

26 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another week full of great demonstrations of character, thought-provoking conversations with children, and lots of hard work being undertaken in lessons. We also had our first two University applications successfully submitted by Matthew and Nadim (pictured below) which is exciting!

Miss Neville delivered our assemblies this week which centred on the theme of European Languages Day. At the beginning she shared how many of the Disney films we know and love today were originally based on stories from countries around Europe. This included Aschenputtel from Germany which was the basis for Cinderella, La Belle et La Bete from France which students recognised as Beauty and the Beast and then Den Lillie Havfrue from Denmark which was the inspiration for The Little Mermaid. She then went on to share the fascinating true story of Mehran Karimi Nasseri who lived in at Paris' Charles De Gaulle Airport for 18 years only managing to survive due to the fact that he spoke several different languages. As always, it gave the students lots of food for thought as well as getting them to reflect on the value of speaking other languages.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed Year 11 parents and carers into school for our Class of 2026 launch event. It was great to see so many of you there to hear about the year ahead whilst getting input from the Heads of the core subjects, Mr Stanger and Mrs Cooper. Thank you also to those of you who filled out the feedback form which was overwhelmingly positive with some great suggestions for further information that could have been included.

The Year 10 boys football team were back in action on Thursday night facing off against a strong Bishop Stopford opposition. An early goal from Jamie T put us into the lead before a stunning strike from Jeffrey S doubled our lead. Bishop managed to get one goal back but the game finished 2-1 to Montsaye making it two wins in two weeks for our boys.

On Friday, to celebrate the European day of Languages, 20 members of staff wore stickers with greetings in different languages, and all students were set the challenge of finding all 20 staff, saying the greeting from the sticker and writing it down on a sheet. It was great to see so many children getting involved in the challenge with them all receiving golden tickets for their efforts.

The Year 7 pledge challenge continued with alacrity and further 15 children took on the task of meeting with me to say the pledges. Once again, this was a particular highlight of the week with the students all demonstrating great courage and determination. That takes the total to 45 children that have completed the challenge so far with a further 20 who have put their names forward for next week. Those that undertook the challenge this week were: Daniel H, Darasimi F, Elsa M, Harvey R, Hattie M, Milo P, Olivia J, Olly C, Santiago D, Iona S, Isla B, Erin H, Louie N, Cody O and Freddie H – A huge well done to all of them!

The top praise point earners this week were as follows:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Shavindu G – 19	Oluwaseun A – 19	Keyan I-H – 27	7 points
8	Ashley M – 18	Thalia H – 18	Jacob M – 20	8 points
9	Dib B – 22	Phoebe A – 24	Olivia E – 30	9 points
10	Samuel O – 21	Anaia G – 21	Imogen C – 21	9 points
11	Perfect D – 18	Amelie B – 20	Molly F – 21	7 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 12PSU – 100%

2nd place – 7AJO – 99.35%

3rd place – 12JAD – 98.45%

Looking ahead to next week our Utterly Lit project in the library continues where we will welcome back some children from our local primary school to read with some of our Year 8 students. On Tuesday we welcome parents and children into school for our Year 6 Open Evening which will be a wonderful opportunity to show next year's Year 7 cohort what the school has to offer.

Parents, carers, children, staff, governors – We are Montsaye.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines

Principal

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Matthew has applied to study History at the University of Birmingham, Kings College London, University of Liverpool, University of Sheffield and Queen Mary University of London

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Nadim has applied to study Law at the University of Oxford, Kings College London, University of Leicester, University of Nottingham and University of Birmingham