



# MONTsaye ACADEMY NEWS

October 2023



Welcome to our first Newsletter for this academic year. We hope that you will enjoy reading about life here at Montsaye Academy. As you can see, students fully embrace their time at school and are involved in a host of different and exciting activities. From visits to wonderful places such as Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University, through to taking part in sporting events and fundraising campaigns like our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We hope that you enjoy a restful break and we look forward to welcoming our students back ready for the next half term.



## Introducing our new ERA Hub

Our new, improved ERA hub is a hive of activity before school, at break and at lunch time. Students find their way to the ERA hub for a range of reasons. In the morning, students who need a laptop come and collect one to support their learning throughout the day. Student Welfare Officers help with uniform, equipment, frazzled nerves and sometimes just a friendly 'good morning' to help students on their way.

Once they have been elected, our form reps will be meeting in the ERA Meeting Room and supporting community life at school. At break and lunch times, students pop by to find a friendly space where they can play a game and meet with friends. Our Student Welfare Team are there with a kind word, a phone call home to top up money for the canteen and a smile to brighten even the darkest days.



During lesson times, the rooms are used for student interventions and the resource room is well stocked with team-building games, strategies for stress, anxiety and low-mood as well as other issues affecting young people today. After school parent meetings and interventions also take place here. It is a space we are proud to share with our students, staff and our families.

Emma Lopes - SMSC Coordinator

## Montsaye Academy Combined Cadet Force (CCF): Presentation of Cap Badges and Promotions

Our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) recently held a presentation of cap badges and promotions here at the academy. The event was attended by parents, family members and friends of the cadets who were presented with their badges by Principal, Mrs Wilson and Mr Ray Davies, Mayor of Rothwell.

Before the awards ceremony began, I gave a brief presentation to our visitors. I explained the wonderful opportunities on offer to our CCF cohort, in terms of character development, leadership skills, and the wide range of activities which are available.

Mrs Wilson then went on to present cap badges to the cadets. The cap badges awarded are from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME). Mrs Wilson also awarded lance corporal promotions to the following cadets:

**Cadet Hollie B.  
Cadet Lucy F.  
Cadet Harry G.  
Cadet Charlotte P.**

Mr Ray Davies, Mayor of Rothwell awarded the Aidan Howell trophy to the best cadet, LCpl Hollie B. Aidan Howell was a student at Montsaye Academy. He joined the army when he left Montsaye but sadly lost his life in Afghanistan. His parents donated the trophy to be awarded to the best cadet in the CCF.

**Joseph Smyth - School Staff Instructor**



## The Inclusion Base at Montsaye



Over the past few years, we have developed our learning support provision at Montsaye to one of which we are extremely proud.

During the recent summer holiday, Mrs

Gatiss embarked on the task of giving the Inclusion Base a revamp and refresh, ready for the start of term in September.

The new colour scheme gives much more light to the area, and the removal of some furniture has increased the space available. The sensory room has had a refresh too, and now has some wonderfully calming lighting, and a sensory tent. There is more space for our break and lunch clubs, and we have enjoyed spending time with students there during these periods.

**The Inclusion Team**





## Fresh Fruit Friday with 7SCO

My tutor group, 7SCO have been introduced to the concept of 'Fresh Fruit Friday'.



Students thoroughly enjoyed getting the day off to a healthy start during form time with a variety of fresh fruit.

Sophie Collins - Year 7 Form Tutor

## Year 7s reflecting on their start at Montsaye Academy...

During some reflective PSHE sessions, our new Year 7 students have been thinking about the start of their journey at Montsaye Academy. We would like to share with you, some of their thoughts:

*Fantastic geography lessons and science experiments. computer science, assembly rewards, encouraging posters in the classrooms.*

*It is easy to make friends. We are made to feel grown-up, there are kind teachers and good food, we are treated how we want to be treated, and...*

*the sausage rolls are better than Greggs!*

Form 7NG



## Year 11 visit Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University

Some of our Year 11 and Year 12 students recently visited the Physics at Work event at Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge.



Year 12 student, Serena, shares her experience of the day with us...

***At Cavendish Laboratory, I had a wonderful opportunity to watch some amazing presentations and demonstrations by a group of university PhD students and associated external organisations. We got to meet some of the people who work with AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment), an organisation which helps to make sure that no countries test atomic bombs based on Blasmic Wave Detection. We got to participate in the actual presentation which was amazing. The presenters were very nice and answered all of the questions we asked.***

***We learned about superconductors and saw a live demonstration on how they work. It was great to see what we learn in the classroom being used in real life to innovate technology and the way things work.***

***There are some exciting apprenticeships offered by The Cavendish Laboratory at the university which would be a very good educational opportunity for students like me who are very interested in science.***

***This exhibition was inspirational to me, particularly as I have a strong interest in physics. It was good to see physics at work, literally.***



Louisa Moffett - Second in Science



## Drama Department News

### *National Theatre New Views Festival*

We are excited to announce that Montsaye Academy are part of the National Theatre's 'New Views' Festival. The festival is a year long programme for students in Year 8 to Year 11.

