

3 October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Autumn is firmly here, and the first half term is flying by with just 2 weeks left until the half term break.

Year 11 started the week with an assembly from Mr Stanger who went through the plan leading up to the November mocks. He shared lots of ideas in relation to revision and explained the process for walking-talking mocks which should really help the children feel more confident when undertaking their mock examinations. I have been really impressed with the start that Year 11 have made to this important year, and I am looking forward to seeing this effort reflected in their grades following the mock examinations.

Mr Baria led the assembly for the other year groups which introduced Black History Month. He chose volunteers from each year group to go up onto the stage and act out the Montgomery bus incident of 1955 where Rosa Parks was asked to give up her seat. I enjoyed seeing so many students volunteering to take part in the acting as well as their reflections on the provocations shared at the beginning and end of the assembly.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed over 300 families through our doors for our Year 6 open evening. This was a great opportunity to celebrate and share just how far the school has come in such a short space of time and to hear so many parents leaving saying Montsaye is now their first choice of school left me feeling immensely proud. My stars of this week were the 4 students who did an incredible job of explaining what life is like at Montsaye. Sophia W and Cody O spoke first, and both delivered excellent speeches on the topic of a day in the life of a Montsaye student. Our Head Students, King T and Summer S were next up but as Summer was unwell, Daisy D in Year 12 showed great character in stepping up to read Summer's speech for her on the evening. Both King and Daisy spoke beautifully and delivered warm and impassioned speeches about why the parents should choose Montsaye. A huge well done to Sophia, Cody, King and Daisy!

Another group of Year 7 students took on the Pledge Challenge during their character lesson with every one of them managing to recite all five of the pledges word for word. Huge well done to Anashe C, Arthur P, Brandon S, Evan C, Freddie E, Holly S, Jaden J, James B, Josh E, Keyan I-H, Louritz P, Oluwaseun A, Ruvarashe M, Sammy S and Vikrant P. 65 students from the year group have now undertaken the challenge with another 5 on the list to try the challenge next week.

Looking to Key Stage 5, Year 12 have maintained the momentum of their fantastic start to their A level studies and have been undertaking their first assessments to see how they are progressing. Year 13 have been busy writing and submitting UCAS applications, the chosen destinations of which you have hopefully seen shared on our social media platforms. Matthew has already received four offers and Nadim has also had an offer come through – very excited to see more offers come in later in the year.

Our Year 11 boy's football team were back in action in the first round of the national cup against a strong Caroline Chisholm School. The guests went 1-0 up in the first half with our boys battling and eventually equalising through Louis H to finish the match 1-1 and take the game to the penalty spot. The first of Caroline Chisholm's penalties was saved by Michael F with us taking the win 5-4 on penalties and progressing into the second round of the National Cup.

The top praise point earners this week were as follows:

Year	3 rd place	2 nd place	1 st place	Average points
7	Keisha B – 21	Poppy H – 23	Elliot B – 23	9 points
8	Sabiha K – 18	Billy C – 18	Ashley M – 24	8 points
9	Benedicta A – 19	Eva M – 20	Olivia E – 24	8 points
10	Samuel O – 18	Anaia G – 18	Olivia Rose R – 22	8 points
11	Owen W – 14	Perfect D-J – 14	Tyler S – 18	5 points

Our top attending tutor groups this week were:

1st place – 7FMI – 99.31%

2nd place – 8EGU – 98.28%

3rd place – 12JAD – 98.03%

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

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines

Principal