

25 April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whether you were working or not, I hope you had a pleasant time during the Easter period and did not eat too much chocolate! I thoroughly enjoyed welcoming all the children back on Tuesday morning as well as hearing all about what they spent their holidays doing. It was also great to see them all smiling and happy to be back at school.

The ski trip, which took place during the Easter break, was a huge success with lots of students keen to tell me how much they enjoyed it and they are already asking if there will be another one. As with any outdoor and adventurous activity there is always a risk of injury but thankfully there was only one and we are delighted that the student has not had to miss any school and is recovering swiftly. It was also nice to receive praise from the parents of the student who commented on how well the incident was dealt with by the members of staff on the trip.

On Thursday, our Sixth Form students went on a trip to Derby University for the UK University and Apprenticeship search fair 2025. It was an excellent opportunity to explore a wide range of universities and apprenticeship providers as well as getting to visit a university campus and take part in some of the taster activities on offer.

After the success of his workshops with Year 11 earlier in the year, we welcomed Dr Van Der Spoel back to Montsaye to lead workshops with our Year 10 students on how to revise effectively and boost memory. The feedback on sessions was great and tied in nicely with the launch of our Challenge 100 task which has been set for all Year 10 students. All of Year 10 have been set the task of using the techniques demonstrated by Dr Van Der Spoel to learn 100 key facts from the English, maths and science GCSE curriculum as a kick-starter to their revision journey. In two weeks' time, they will all sit down in the hall and see how many of the 100 facts they can recall which will show them how effective they have been at revising.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed the parents and carers of Year 11 students into school for a final information evening ahead of the GCSE examinations. We shared lots of tips for supporting your children with their revision and Mrs Mooney (Head of English), Mrs Sutliff (Head of Science) and Mr Darnbrook (Head of Maths) explained what to revise and where to go to find additional revision resources for each subject. It was great to see so many in attendance making the most of the opportunity to get some final advice and guidance.

With warmer weather coming we also opened the field to all year groups which they all appreciated. Year 7 and 8 still have their own designated areas on the bottom part of the field with Year 9, 10 and 11 sharing the top field. It was nice to see the children enjoying the weather and playing football and other games on the grass.

It was only a 4-day week but our top praise point earners were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Jacob C – 21	Matha G – 22	Ade O – 24	7 points
8	Alexis B – 17	Tino M – 18	Chloe G – 22	6 points
9	Oliver H – 21	Jocelyn H – 23	Lewis C – 26	6 points
10	Toby O – 15	Millie C – 17	Evan S – 19	5 points
11	Kayden J – 8	Richard G – 8	Josh R – 9	2 points

My stars of the week this week are Skyla C (Y8) , Kortni C (Y7) Vicky C (Y7) and Louise F (Y7) who spent some of their lunchtimes helping Mrs George collect litter from the field demonstrating our core value of respect by looking after our school environment – well done!

The attendance leagues positions after the first week back are as follows:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position	League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	11ABI	96.5	=	1	7JEL	93.5	=	1	8AWH	91.9	=	1	8GDB	90	=
2	11PHM	95.7	=	2	7KL	93.3	=	2	9ELB	91.8	=	2	8JJW	90	=
3	10IJA	95.3	=	3	10SEC	93	=	3	9SCO	91.7	=	3	11FAL	89.6	=
4	7ZHD	95.2	=	4	11CDA	93	=	4	10MS	91.5	=	4	10LFE	88.9	=
5	9VPA	94.9	=	5	9LHM	92.8	=	5	10SPU	91.2	=	5	9RL	88.5	=
6	7TRC	94.4	=	6	8DAS	92.5	=	6	9LUC	91.2	=	6	10AJT	88.1	=
7	7EJG	94.3	=	7	9SC1	92.4	=	7	8MCO	91.1	=	7	8EBL	87.9	=
8	7JOB	94	=	8	10NG	92.2	=	8	11MAS	90.9	=	8	11SLY	87	=
9	8ERO	94	=	9	7REL	92.2	=								

Have a pleasant and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal



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