



# MONTsaye ACADEMY NEWS

July 2019



What a year it has been at Montsaye Academy.

It has proven to be one of the most successful and inspiring years in our recent history. This newsletter, as always, gives you a really good insight into the many, varied and wide-reaching programmes and events that make up the Montsaye Academy experience. We are clear that we want to develop the whole child, who leaves our school with a wide-ranging suite of skills that prepares them fully for the world beyond.

Our ERA values of **Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration** are fully embedded throughout our school and the ERA days encapsulate these values and bring them to life. We are extremely proud of our children and the way in which they are able to, with their everyday actions, emulate these.

I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey through this year and really say a huge thank you to the staff at Montsaye Academy who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children are getting a good experience in the classroom. The Good Ofsted judgement in January is testament to their tenacity and dedication to improving the life chances of our young people.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back for results days our Year 11 and Year 13 students who recently took their external examinations (A Level results: 9.00 am on Thursday 15 August, GCSE results: 9.00 am on Thursday 22 August). It should be noted that their attitude and dedication to their studies has been exemplary.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank you to parents/carers for their overwhelming support this year and the Friends of Montsaye Academy who through their work have united the school and the community firmly together.

I wish you all a very good summer and look forward to another wonderful year at Montsaye Academy.

**Meena Gabbi - Principal**

## School of Rock is coming to Montsaye...

We are very excited to announce that the musical, School of Rock is coming to Montsaye in February 2020.

We are already planning an amazing school production, with all the songs from the show.

Keep an eye out for further details in the near future. If anybody would like to sponsor the show, please contact me on: [tshea@montsaye.northants.sch.uk](mailto:tshea@montsaye.northants.sch.uk).



**Tim Shea - Head of Drama**



Parents, friends and staff joined together to watch performances from our talented students for a spectacular 'Montsaye's Got Talent' end of year show.

What a wonderful way to end a fantastic year of **#Excellence, #Resilience and #Aspiration**.



**Fran Malins  
Teacher of  
Dance**

## Farewell Year 11

**A**fter a month of intensive exams, Year 11 exams are now over and students have the long summer to enjoy. They had spent many hours revising in lessons, at study sessions, in the learning resource centre and at home, and their positive attitude and hard work in the exams earned much praise. Things look really promising for their results.

It was fabulous to see 130 students come back into school for the leavers' assembly on 25th June, many wearing their colourful leavers' hoodies. Prizes were awarded to Natalia O. for attainment, to Mac W. for progress, to Millie P. for attendance and to Lauren E. for the most positive behaviour points. Musical entertainment was provided by Mr Urwin who had adapted the lyrics of two popular songs to suit the occasion.



Mrs Pelican had spent hours sorting through the cutest (or most embarrassing) photos of the group from their Year 7 days through to Year 11 which made for entertaining viewing.

The highlight was undoubtedly the staff video, brilliantly edited by Mrs Lopes and loosely based on the famous James Corden Carpool Karaoke. There was some very dodgy miming involved! For some reason, the footage of myself being 'arrested' by PC Franklin and bundled into the back of the police car went down especially well!

Finally, 111 students donned their finest garments to attend a starry prom night at Highgate House. It was a beautiful, sunny evening, the food was plentiful, the photo booth a hit and the dancing enthusiastic. It was a very happy occasion and well-deserved.

Looking to the future, 90 students will be spending part of their summer break on the National Citizen Service challenge, which will enable them to really develop their personal skills. Many others will be starting their apprenticeships and discovering what working life entails. Then it is off to college or sixth Form in the autumn as their education moves to the next level.

It has been a real privilege to share these students' journeys over the last two years. We very much look forward to welcoming many of our year 11s back into year 12 next year and wish them, and those who are off to pastures new, every success in their future ventures.

**Jane Cooper - Year 11 Progress Leader**

## Combined Cadet Force

One of the most prestigious events in the CCF calendar is the annual parade, at which the Year 9 cadets are presented with their formal berets to acknowledge their qualification from basic training.

Formed up on parade inside the gym, due to inclement weather, the cadets proudly presented themselves for inspection by HM Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and other visiting military dignitaries, with parents eagerly spectating from the seating area. As well as the presentations to the junior cadets, promotions were given out to some seniors, creating new Lance Corporals Moon and Keller, Corporals Conybeare and Duffy, Sergeants Jackson and Wiley and Staff Sergeant Hollis.

Following the parade, the cadets exhibited their excellent teamwork skills in some demonstration command tasks involving obstacles and timed challenges. The Lord Lieutenant passed on his thanks and congratulations to the cadets, leaving them prepared and excited for their forthcoming annual training camp in Penally, Pembrokeshire.