# National Theatre

Each school is paired with a professional playwright who supports students in the writing of their own thirty minute play. There is an opportunity for the plays to be entered into a competition, with those selected being performed on the stage at the National Theatre.

### *Christmas Show*

It may be a little early to be mentioning Christmas but our very talented students are hard at work in the process of creating an amazing Christmas Show.

The date is yet to be confirmed but a Christmas treat is guaranteed.

### *Announcing this year's musical production...*

This year we are pleased to announce that our musical production will be Oliver! JR.



Watch this space for further information on auditions and performance dates.



Tim Shea - Head of Drama

## New...Attendance Cafe

This is being held every Wednesday morning 9.30am to 10.30am here at Montsaye Academy.



Is your child saying that they don't want to come to school? Meet with Morag Denton, our Family Welfare Officer, enjoy a drink and a chat - see what strategies are available to support you and your family.

Contact Morag on: [mdenton@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk](mailto:mdenton@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk) for further information.

## All in the name of cake...



Students and staff alike recently took part in the eagerly awaited Macmillan Coffee Morning event.

This yearly, nationwide event is a much anticipated date in the Montsaye calendar. Year 10 GCSE food students came together in a joint cup-cake baking venture, supplying goodies for students to buy from our Learning Resource Centre during break time.



This is a wonderful way to raise some much needed funds for a very worthwhile charity as well as enjoying eating delicious cake; we are sending off over £150 to Macmillan, thank you to everyone for your support.

Gillian Brotherston - Teacher of Food

## PE Department News

We have a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities taking place every week. Take a look at what we have on offer...

<b>Extra Curricular PE</b> After School Clubs 3.00pm to 4.00pm				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Years Badminton Club Mr Beet	Year 7 and Year 8 Basketball Mr Wing	All Years Girls Sports Club Miss Lauder	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Basketball Mr Levett	All Years Montsaye Dance Company Miss Lauder
Sixth Form Fitness Suite Sports Centre Staff	Year 9 and Year 10 Football Club Mr Levett	Year 7 and Year 8 Football club Mr Levett/Mr Jordan	All Years Netball Mrs Hodges/Miss Collins	Year 7 and Year 8 Free Swim Session Pool time: 3.00pm to 3.35pm
	Sixth form Fitness Suite Sports Centre Staff	Learn to Swim Lessons Please speak to Mr Wing to sign up 2.50pm to 3.40pm Sports Centre Staff	All Years Dodgeball Club (Old gym) Mr Garner	Sixth Form Fitness Suite Sports Centre Staff
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Our sports teams have started off the new academic year with resilience and determination. Here is a quick snapshot of what the teams have been up to:

Thank you to Mr Jordan for supporting the Year 11 boys' football team in Montsaye's first fixture of the year, with a 3-2 victory over Bishop Stopford School in very hot conditions. Two goals from Braydon and one from Riley.

Year 11 Futsal team in their tournament won 1, drew 1 and lost 1. Montsaye's Man of the Match was Braydon

Thank you to Miss Lauder for taking the Year 10 girls' first netball fixtures. Despite being a player down due to illness, they came home with 1 win and 1 close loss in very wet conditions.

Wednesday 13th September saw our Year 7 and Year 8 girls football team debut in the Kettering Schools Tournament. The girls shared all of our ERA values and won 1, lost 1 and drew 1.

If there are any Year 7 and Year 8 girls who would like to join the team, please speak to Miss Lauder.



Our Sixth Form football team recently secured a 2-1 victory over KBA and our Year 11 boys' team beat Latimer Arts College 3-1 in an away fixture.

Montsaye Dance Company is back. Dance Club runs every Friday after school and is for all year groups.

This is run by our very own Year 13 student, Keira who is already doing an amazing job.



Want to keep up-to-date with all of our PE news?

Give us a follow on our newly launched Instagram account [@MontsayePE](https://www.instagram.com/montsayepe).



Tim Wing - Head of PE





## MONTSAYE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

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**SWIM/  
FITNESS  
MEMBERSHIPS  
NOW  
AVAILABLE**

Be *Happy.* Be *Active.* Be *Here!*

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|  Swimming Pool                  |  Dance Studio       |
|  Swimming Lessons               |  Sports Hall        |
|  30+ Station Fitness Suite      |  3G Football Pitch  |
|  Group Exercise Classes         |  Racket Sports      |
|  Fitness Consultation/Programme |  Children's Partles |

Montsaye Community Sports Centre, Greening Road, Rothwell, NN14 6BB.

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