

MONTSAYE PASTORAL BULLETIN INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES





Dear all,

What a great couple of weeks it has been. It is lovely watching the school begin to come alive again. Those Year 10 students who have been in this week have been brilliant and really engaged in the sessions. I hope that the sessions were as useful for the students as they were for the staff, who all absolutely loved being back in and seeing them all.

Year 9 have also been fantastic this week and we are all so impressed by their enthusiastic approach to their GCSE taster sessions. I know that Miss Malins is particularly proud of their efforts and rightly so. The focus is on core subject taster sessions this week as our Year 9 introduction to GCSE continues.

We are also really looking forward to our 'Virtual Sports Day' with Year 7 and our Pathfinder Year 6 students.



As we excitedly plan for September and welcoming you all back, we cannot help but reflect on those summer traditions and events that would have happened. Included in our plans are ways to ensure that next year we come back even stronger, totally embodying our values of *Excellence, Resilience* and *Aspiration*, because we are Montsaye and that means #ERA #ComeBackStronger.

Mrs Gabbi





Keep calm and love reading...



Working from home has meant that our students have been cut off from access to the wide range of books in our library and the many excellent texts we use in the English department. Don't forget that In order to support reading from home, Montsaye students are now able to collect a DEAR book from school every Monday and Thursday 10.00am to 12noon.

Remember that we love to know what you are reading; the #montsayeradinghour takes place on a Thursday. Each week we look forward to everyone joining together virtually to celebrate reading. All you have to do to get involved is to post a picture on Twitter of you or your child reading, tagging the account, @montsayereading, using #montsayereading hour or #montsayereads. Pictures are retweeted between 7.00pm-8.00pm every Thursday.







A message from your progress leader

This week it is Year 7 and Mrs Petchey again...



Dear Year 7

The last time that I wrote a letter to you all, we were in week 8 of lockdown and now over three months have passed since we were last all in the school building. Whilst I am not sure that we will ever really get used to school being this way, you are all being fantastic ERA learners. It has been lovely to see so many of you represented in the ERA Heroes Bulletin. You have not only completed some brilliantly thoughtful pieces of work, but lots of you have been enjoying some quality time with your families or taking up a new skill. I can now say that I have managed a 1000 rep workout challenge, a 70+ day streak on Duolingo for my Italian course and some lovely walks out in the countryside where I get to listen to my favourite podcasts.



All of your form tutors have been missing you lots and wanted to write a little message to you. Before they do, I want to wish you a safe and happy end to your term. Remember, we are only an email away!

Mrs Petchey

Dear 7SC1, you have been the best form group I've had in my whole teaching career and it has been a massive shame that I have only spent half of the year with you.

I hope that you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you again in the new academic year.

Hello to my Year 7 form, it's been a strange year for you, hasn't it? In September you started your secondary school journey with Montsaye Academy and it is safe to say it has been a bit of a rollercoaster ride! We have had the highs of meeting new friends and teachers, learning in a whole new way, joining new clubs and your first ERA day. As a form, you are such a lovely group of young people and you have been so welcoming to me, which has really helped me to Take care, and I look forward to seeing you all as feel comfortable and happy at our school and for Year 8 students!

that I thank you all.

Hopefully you have all been able to find a 'silver lining' in lockdown. I know some of you are enjoying more time with family members, some of you are learning new skills such as baking and gardening, some of you are working on your personal fitness, going for walks and runs, and some of you, like me, are taking the opportunity to read as much as possible. It has been lovely **Mr Chandler** to speak with your parents and hear what you have been up to.

> We are now officially in the last term and on the countdown to the summer holidays. Let's hope that the beautiful weather continus and we all get to enjoy the sunshine when we finally put our pens down for the last time in Year 7. It's been a strange year for sure, but one that you will always remember!

Mrs Briffa

Dear 7LTA, it has been pleasure to have you as a tutor group this academic year.

I hope that you all have a brilliant summer and stay safe and healthy with your families. I wish you all the best of luck for the rest of your time at Montsaye Academy.

Hello 7SDD, I hope that you are all safe and well. too. It is hard to believe it is three months since we were last at school; I am missing our tutor time in the mornings and hearing all about your adventures!

We have certainly been blessed with some lovely that we can prove to everyone we are the best weather during this time, haven't we? I do hope you have enjoyed the sunshine.

It has been lovely to hear from some of you during lockdown and I do hope that you are all managing the home learning tasks. Make sure that you take regular breaks between completing equipment, DEAR book and uniform checks, let tasks and ask if you need help with them. I am always at the end of an email if you need me.

Keep up the great work 7SDD – the summer break is almost here and take care.

Mrs Dixon

I Just want to wish 7LEB a lovely summer holiday! It has been wonderful to see how well you have all settled in at Montsaye, growing into young and confident members of the form. In challenging circumstances, you have all been very mature and level-headed and it has been an absolute pleasure being your form tutor. It has been lovely to hear from you via email, seeing the fabulous home learning that is going on, and hearing about all the other things that have been keeping you busy during this time.

I hope that you enjoyed your time in our form and I look forward to seeing you all next year, so that we can talk face-to-face about everything that has happened this year.

Keep smiling and see you all soon.

Hello 7LUC, I am so missing my brilliant form group and I am sure in a tiny way you are missing school and form time too.

It has been amazing hearing stories from home about what you have been up to and seeing the ERA value of **resilience** in all of you. I must admit Mr Taylor that the nice weather has really helped me as I can take the dogs out and ride my stupid horse

> I have just heard that we have a new and very important challenge coming...a virtual sports day. I will be there for the launch meeting and will be encouraging you all to get involved so form of the best year group in Montsaye. Come on 7LUC let's now aspire for excellence too.

> > Mrs Cooper

Dear 7CC, it is most strange how long ago it seems since we last had a form time with our alone the fun we have had with the flags.

I have been proud of the feedback from staff. For the work our form has been producing and the effort demonstrated for learning challenges set across a range of subjects.

I know myself, that as lockdown has gone on, I have needed to adapt. The change to my routine, from getting up really early to go into Montsaye, to no longer leaving school late in the day. I have actually seen what my home looks like in the daylight.

As we continue to alter our routines and lockdown eases, we are constantly making changes to what we do daily. Let us think about these new experiences, showing how we have grown and matured during our time out of school.

As we move towards the end of Year 7, getting ready for Year 8, we can look forward to what this year will bring. Enjoy the summer, take care and stay safe.

Mrs Bateman Mr Cope

Year 9 LIVE GCSE Lessons!

Week commencing 29th June
Topic: Introduction to the course

Year 9 will be invited to attend a LIVE lesson on Microsoft Teams for Core Subjects next week. The lesson will guide students through the requirements of the course and support with the work found in their home learning booklet.

Lessons will be no longer than 30 minutes

Time Table of Lessons for next week:

Subject	Day/ Time
English	Monday 29 th June, 10.00am
Science	Monday 29 th June, 11.00am
Single Science: Biology	Monday 29 th June, 11.30am
Single Science: Chemistry	Monday 29 th June, 12.00pm
Single Science: Physics	Monday 29 th June, 12.30pm
History	Tuesday 30 th June, 1.00pm
Geography	Tuesday 30 th June, 2.00pm
Maths	Wednesday 1 st July, 2.30pm

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Malins: fmalins@montsaye.northants.sch.uk

A little bit of maths combined with baking...



A good reason to get baking, and to do a bit of maths by weighing out ingredients. Every year, the last Friday in June is **National Cream Tea Day**. When it comes to a British cream tea, the meal is a traditional one with delicious sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, and scones complimented with jams and creams.

With our head of maths, Mr Smith, being a quarter Cornish, he is one to put butter on scones first, followed by jam then clotted cream. As any true Cornish person will tell you, to put the cream on before the jam is a sin! Now that's a good maths question, how many combinations of putting butter, jam and cream on a scone are there?

Are you one of our science competition winners...?

You may remember a few weeks ago, the science department launched a competition where they challenged everyone to make a model or to carry out an experiment at home to demonstrate a scientific concept. We are delighted to announce the winners.

Winner: Ruby M for her creatively designed, balloon-powered car.



Ruby said, "for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. When the air is pushed out of the balloon, the opposite reaction would be the car going in the opposite direction to the air from the balloon.

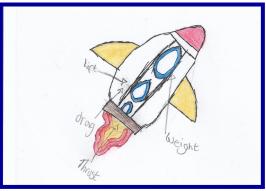
I decided to add a bit of decoration, just like a racing car would have colours and a number. The cut in half tube does not effect the car's speed."

Highly Commended:

Heidi O for her explanation of the transfer of energy from one store to another:

"The yellow liquid was cold, the purple liquid was hot. When we put the cold on top, the colours mixed together as heat rises and the hot was on the bottom. When we put the purple on top, it didn't mix."





Jack M for his explanation of forces acting on a rocket:

"The momentum of the thrust has increased and the rocket is still going up, however, it will get slower."

Matthew A for his highly informative video about the changing buoyancy of a raisin in lemonade.