**Sergeant Instructor Giles Urwin,  
Teacher of Maths**



## A wonderful example of one our students living and breathing the school values...

We would like to share with you, a piece of homework which we recently received from Oliver in Year 7.

The lesson was on managing emotions. We think that it is a really well-written piece of work and the messages which he has taken from the lesson and written up in his own words, with his own ideas, are absolutely spot on.

### Really Happy Ways to keep yourself happy

<b>R</b> ESILIENT	NEVER GIVE UP.
<b>E</b> XERCISE	KEEP A HEALTHY BODY.
<b>A</b> CTIVE	DON'T BECOME A LAZY PERSON BECOME AN ACTIVE ONE.
<b>L</b> ISTENING	INTERACT WITH OTHERS.
<b>L</b> EARN	LEARNING NEW THINGS WILL PUT YOU IN A BETTER PLACE.
<b>Y</b> OGA	GIVE YOUR BRAIN A REST.
<b>H</b> ELP OTHERS	HELP OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE IN THE SAME SITUATION AS YOU.
<b>A</b> CCEPTANCE	BE COMFORTABLE WITH WHO YOU ARE.
<b>P</b> OSITIVE	NEVER LET A NEGATIVE THOUGHT COME TO YOUR MIND.
<b>P</b> USH YOURSELF	MAKE SURE YOU GET THE BEST OUT OF YOU AND LIFE.
<b>Y</b> OU ARE THE BEST	ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU ARE THE BEST AND NOTHING CAN STOP YOU.

Obviously, you are not expected to be happy all the time. Throughout your life you will express several emotions because if you didn't you wouldn't care for anything that happens around you. But you can't let this drag you down to the dumps, you have to pick yourself up and have some self-belief and push yourself through the bad times into the good times.

A very good way from my point of view, is to do a hobby or something I like, which will take my mind off the bad things that have happened in my life. However, some people have their own comforting methods which allows them to keep happy.

Sometimes you have to accept that you are going to express different emotions such as anger, sadness, loneliness etc...but remember the fact, that it is okay to feel these emotions, it is how you deal with them that is important.



Oliver - Year 7

## Year 10 take a look at coastal erosion



Over the last two weeks, our Year 10 Geography students have visited Hunstanton to carry out their fieldwork study in preparation for their paper 3 GCSE exam.

The students were investigating how effective the coastal defences are at protecting the town from coastal erosion and flooding. Unfortunately, Hunstanton has been badly affected by coastal flooding on two occasions, 1953 and 2013. With climate change and sea level rise becoming ever increasing issues, the town is likely to be at risk again.



Throughout the day, students were busy carrying out questionnaires with local residents and tourists, completing an environmental quality survey and having a go at drawing some sketch maps.

We also managed to squeeze in some time for some much earned fish and chips and an ice cream. Our students were an absolute credit to the school and the local community. Well done Year 10.

**Amy Bunker - Head of Humanities**

## What is Oracy at Montsaye?

The dictionary definition for oracy is the ability to express oneself fluently and grammatically in speech. Some say it is just another label for speaking and listening, or an ornate term for group discussion. However, at Montsaye oracy in English and humanities is much more. Following a simple format, students are able to formally discuss, debate and challenge each other's ideas, where topics are explored extensively and discussions provide a scaffold for extended written pieces in lessons.

Montsaye's journey with oracy began several years ago. Oracy is now fully embedded within the Year 7 curriculum and is commonplace in many lessons for a range of ages. As our journey continues, we would like to provide a guide to oracy for possible teatime discussions at home.

### Oracy Guide

- Use a talking point as stimulus for discussion. A **talking point** must be a statement that will encourage debate and strong opinion on either side, for example, **Women will never be equal to men.**
- Discussion needs to be **respectful** with turn taking and **one voice** at one time.
- A **formal response** to the talking point is required, so please use phrases such as:  
**I agree with the talking point because...**  
**I would like to challenge the talking point...**  
**I would like to build upon the point made by...**
- Formality is of paramount importance throughout the discussion, so **slang words** and repetition of 'likes' are **forbidden**.
- Use of **evidence, examples** and detailed explanations are encouraged during the discussion.
- **Listening** to the ideas of others and **building** upon them leads to an exciting and interesting discussion.

Below are some '**teatime talking points**' that could be trialled at home. So, have fun with agreeing, building or challenging each other:



Women will never be equal to men.

A baby is not a person until it is born.

Global warming is going to have positive effects.

Raising taxes and harsh laws are the most effective way to govern a country.

Playing video games can have a positive impact on learning.

There's no such thing as can't.

The voting age should be reduced to 16.

