

**Friday 10th September 2021**

**Welcome Back**

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 sent out, via email, every Friday. A copy of the weekly bulletin is also placed on the academy website under Parents/News. The bulletin contains useful pieces of information for the following weeks at the academy.

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

- Wear correct uniform, including blazer, tie and correct shoes.
- 96% attendance or more.
- No mobile phones or ear phones at all, anywhere between 8.40am and 3.00pm.
- Bring correct equipment: blue/black pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator.
- Full engagement in lessons, challenging themselves to achieve their full potential.

Please remember that hoodies and sweatshirts are not allowed in school, that trainers of any kind are not acceptable and that facial piercings are not permitted.

**Save the date and book your place...  
Tuesday 5th October: Year 6 Open Evening**

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our Year 6 Open Evening. In order to keep our visitors as safe as possible, whilst still enabling everyone to see the real Montsaye, we are going to be running two identical sessions, one at **4.30pm** and one at **6.00pm**.

Each session will include a presentation from our Principal, Mrs Gabbi, followed by a tour of the school which will be restricted to limited numbers. In order to facilitate this, we respectfully request that students are accompanied by just one parent or carer and that a place is booked on either of the two sessions.

Please book your place by emailing us at [openevening@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:openevening@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) and provide the following information:

- Your full name, telephone number and email address.
- Your child's full name and current primary school.
- Which session you would like to attend: 4.30pm or 6.00pm.

If you do not have access to email, please call our main reception on 01536 418844 and provide us with your details, as listed above.

We look forward to welcoming you and showing off our amazing school, staff and students.

**Go4Schools**

For our new starters (Year 7 students and beyond), we would like to draw your attention to the online system we use called Go4Schools. This allows parents/carers to access assessments, attendance and behaviour information, as well as your child's timetable, homework and progress reports. Using the App will enable you to view lots of information on your smartphone or tablet. In the first instance, to register for Go4Schools, please go to the Go4Schools website: [Go4Schools](https://www.go4schools.com) and click on the parents area and select first time user. To receive information on your child via the App, it is essential that we have your current email address. In order for you to access this important information about your child, the email address that we hold on the system for you needs to be correct. If you wish to update your email address details, please contact us on:



**[data@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:data@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) or alternatively, phone on 01536 418844 ext. 144 or 166**



Once you have registered on the website, you will then be able to download the App onto a smartphone or tablet. To login to the GO4Schools App, your username (email address) and password are the same as those you use for the GO4Schools website. There is a simple link to follow if you have forgotten your password.

The App is a great way to keep in touch with how your child is doing at school. Don't forget however, you can also login to the main GO4Schools website for more detailed information.

### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

**Monday 13th September:** Year 11 afterschool interventions commence - see [letter](#) on website for more information.

**Friday 17th September:** Year 13 trip to University of Northampton. Students involved have been notified.

**Monday 20th September:** Year 11 core subject mock exams commence.

**Wednesday 29th September:** Form tutor parents' evening (all year groups). Further details will follow in due course.

**Thursday 30th September and Friday 1st October:** Ballet taster sessions (open to all year groups). Further details to follow.

### Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)

Our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) sessions are returning to the academy for students in Year 7 to Year 10. For those parents/carers who are new to the school, DEAR is a daily reading session and your child will need a reading book in their bag at all times. Students are welcome to borrow a book from the Learning Resource Centre which is open before school, at break and lunch time and after school.


For 20 minutes of one lesson per day (the lesson varies each week), the whole school stops what they are doing to read. This gives students the chance to engage with reading, no matter which subject they are in at that time, and it is a welcome reminder to everyone of the importance of reading across the academy.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

We are pleased to announce that we have lots of extra-clubs and activities re-starting over the next few weeks and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Why not encourage your child to get involved? Please see below for the first few which are up and running:

**Performing Arts Clubs are back!**



Day	Time	Subject	Year Group	Place
Monday	3.10pm to 4.00pm	Dance	Year 7-11	Dance Studio
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.00pm	Drama	Year 7-9	Drama studio
Tuesday	3.10pm to 4.00pm	Orchestra	All years	PA2
Thursday	8.20am to 9.00am	Choir	All years	PA2
Friday	3.10pm to 4.00pm	Montsaye Dance Company	Year 9	Dance Studio

Any questions, please see Mr Shea, Mrs George or Mrs Gardner

**STEM club after school in S5 every Thursday 3.00pm to 4.00pm**



Can you survive the zombie apocalypse?

- Protect the people – Build an early detection system.
- Spread the word – Send messages using Morse code.
- Neck protection – Make bite protection.
- Solar snacks – Cook food using the sun.
- Silent steps – Create silent footwear.
- Food for thought – Make food that will last.
- Siege solutions – Design siege weapons.
- Nature's real zombie – Research parasites that take over hosts.



### Social Media

We are very active on social media and love sharing our latest updates and children's triumphs daily. Do make sure you're involved by following and liking us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



Instagram: [montsayeacademyofficial](#)

Twitter feeds: [@Montsaye](#), [@MontsayeEng](#), [@montsayereading](#),  
[@montsayepe](#) and [@MontsayeSF](#)

Facebook page: [Montsaye Academy](#)