Prizes will be on their way to the winners in the very near future. Well done to everyone who entered, we really enjoyed looking at all of your hard work.





What you can and cannot do when restrictions are eased on 4th July



You can:

Meet inside in groups of up to two households (support bubbles count as one household).

Meet outside in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines.

Visit restaurants, pubs, cinemas, visitor attractions, hotels, campsites, holiday apartments including airbnbs.

Visit hair salons and barbers.

Go to theatres and concert halls (although live performances are not yet permitted).

Visit zoos, safari parks, farms, wildlife centres, gardens, National Trust sites and film studios.

Visit libraries, community centres, places of worship, outdoor playgrounds and outdoor gyms.

Stay overnight away from your home with your own household or support bubbles, or with members of one other household.

You Cannot:

Gather in groups larger than 30 people.

Gather indoors in groups of more than two households, (ncluding when dining out or going to the pub).

Interact socially with anyone outside your group, even if you see other people you know when visiting a venue.

Gather outdoors in a group of more than six people from different households.

Hold or attend celebrations (like parties) where it is difficult to maintain social distancing

Stay overnight away from your home with members of more than one other household.

Visit nightclubs, gyms, sports venues, casinos, bowling alleys, indoor play areas (including soft play).

Visit a swimming pool, water park, spa, nail bar, beauty salon or tanning salon.

Wellbeing: Health and Fitness

With gyms still not able to re-open yet, are you missing your weekly fitness class? Head over to the Facebook page of <u>Corby Health & Fitness</u> where you will find free workout classes online. They are offering a live weekly programme of sessions which you can also watch back at any time. There is something for everyone and he classes are fun and varied.



Wellbeing: ChatHealth



ChatHealth is a free text messaging service for 11 to 19 year olds.

Young people can text a school nurse for confidential advice and support about any health-related issue.

Provided by Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and run by the Northamptonshire School Nursing Service, the response time is within 24 hours 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (except bank holidays).



#NorthantsTogether

We thought that you might be interested in the COVID-19 statistics which are featured in this graphic from #NorthantsTogether. Such an astonishing amount of numbers from this countywide collaborative:



Wellbeing: Keep occupied, be kind



Art and craft Ideas: Make a paper collage

Paper collage is a technique where a picture is created using different forms and shapes of paper. The forms and shapes eventually create a whole image.

Have a look around the house, many of you will have magazines, newspapers, leaflets, old books etc., which could be used. You will also need paper, some glue, scissors, a small paintbrush, and maybe some felt pens or pencil crayons.



Of course, you can't create a paper collage without having something to make; pick a picture or image based on something you like. It could be anything, animals or nature for example; sometimes you just have to let the paper see where it may take you, don't think too hard. Top tip; cut and place pieces down before you start to stick them

There are lots of step-by-step guides to picture collage available on the internet, why not take a look? Don't forget to send us pictures of what you have been making.



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Or call 01536 418844 Messages are picked up daily.

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Or follow this link to find all teachers and other staff listed.

My situation	Who to contact
I am struggling with my home learning	Use all the resources available/suggested, ask a friend or parent/carer. If you're still stuck, email your class teacher . Include the head of department as well in case your
I can't log on to the home learning	Email your Progress leader You can also leave a message by phoning the school 01536 418844
I can't access work electronically	If you have no computer access or perhaps unreliable wifi, you may need paper copies. If so, email our admin team at admin@montsaye.northants.sch.uk. Include
I have done some work or an activity I am proud of and I'd like to share it	If you have done some work or an activity you are proud of, and you would like to share it, send a photo to ERA heroes. This could be school work or a new skill / community work. In your email please indicate that you are happy for the work to be shared with the school community on our ERA heroes newsletter and / or social media.
I am worried about my safety or that of someone else.	If you have a concern about yourself or another student, you can email any of the pastoral mentors. They are still around to help you even if you aren't in school. They can also point you in the right direction for support, or advice.

How to log on

SAM learning

> **Maths** watch

Times **Tables Rock Stars** www.samlearning.com Our school centre ID: NN1MC

Username = date of birth followed by initials, in the format DDMMYYII **Password:** if you haven't yet logged in, this is the same as your username.

https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/ If Boris Johnson was born on 19th June 1964 and attended Montsaye academy, then the mathswatch logon details would be:

Logon: BoriJohn@montsaye Password: 19/06/1964

https://ttrockstars.com/home Select Montsaye by typing

NN146BB Your TTRS logon details would be:

Logon: BoriJohn Password: 19/06/1964





















