

September 21, 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer

End of week 3 Academic Year 2023-24

We are hoping that this letter finds you safe and well.

Montsaye is an amazing place with amazing students and amazing staff – we can't wait to be able to show you when we have achieved some more steps on our journey.

Attendance and arriving at school

Our school day starts promptly in line-ups at **8.35am** with tutors and pastoral teams so students are appropriately equipped for a successful day.

Our gates close at **8.40am**; if a student is late, a member of the Leadership Team will greet them, take their name, and remind them about the need to be at school on time. Students arriving after 9.00am will need to press the buzzer and sign in at Student Reception.

Thank you for your support in getting your child to school and for them being in school every day. We have a school attendance target at **95%** - we are ambitious for all our students, and we know that if a child is not in school, they cannot achieve.

Montsaye Dress Code

We are aware that the quality of the lanyards we have issued is very poor. Students are expected to continue to wear them at all times, and we will replace them as soon as possible with ones of better quality. Thank you in advance for ensuring your child has their lanyard every day and is encouraged to wear it.

First impressions are important, and we expect students' clothing and appearance to always be smart and well presented. Our students wear their uniform proudly with their shirts tucked in, top buttons fastened, ties and blazers on. In any great school, students do not focus on what another person looks like, they are more focused on their personality and character. In the current world where social media persistently reinforces messages to children that their status is heavily impacted on how they look it is imperative that we refocus students to value people for who they are as opposed to the way they dress.

All students need to wear the Montsaye Academy uniform:

- Grey blazer with Montsaye logo
- Tie
- White long or short sleeved shirt
- Full length straight grey trousers or grey knee length skirt to be worn with plain black tights or black socks. **It is important to reinforce that the length of a skirt should be longer than the index finger when hands are held at a student's sides.** Pastoral teams will talk to students about the length of their skirt, and they may be asked to change if considered to be too short
- Black leather or leather like shoes



Please contact us at enquiries@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk should you require support in purchasing the correct uniform.

Extra-curricular activities: Montsaye is more than the academic subjects our students follow. We are passionate about developing the whole child enabling them to become confident, resilient and well-rounded citizens, and as such, have an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities available at lunch time and after school, as well as a Year 11 study programme to prepare them in readiness to sit their GCSE examinations from May 2024. Revision can never start early enough: little and often is the key to success.

Please click [here](#) to see our programme of extra-curricular opportunities and how your child can sign up. If your child stays behind after school for an activity or revision session, please note our gates open to public use of the community sports centre at **3.45pm** so do ensure your child is aware of their arrangements to get home safely.

Increased meal costs

From 2nd October 2023 the costs for a meal in our restaurant will be increasing to £2.40.

Year 11 Revision

Year 11 Revision timetables start week beginning 25th September 2023. Please see timetable [here](#).

Montsaye expectations

A reminder of our key mantra is below: in lessons, we have seen students showing they are proud to be at Montsaye, and following these expectations so they can be successful in their learning. 70% of our students have been awarded **Pride in Perfection** again this week, which means they have been recognised for having 100% attendance, no behaviour points and always arriving on time. Well done to those students. I have also seen all students in assemblies this week to reinforce some key messages about how they treat one another, especially on social media. Online bullying is never acceptable: we will educate our students about this, invest reports of this happening, and sanction students as appropriate.

We all LEARN at Montsaye	So that all young people can receive a good education and be the best version of themselves, we need to create the right environment for this to happen. We expect all our pupils to: Lean in and listen Equipment at the ready Annotate and take notes Respond like a scholar Never interrupt
Mobile phones should be switched off and be stored out of sight .	We will be firm with this expectation, and should a phone be out and seen it will be confiscated and a lunchtime detention issued. The mobile will be returned at the end of the day. If, however, students consistently fail to meet the expectations we will kindly request that as parent/carer you come to school to collect your child's phone. Our Post 16 students will be permitted to use their mobile phones but only in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre.
Show me your best	Montsaye pupils work hard and are ambitious, they take responsibility for their actions and have the courage to face new experiences, demonstrating resilience and determination. As a Trust we will all aim high, play our part and be brave.



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Thank you for your continued support with your child's education; together in partnership, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead,

All good wishes

Deb Wilson
Principal

