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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the final week of term 5 draws to a close, I am left reflecting on how swiftly the year is passing by and how much the school has moved forward in such a short amount of time. With this in mind, I wanted to start by thanking you all for your continued support as we continue to make Montsaye Academy a place where our children can flourish; a place where we collectively celebrate individual and team achievements through our rapidly evolving character programme; and a place where quality teaching supports all of our children in aiming for excellence in all that they do.

In terms of what has been happening in and around the academy this week, I remain immensely proud of our Year 11 students and their attitude towards these final examinations. The significant majority of students have demonstrated great character throughout this examination period and the growth I have seen in each of them since the beginning of Year 11 has been truly inspiring.

In a similar vein, some of our Year 10 students have demonstrated an early commitment to their Year 11 journey with 63 students staying behind for a history revision session on Tuesday with Mr Ronald. This will stand them in good stead as they prepare for the end of year examinations in June.

With exams taking place in the main hall, assemblies continued in virtual format with Progress Leaders recognising individual students for their hard work this term. Normally, I give out each and every certificate in the main hall but due to exams taking place these were given out during tutor time, but I still took great pride in reading through all the nominations and seeing students receive recognition for their hard work.

Looking to Key Stage 5, seventeen of our Year 13 students have received offers from Russell Group universities which is a staggering achievement and a testament to their hard work. One student has also secured a place at Oxford University to study mathematics – the first Oxbridge student in 10 years.

The work of the student leadership team is continuing to gain momentum and now has a genuine voice in the future of the school which has been refreshing for them. They are looking at a number of projects and this week they came to pitch an idea to me around Culture Days which will be a celebration of all the different cultures within our school community. They had lots of great ideas which I am looking forward to sharing with you all.

Our fantastic sports leaders were back in action this week, this time leading a primary football event for many of our feeder schools. They helped set the event up, organised each of the matches and refereed them. A big well done to - Harry T, Harry W, Oscar J, Mason M, Sam B, Ziva V, Madelyn E and Sienna F.

In terms sporting successes, all of the following students qualified for the County Athletics event which is taking place this Saturday.

Louis H – discus	Alex C – 400m
Ollie M – 800m	Lucas B – triple jump
Tiaan C – shot	Charlie F – javelin and 100m hurdles
Emma A – shot	Kenekukwu J – shot
Matteo M – javelin	Charlie H – 1500m
Alfie S – long jump	Mason J – triple jump
John C – shot	

The top praise point earners for this week are as follows:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Ayla T – 33	Jacob H – 34	Charlie B – 34	10 points
8	Amelia L – 17	Jakub Z – 18	Alexis B – 18	5 points
9	Felix B – 26	Oliver H – 28	Imogen C – 30	7 points
10	Euan L – 20	Freddie P – 21	Bethany H – 24	8 points
11	Reuben M – 9	Josh R – 10	Jake P – 10	1 points

The updated attendance league is below:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position	League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	11ABI	97.9	=	1	7JEL	94	↓ 2	1	10SEC	92.1	↓ 1	1	11MAS	89.8	=
2	11PHM	96.7	=	2	7KL	93.9	↑ 2	2	9LHM	91.8	↓ 4	2	7ZHD	89.8	↓ 5
3	8ERO	96	↑ 1	3	8DAS	93.8	=	3	9VPA	91.3	↓ 1	3	9ELB	88	↑ 1
4	9LUC	95.7	↓ 1	4	10SPU	93.2	↑ 4	4	8GDB	91.2	↑ 6	4	8JJW	87.6	↑ 2
5	7EJG	95.4	↑ 1	5	10NG	93	↑ 7	5	10AJT	90.9	↑ 3	5	9SC1	87.6	↑ 2
6	7JOB	95.3	↑ 1	6	11SLY	93	↓ 1	6	10LFE	90.7	=	6	11FAL	87.3	↓ 3
7	10JIA	94.6	↑ 2	7	8MCO	93	↓ 6	7	9SCO	90.3	↓ 3	7	9RL	86.4	↓ 2
8	7TRC	94.6	↑ 3	8	7REL	92.5	↑ 2	8	10MS	90.1	↓ 1	8	8EBL	86	=
9	11CDA	94.1	↓ 4	9	8AWH	92.2	↓ 3								

Looking ahead to future opportunities, Mrs Moffett has worked incredibly hard to secure a grant for a Biodiversity project working with the prestigious University of Oxford, The Wildlife Trusts and The Royal Society. This is an incredible opportunity for our students who are going to repurpose part of the school grounds for the project and will also get the opportunity to visit The University of Oxford as part of the project. An application has been shared with all students via the student bulletin for any student that would like to be a part of the Montsaye Biodiversity Action Group.

Mrs George and Mr Lyon have been working on a plan for Character week at the end of the school year which will comprise of a variety of extraordinary activities, trips and sports day which is something for all our students to look forward to.

Next term Year 11 and 13 examinations will continue with Year 10 end of year examinations commencing the latter half of June – a full timetable for Year 10 examinations will be shared with Year 10 students in due course.

Finally, I would like to thank the many parents and carers that have contacted me directly to acknowledge the rapid improvements being made – the messages have been very much appreciated. The school has come a very long way in a short amount of time and whilst there is a huge amount of work to do, I am proud of the first steps toward Montsaye Academy becoming the school of choice for all.

Have a pleasant and restful week.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal



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