-K.	1,020,040
Abbie G.	1,015,049
Jaydon F.	1,006,620
Alex D.	1,000,197

Year 7 at work on their programming skills...

Our Year 7 cohort have been having fun in their computer science lessons and learning how to program using Micro Bit mini computers.



Students had to program their Micro Bit to work like a die; when they shook the Micro Bit, it had to select a random number between 1 and 6 and display it on the screen. This helped them to learn two important principles in code design – sequence and selection. The lesson progressed to everyone being able to use their Micro bit to play snakes and ladders together.

Stephen Lea - Head of Business and Computer Studies

And are put in charge of their own destiny

This term across all subjects in our humanities department, students in Year 7 have designed their own country.



In the geography element, they produced a map of the physical features of their country, decided which types of energy were best and came up with a plan to manage against natural hazards. During EP, they decided on the style of government and the rules and laws. During the history element, students went back in time to explore the history of their country; they were even given an opportunity to see whether their country should have a civil war. The best projects were put forward for an end of year presentation and prizes awarded for the best country.

Keep an eye on our social media platforms for the announcement of the winner.

Year 8 delve into the past...



This term, in our Year 8 history lessons, we have been learning about World War I and looking at the lives of the soldiers on the Western Front. Students explored the main causes of the war, which plunged the world into a deadly conflict; something which still affects our modern world today.

We studied conditions in a typical trench on the Western Front, including looking at their key features and the effects they had on a soldier's health. Students examined the medical treatments which were used on the injured soldiers, including X-rays and blood transfusions; at the time, these were cutting edge developments in medicine. We learned about the evacuation system, which was developed by the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps), to transport injured soldiers away from 'No man's land'. These soldiers were taken from the first aid posts, all the way to the base hospitals in France and Great Britain. Students explored the role of the stretcher bearers, who put their lives on the line to save injured soldiers and transport them away to safety.

We brought the learning to life by going outside into the grounds of Montsaye Academy; to our very own 'Western Front' to re-enact the medical treatment and work of the stretcher bearers. During the outdoor lesson, we re-recreated a gas attack and the transportation of injured soldiers to the nearest first aid post; not many of our 'stretcher bearers' were able to make the 200m dash!

Back in the classroom, the year group continued with their learning, looking at the effects of World War I.

We have begun to study the Treaty of Versailles which students analyse at the start of Year 9, when learning about the causes of World War II.



James Wiggins - Head of History

#Next ERA

Business Studies and Computer Science department get a makeover

Twelve months ago, our business and computer science department received some funding from the National Centre for Computing Education.

We decided to spend a proportion of the money on decorating some of our teaching rooms and also on a new flat screen for teaching in our post-16 base.

So far, we have decorated two computer rooms. Our business classroom will be decorated over the summer holiday period.



We have used some of the money to buy new computer equipment to use in our lessons, including Binary Logic kits, Micro Bit kits, two programmable robots and two interactive displays for teaching binary.



Year 10 STEM club investigate...



Our extra-curricular STEM club have spent this term investigating a wide variety of subjects. From the dissection of small creatures, including a Dogfish (shark) and discovering that it has no bones, but a cartilage skeleton instead, to looking at the organs of a rat.



Everyone has learned such a lot about the structures of the organisms which they have looked at.

Another session saw students look at the speed of nerve cells. They gathered in a circle and squeezed the hand of the student next to them. After timing how quickly their nerves worked, they drank some caffeinated drinks and looked for an improvement in their reactions.



Zan Rashid - Teacher of Science

Year 10 Students Cook Up Success

Our Year 10 cohort have been working hard in their mock food GCSE exams.

Students were given a brief of creating three dishes for a family celebration in just three hours, using a wide range of skills.



Members of staff and some of our Year 12 students were invited into the exam room at the end of the day to taste-test and discuss what had been made.

Everything looked and tasted delicious; students welcomed advice on how to improve/what to do differently, ready for next time.



The exam was a true example of our ERA values of **Excellence**, **Resilience** and **Aspiration**. Keep up the good work everyone; we are extremely proud of you all.

Gillian Brotherston - Teacher of Food Technology

We say goodbye and good luck to Year 11...

Following weeks of hard work in their GCSEs, it was time to say goodbye to our Year 11 cohort. The final exam was marked with a celebratory assembly and the customary showing of the staff video. Students had the chance to sign shirts and enjoy a visit from the ice cream van, before it was time to go.



Wednesday 29th June saw a wonderful Prom taking place at Kettering Park Hotel, with the theme of 'Night at the Awards'. Students arrived in an array of vehicles, including a 'Trotters Independent Trading Co.' van from the hit comedy show, Only Fools and Horses.



Everyone was dressed to impress and students enjoyed a photo booth, a buffet meal and a sweet treats table. There was also an awards ceremony; students voted for, among others, the best dressed, the nicest smile, the student most likely to be famous and the student most likely to be prime minister.



We are looking forward to welcoming many of our Year 11 students back to the Sixth Form in September.

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Year 11 student braves the shave

Maddie T., one of our Year 11 students, has recently taken part in the Macmillan Cancer Support 'Brave the Shave' campaign.

The last time Maddie had her hair cut properly was when she was 11; she has only had it trimmed since. Her mum told us that Maddie has always asked for her head to be shaved, especially in a Mohawk, like her favourite rugby player, Joe Marler, but the answer has always been no. She really wantesd to do something to help others and this has achieved both If you would like to donate to this wonderful charity, please click on the link below:

Brave the Shave



Goodbye and good luck to Year 13

Well, it really was the end of an ERA for our Year 13 students. As their A-level exams rapidly approached, it was time to celebrate their successes and achievements at our Leavers' Celebration.

Students were treated to a BBQ lunch, consisting of burgers, chicken and sausages, followed by a sweetie counter for dessert. Students had fun posing with the props at our photo booth, before settling down to a speech from Mrs Jones, and our ever-popular Awards Ceremony. Mrs Gabbi presented Student Leader, Sophie with the Principal's Award, followed by numerous other awards as nominated by the sixth form team and class teachers. Some of our winners include Jared for his outstanding art work, Grace for excelling at driving, and Ben for his creativity in the kitchen! The day finished with a highly competitive Generation Game Memory Challenge (featuring some familiar faces and objects) and the traditional group photograph.



The 2021/2022 Year 13 cohort have been an incredibly aspirational and resilient group of young people, and we just know they are going to go on and do many great things. We are going to miss them, and I am sure you will join us in wishing them good luck as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

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Our CCF needs you..



Our popular CCF are recruiting for a School Staff Instructor, if you are interested in the position, please follow this link: CCF School Staff Instructor which will take you through to the Pathfinder Schools website and full details.

We are also recruiting for instructors and cadets. If you would like to make a positive impact on the lives of the children in our community, whilst learning new skills at the same time, then we would love to hear from you. Full training is given for this role, along with remuneration from the MOD. Gain qualifications in first aid, earn your British Parachuting Licence and become a qualified paddle board instructor.

We start taking cadets from Year 8. If either you or your child would be interested becoming part of our Combined Cadet Force, please contact: <u>egray@montsaye.northants.sch.uk</u> in the first instance.

Emma Gray - Business Manager

We are pleased to be able to share with you, the summer holiday Swimming Pool Timetable for Montsaye Community Sports Centre.



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