

05 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer however you chose to spend it. I wanted to start the year by sharing some big successes for Montsaye Academy which the whole community can be proud of.

First and foremost, it was wonderful to celebrate both the GCSE and A level exam results with the children and see so many happy faces after a year of hard work. When I started at Montsaye just over a year ago, I promised that we would do everything within our power to ensure the quality of education improved rapidly and to this end; this summer, we celebrated the best A level results since before 2018 and the best GCSE results since pre-covid. These results have led to our Year 13s being able to continue their studies at some fantastic universities and led to us more than doubling the number of Year 11s staying on to continue their studies at Montsaye when compared with last year. I am exceptionally proud of how hard both the children and staff worked last year and it was great to celebrate these results with you and your children on the results days.

Secondly, most of you will be aware that I spent most of last year battling with the Local Authority regarding them providing a bespoke bus for the children travelling to Montsaye from Kettering as all they had done in the past was provide a public bus pass. After many, many meetings, I was delighted to see not one, but two buses arrive from Kettering into the school car park. So many of the children have told me how grateful they are, and I want to thank all the parents and carers that responded to my rallying cry and raised your concerns directly with the Local Authority to allow us to achieve this; two huge success for Montsaye Academy and our community.

As always, it was a pleasure to welcome the children back and to also welcome the new Year 7 students into school for their first day. I enjoyed listening to what many of our children have spent their summer holidays doing as well as visiting the children in lessons as they get to know their new teachers and timetables. I led a welcome back assembly for all year groups in which I shared the new vision for the school which centres on a relentless approach to ensuring that all children at Montsaye excel and that all children at Montsaye feel a deep sense of belonging at our school. I also shared lots of things to look forward to this year as well as many of the enhancements to the learning environment which took place over the summer break. The assembly finished with a powerful video to which many of our children contributed by sharing a personal achievement followed by the words 'I am Montsaye' which reinforced just what a privilege it is to lead such a wonderful school.

On Wednesday, it was a pleasure to meet with all of our new Year 12s to formally welcome them to the start of their Key Stage 5 journey. The atmosphere in the sixth form centre was amazing and it has been great to visit some of their first lessons to see them all settling well into their A level studies.

For our new Year 11s, the progress league was launched for which each student has been allocated a country to ensure anonymity between them and their peers. Their countries were then all put into the progress league table outside of the main hall and the Year 11s were all keen to get down to the board and look at where they are in the table compared

to the rest of the year group. The progress leagues will then be updated after both sets of mocks so the children can see if they have moved up or down the league table. Parents and carers will be able to look at the table at our Class of 2026 launch event which is taking place on Tuesday 16th September, 6-7pm. During the evening, we will provide you with all the information and links to resources that you will need to help support your child through this very important year. Further information about the evening will be coming out shortly along with the Eventbrite booking details.

With regards to Character Caught, it was great to see some Year 7s already featuring in the social media posts and in the student briefing as well as number of children from other year groups. The launch of Character Caught was one of the highlights from last year and I am looking forward to seeing it go from strength to strength over the coming years. A reminder that you can email us directly about your child's achievements via charactercaught@montsaye.org

The top praise point earners this week were as follows:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Elle D – 13	Elsie C – 13	Harvey R – 14	6 points
8	Jayden W – 9	Robert B – 10	Ade O – 11	3 points
9	Ted W – 10	Tamara S – 11	Phoebe A – 13	4 points
10	Jeffrey S – 10	Issie P – 11	Darcee E – 11	4 points
11	Aramis V – 9	Sophie B – 9	Roxanne S – 12	4 points

Looking ahead to next week all students will have their individual school photographs taken on Thursday and we look forward to continuing getting to know our new students and help to embed smooth routines for a really successful first term of 2025/26.

Parents, carers, staff and children, We Are Montsaye.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal