

Dear Parent/ Carer

## End of week 4 Academic Year 2023-24

We hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

Thank you for your positive messages and ongoing support. We are continuing to make good progress on our rapid improvement journey and really pleased to share that most students are responding well to the direction we are heading. Please see this [short presentation](#) with some updates we have shared with our students, so that expectations are clear.

### Attendance and arriving at school

Another reminder that 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.

### Montsaye Dress Code

Thank you in advance for ensuring your child has their lanyard and correct uniform every day.

#### **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](mailto:enquiries@montsaye.pfschools.org.uk) should you require support in purchasing the correct uniform.

### Extra-curricular activities:

If you missed it last week, please see our programme of extra-curricular opportunities and how your child can sign up. Please click [here](#). We are passionate about developing the whole child enabling them to become confident, resilient and well-rounded citizens. 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.

We were delighted to see over 60 students attending after school GCSE English revision this week in line with our [Year 11 study programme](#). Thank you for supporting your child to attend; we know that starting these habits early in Year 11 will pay dividends to their success in the final examinations in the Summer 2024.



**Date for your diaries:** Tuesday 31 October Year 11 and Year 13 aspirations evening and Thursday 2 November Year 7-10 and Year 12 Tutor evening

### **End of the school day**

We take the safety of Montsaye Academy community very seriously, and as such we have made some changes to the end of the school day: the buses will collect students on the roundabout and the gates will remain closed. This means that if you are collecting your children, you will not be able to enter the school grounds.

### **Montsaye Mantra and access to our site**

We have continued to reinforce our mantra with all students and have particularly focused on accepting responsibility for our actions. We have also talked about respect, to each other in school and to the local community. Could I ask that you reinforce with your child that access to our site in the evenings and at the weekend is through the main front gates and between the hours of 4-10pm during the week, 8-4pm at the weekend in term time [Opening Times - Montsaye](#)

### **Free School Meals**

We strongly urge parents who may qualify for Free School Meals to apply via the following websites:  
Northamptonshire County Council

- Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross
- income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than
- £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please note that children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get free school meals.

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



