

## Friday 6th 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

The school are collecting for the local foodbank, a list of appropriate items has been shared with students. The deadline for all items is 13th December 2019.

### ERA Heroes

- Freddie W for excellent work in English; he is thinking deeply and keeps going, even when he thinks he can't do it. Well done Freddie.
- Madeline G and Ruby O for resilience in science.
- Amber M and Daniel B for brilliant design development in DT and being totally on task.
- The two Year 10 GCSE food groups for developing their skills and learning how to butcher a chicken with help from Stuart, one of our site team. They watched, listened, learnt and then did it independently. It was brilliant to see.
- Ben B for refreshing his textiles skills to help him achieve in his GCSE art. Total resilience.
- Our brilliant Combined Cadet Force for planting trees in Rothwell last Thursday.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

**Bronze Award:** this is now underway with our students; would you please remind your children that they need to submit their planner, if they have not done so already.

**Silver Award:** would you please remind children to upload their assessor's reports to complete the old Silver Award.

### PE and Sports News

Our Year 7 boys football team have made it into the district football finals which will take place next week. A fantastic achievement. Watch this space for news on how they get on...

### 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](mailto:gbrotherston@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) or take the pictures to D2 by 17th December.

### New Lunchtime Clubs

We are pleased to announce that we have two new lunchtime clubs starting; Juggling for Year 8 every Thursday in H5 and Minecraft Coding for Year 7 every Wednesday in L6 (there are only ten places available for this club).

### Week Commencing Monday 9th December 2019

**Year 11 mock exams continue**

**Year 12 mock exams start during week commencing Monday 9th December**

#### **Wednesday 11th December:**

- Year 7 boys' 'B' team football.
- Year 10 boys' futsal at Kettering Leisure Village.
- Year 10 parents' evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm (parents/carers should arrive by 6.00pm at the latest).
- Town Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell. Orchestra and string group.

**Thursday 12th December:** Year 10 reward trip to Old Trafford, Manchester with Mr Wing 3.20pm to 1.30am. Students involved have been notified.

**Week Commencing Monday 9th December 2019** (continued)

**Friday 13th December:** Year 12 mock exams commence.

**Saturday 14th December:** 1STEP dance trip with Miss Malins.

**Forthcoming Dates for your Diary**

**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:** academy closes at 3.00pm for the Christmas holiday.

**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.

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



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