

Friday 13th December 2019

October 2020 Half Term

Please remember that, with effect from the next academic year, the term dates for Montsaye (and the other Pathfinder Schools) include an October half term break of two weeks. This means that families will have the option of going on holiday during a relatively cheaper week of the year, thereby reducing the amount of requests for term time holidays. Please see Parents/Term Dates on the website for more information.

Foodbank collection

Year 8s and Sixth Formers are gathering donations from across the school towards our foodbank collection. Please send your child in with long-life and non-perishable foods and toiletries if you would like them to contribute.

PE ERA Heroes, Sports and News

- Gracie D for aspiration. Always giving 100% in PE, from participation to sportsmanship. Even when unable to participate, Gracie joins in with the role of coach, referee or equipment manager.
- Joe B for excellence. Joe is a team player, no matter what the sport, he is there cheering everyone on to do their best. He wants everyone to do well, not just himself. He is a true sportsman.
- Dominic S for resilience. Dominic wants the best for himself; he has had a few slips along the way but he is willing to make positive changes to get himself back on the right path to excellence.
- Callum S in Year 11 has been selected, out of 80 players, to be one of 30 to join the Saints Elite Players Development Programme, starting after Christmas. We are very proud of his achievement.

Congratulations to the Year 10 futsal team who came joint first on points in their tournament this week. They have narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next round, only on goal difference, to a strong Latimer team.

Christmas Cake Competition

Does your child enjoy cake decorating? Why not encourage them to enter our Christmas Cake Competition? Open to all students of Montsaye Academy. Students should send in a picture of the cake (and a slice so that we may see the inside) to Mrs Brotherston: gbrotherston@montsaye.northants.sch.uk or take the pictures to D2 by 17th December.

Week Commencing Monday 16th December 2019

Tuesday 17th December:

- Girls' U13 basketball at Bishop Stopford School.
- Year 7 drama trip to see Pippy Longstocking at the Royal and Derngate, Northampton - 1.40pm to 5.00pm with Mr Shea. Students involved have been notified.

Thursday 19th December: Christmas Fair in the Learning Resource Centre at lunchtime (for students only). The Fair is being organised by our students and all proceeds will be going to the extremely worthwhile Stand Up To Cancer charity.

Friday 20th December:

- Christmas Jumper day: instead of their blazer, and with a donation to the foodbank or £1 to charity, children can wear a festive jumper. The rest of their outfit must be full school uniform.
- **The academy closes at 1.00pm for the Christmas holiday.** We can confirm that the necessary transport has been arranged for our students to accommodate the early finish.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January: academy re-opens at 8.30am.

Thursday 9th January:

- Year 11 taster day at Montsaye Sixth Form and Tresham College 9.00am to 3.00pm. Information letters have been sent out to students this week.
- Girls seniors basketball at Prince William School, Oundle.

Tuesday 14th January:

- Year 8 boys' basketball at Montsaye.
- Year 9 and Year 10 girls' futsal (to be confirmed).

Wednesday 15th January: Year 9 boys' futsal at KLV.

Friday 17th January: Year 11 ERA day. Further details will follow in due course.

Tuesday 21st January: Year 8 boys' basketball at Montsaye.

Wednesday 22nd January:

- Year 8 boys' futsal at KLV.
- Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 boys' indoor rowing at Lodge Park Academy, Corby.

Thursday 23rd January:

- Year 10 Sports Studies OAA Expedition
- Year 13 finance evening 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Further details of follow.

Friday 24th January: Year 7 ERA day. Further details to follow.

Save the date... Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 6th February 2020

Young Carers Awareness Day—30 January 2020

Young Carers Awareness Day is a day of recognition for the UK's young carers. For further information, please see the carers trust website: <https://carers.org/young-carers-awareness-day-2020-resources>.



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