

27 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another exciting week packed full of learning, character development opportunities and some fantastic contributions to the wider community.

Our amazing young sports leaders ran and independently officiated a cricket tournament for 7 primary schools which was a hugely successful community event. Our leaders have spent the last 10 weeks working with a Northamptonshire cricket coach to learn about the rules and plan all aspects of the tournament. I know many of them were nervous before the event, but they all did an incredible job and were an absolute credit to the school. In terms of a 'Character Sought' opportunity, if your son or daughter would like to join our team of talented young leaders, please direct them to Miss Lauder. There are lots of exciting opportunities in the calendar for next year including football, athletics, rugby, cricket, invasion games, net sports and a swimming gala!

The Year 7 athletics team visited Corby Athletics Track to participate in the District Athletics event where they competed against schools in Corby and Kettering. The team were incredible and demonstrated great teamwork, hard work and resilience throughout with highlights of both our boys and girls winning both their relays and Sophie B beating the Montsaye 200m girls record with an incredible 27.66 seconds. The Team included; Sophie B, Libby W, Ava S, Lilly-May C, Cerys R, Zara S, Mya S, Charlie O, Zachary C, Joshua A, Jake H, Taku M, Tommy R, Harrison C, Marcel K, William B, Jacob M, Harry C, Riley M, Jayden M, George S, Chianugo A, Matthew W, Charlie B and Freddie T.

In other athletics news, The students below have all set new athletics school records this year. These school records date back to 2012 and therefore this is a huge achievement!

Y7	Zachary C	100m	13.25s
Y8	Sophie B	200m	27.66s
Y10	Alfie S	200m	25.86s
Y10	Charlie H	1500m	4.59s
Y10	Alfie S	Long Jump	5.25m
Y10	Lucas B	Triple Jump	10.11m
Y10	Louis H	Discus	28.26m
Y10	Tiaan C	Shot putt	10.68m

In keeping with the community theme, Mrs George and our sixth form leadership team, organised the biggest community clean up event of the year. Over 30 students volunteered their time to collect litter from around school,

from Greening Road and other neighbouring streets. Many members of the community have commented on the team's efforts and there has been noticeably less litter as a result.

Mock examinations have continued for Year 10s who have all shown a fantastic attitude to learning and are really making the most of this valuable opportunity to see how they are progressing in each of their subjects. Alongside these important examinations, Year 10 students have also been delivering presentations for the speaking and listening element of their English GCSE course. Mrs Mooney sent me the recordings of two exceptionally well delivered presentations by Amari and Rehan. I was blown away by the confidence and clarity of both students with Amari delivering an impassioned speech on the theme of toxic masculinity and Rehan focusing on freedom vs control in modern society – both absolutely stunning.

On Wednesday, a group of students were all part of a photoshoot for the new school prospectus, and it was exciting to see students wearing the new school logo for the first time. As I said in a previous letter, any changes to uniform will not come into effect until September 2026 and any changes will primarily be driven by affordability and ease of access for parents and carers.

On Thursday, staff and students came together for a 'Pride Picnic' to celebrate all aspects of the LGBT+ community. Different faculties were each allocated a colour of the rainbow to wear on the day in support of the event. Students from across all year groups came together to share a picnic blanket and enjoy the event. This will become an annual event which I know will grow in popularity year on year.

The week finished with final auditions for the principal roles in We Will Rock You and I am looking forward to sharing the names of the successful students with you next week. With the excitement already building, this has all the potential to be one of the best school performances in its history and I for one am already looking forward to it.

This week's top praise point earners were:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Beverly N – 28	Thalia H – 28	Louise F – 28	10 points
8	Ben B – 21	Benedicta A – 26	Tamzin P – 37	6 points
9	Samuel O – 22	Poppy L – 22	Imogen C – 24	7 points
10	Liam C – 14	Archie J – 15	Alex B – 25	3 points

Here are the most recent attendance league updates:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position	League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	8DAS	95.8%	=	1	9LHM	92.8%	↑ 1	1	9SC1	91.4%	=	1	8EBL	86.3%	=
2	10IJA	95.6%	=	2	10NG	92.6%	↑ 3	2	8AWH	90.4%	↓ 3	2	9RL	83.6%	=
3	7JOB	95.3%	=	3	7JEL	92.5%	↓ 2	3	10MS	90.2%	↑ 3	3	11ABI	0.0%	=
4	7EJG	94.3%	=	4	7ZHD	92.5%	=	4	10LFE	89.8%	=	4	11PHM	0.0%	=
5	7KL	94.0%	↑ 1	5	9ELB	92.5%	↑ 9	5	9VPA	89.6%	↓ 5	5	11CDA	0.0%	=
6	7TRC	94.0%	↓ 1	6	10SEC	92.3%	↓ 3	6	9SCO	89.1%	↓ 4	6	11SLY	0.0%	=
7	7REL	93.3%	↑ 1	7	8ERO	92.2%	↓ 7	7	8JJW	88.3%	↑ 1	7	11MAS	0.0%	=
8	8GDB	93.2%	↓ 1	8	9LUC	92.1%	↑ 2	8	10AJT	87.8%	↓ 1	8	11FAL	0.0%	=
9	8MCO	92.8%	↑ 12	9	10SPU	91.6%	↓ 1								



Looking ahead to next week the school timetable returns to normal with lunchtime returning to between lesson 4 and 5 now that all our end of year examinations have finished. Year 8 will have a day off timetable for their Character Day on Tuesday, during which they will reflect on what it means to be a person of good character and how this will support them in their future careers and aspirations. The Year 8 day focuses on becoming a good role model and making positive use of character sought opportunities to begin to build their CV as they start to think about options in Year 9.

On Thursday we have the United Learning Magic Flute Gala Performance at the Corn Exchange in Cambridge and I look forward to being able to share details following what will be a wonderful event for all involved. We have our sixth form induction day on Thursday where our year 11 students will be able to get a taster of their continued journey at Montsaye as they step into year 12 in September.

Finally, on Friday next week we have our first Culture Day. This is a special event that has been planned by our student council that recognises and honours the diverse backgrounds that make up our school community. This day is part of our ongoing celebration of "We Are Montsaye", which promotes unity, inclusivity, and our school value of respect.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the weather.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Baines
Principal