

18 July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the penultimate week draws to a close, we are all looking forward to the final week of term which is packed full of activities, trips, sports days and a WoW day. We started the week by welcoming back a number of our cadets who spent the previous week at Warcop in Cumbria undertaking all sorts of fantastic activities including rifle shooting and archery. The feedback from the Ministry of Defence is that the children all behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school which is always lovely to receive.

On Monday we had our Year 6 transition day where we welcomed all the Year 6 children who will be joining us in September. The children got to spend time with their form tutors and experience some taster lessons and it was lovely to speak with so many of them throughout the day to hear about what they had enjoyed the most. I then had the pleasure of welcoming their parents and carers into the school in the evening to talk about all the things the children have to look forward to next year such as WoW days, new and exciting lessons, Our Culture Day, school performances, Character Caught, golden tickets and much more.

On Tuesday, all Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit the careers fair in the main hall. Our careers advisor, Mrs Knight, had worked hard to get lots of different employers and training providers in for the event and so it was great to see the students making the most of the opportunity by visiting every stall. Once again, the feedback from all the visitors was that our students were incredibly polite and asked lots of excellent questions.

I led assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 where we reflected on the highlights of the year. Celebrating all of these moments highlighted just how far the school has come in such a short amount of time. The assembly finished with a video of moments captured on film throughout the course of the year and it was lovely to see the smiles on the children's faces as they all watched.

The week finished with a Character afternoon for Year 7. The day was designed to help them reflect on what good character looks like. Students explored how they have engaged with character caught, taught, and sought. They examined role models to see character in action and began thoughtful discussions about which virtues help build the pathway towards our core school values: compassion, honesty, and respect.

The top praise point earners this week were as follows:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Olivia H – 28	Ruby C – 28	Ayla T – 32	9 points
8	Xand F – 12	Pauline O – 14	Gilbert S – 15	4 points
9	David H – 20	Jocelyn H – 22	Jacob B – 27	6 points
10	Charlotte P – 16	Sophie B – 19	Owen W – 23	4 points

The most recent attendance leagues are below:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position	League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	7JOB	95.3%	=	1	9LHM	93.0%	↑ 1	1	10MS	90.8%	↑ 1	1	9RL	86.9%	↑ 1
2	10IJA	94.7%	=	2	7JEL	92.7%	↓ 1	2	9ELB	90.3%	↑ 1	2	10AJT	86.7%	↓ 2
3	7TRC	93.9%	↑ 2	3	9LUC	92.4%	=	3	8ERO	90.1%	↓ 3	3	11ABI	0.0%	=
4	8DAS	93.9%	↑ 2	4	7ZHD	92.2%	↑ 2	4	10LFE	89.7%	↑ 1	4	11PHM	0.0%	=
5	7EJG	93.7%	↓ 1	5	10SEC	91.9%	=	5	9VPA	89.6%	↓ 1	5	11CDA	0.0%	=
6	7KL	93.7%	↓ 3	6	10NG	91.7%	↑ 1	6	9SCO	89.3%	=	6	11SLY	0.0%	=
7	8MCO	93.5%	↑ 2	7	10SPU	91.6%	↓ 3	7	8JJW	88.3%	=	7	11MAS	0.0%	=
8	7REL	93.3%	↓ 1	8	9SC1	91.4%	=	8	8EBL	87.3%	↑ 1	8	11FAL	0.0%	=
9	8GDB	93.0%	↓ 1	9	8AWH	91.1%	↑ 1								

Looking ahead to next week we have a full week of excitement and wonderful activities planned for the whole school during our first Character Week. Monday we see our final WOW day of the year which will include all the usual prizes and activities throughout the day, special menus in the restaurant and café, an extended lunch break and a staff Lip Sync 'Battle of the Bands' in the main hall at lunch time. The excitement is building and there is a lot of speculation who will be making up the bands which are performing. We have visits to Thorpe Park on Wednesday and Thursday and a wealth of exciting activities for those in school on those days. On Wednesday 23rd July (Year 8 and 10) and Thursday 24th July (Year 7 and 9) we are holding a biodiversity day, as an alternative option for those not going on the Thorpe park trip. On these days we are aiming to prepare and develop the biodiversity area, to meet our action plan targets, that we developed with the Wildlife Trust and Oxford University. An example targets the cleaning of the pond and re-homing of the goldfish, preparing the ground for seeding in the autumn term. It will be a physical day of work and gardening. If your child is interested in taking part, please send an email with your child's full name and form group to psutliff@montsaye.org. There is a limit to the numbers of volunteers we can accept.

On the final day, we will have our Golden Ticket Draw for the 3 main prizes and lots of smaller runner up prizes. Friday also sees the end of our 7 day attendance challenge. Students who have completed their attendance jigsaw for the 7 days prior to the end of term will be entered into an additional prize draw.

We look forward to ending the term on a positive note, celebrating the hard work and achievements of all our students.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines
Principal