*\*Please note that these statements are not reflective of any opinions held by the academy, they are merely statements to incite healthy debate.*



## Students become chefs for the day...

Tuesday 9th July saw Montsaye's second annual Hospitality Heroes event take place. Some of our Year 9 and Year 10 students, with the help of a team of chefs from the Tollemache Arms in Harrington, served up a fabulous meal to over 60 guests, following a day of hard work and dedication.

Over £650.00 was raised from donations by those attending, which will be sent to the Cynthia Spencer Hospice.



Gillian Brotherston - Teacher of Design

## Montsaye Shakespeare Company



To inspire Rothwell Junior School's students on their Environmental Day literacy activities, the Montsaye Shakespeare Company recently gave a picnic performance of Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows*.



To demonstrate the negative impact which humankind can have on the natural world, the performance was poignantly interrupted by a digger.

Lorraine Pelican  
SEN Teacher

## Pens For Kids UK

Pens For Kids UK is a local charity, based in Broughton. The charity collects school equipment like folders, pens, pencils, calculators and rulers. The equipment is then shipped overseas to poorer countries who don't have any stationary.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the charity opened and tested 10,000 pens, some of which had been donated by students at Montsaye Academy. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Alex - 9ABU  
Form Representative

## Collection of Exam Results



We invite candidates to collect their exam results from the main hall between 9.00am and 11.00am on the following dates:

**A-level: Thursday 15th August**

**GCSE: Thursday 22nd August**

Teaching staff will be available to provide support and advice for students. For those students who are unable to attend, we are able to post the results home; for this purpose, please provide a stamped addressed envelope to our main reception or the exams office.

Alternatively, a letter of authorisation may be written from students allowing someone else to collect their results on their behalf. The letter must include the full name of the nominated person and their relationship to the student, as well as the student's full name and signature, and be delivered to our main reception or the exams office. The identified third party will be required to provide photo ID and sign to confirm their receipt of the results. Results belong to the candidate and therefore, a letter of authority from a parent will not be acceptable; the letter must come from the candidate. If you have any questions about exams or results, please contact me in the exams office on 01536 714046.

Sue Drinkwater - Exams Officer

## Smashing time by all at sixth form induction...

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 11 students for their sixth form induction days.

The students enjoyed two days of participating in a variety of activities, including an introductory lesson to the subjects they will be studying from September, team-building activities, presentational skills and careers guidance.

A particular favourite was the annual 'Egg Drop Challenge' where, in a Montsaye-first, eight teams' eggs survived multiple falls from the sixth form balcony!



Senior Vice-Principal Mr Baria, who helped to run the activity, said *"I have been very impressed with level of creativity and teamwork shown by the students. With limited resources, they have come up with some great solutions using their critical thinking and problem solving skills. The skills developed on this task will certainly help them in their future endeavours."*

The event ended with the ever-popular quiz, with 'The Great, Supine, Protoplasmic, Invertebrate Jellies' being crowned the winners with a fantastic 45 points out of 50. We were impressed by the positivity of the students, their enthusiasm and readiness to learn and get involved in all lessons and activities.

The Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Jones, said *"I was pleased to see so many of our students with such great attitudes and aspirations. I am looking forward to helping them to achieve their goals and to settle them into sixth form life at Montsaye Academy in September"*.

**Laura McNish - Sixth Form Centre Manager**

## University Open Day Season Kicks Off!

On Friday 28th June, as part of our summer term enrichment programme, we took our Year 12 students to the University of Northampton open day, to experience life as a potential undergraduate.

The new Waterside Campus in Northampton is very impressive, with state of the art buildings, set in beautiful landscaped areas alongside the River Nene. Whilst there, we were able to learn about the courses on offer, speak to current student ambassadors and view the learning facilities.

A particular highlight enjoyed by all students was the opportunity to see the different halls of residence. This included townhouses and flats, all set in a student village. Our Year 12s were impressed by the spacious bedrooms, communal living and kitchen areas and their proximity to Subway and Costa!

By the time we left, many students were commenting on how surprised they were that their local university had so much to offer them. It certainly has given them plenty to think about when choosing their five universities and was a great first university to see as open day season kicks off.



**Laura McNish - Sixth Form Centre Manager**

## Rothwell Carnival #Excellence



Students and teachers from Montsaye Academy turned out in force at the weekend to decorate, dance and parade with the float entry for Rothwell Carnival.



The theme of this year's carnival was 'favourite film' so we chose to create an action-packed 'Star Wars' float. Complete with live performers from concert band, MDC dance group and an 8ft model of the millennium falcon; our float succeeded in grabbing the judges' attention and we were awarded 'Best Original Entry'. The MDC dancers went on to perform live at the fete afterwards and completely stole the show. A huge thank you and well done to everyone involved.

**Natalie Gardner - Head of Music**

## A Year of ERA...

This year has been full of excellence, resilience and aspiration; some of our best memories are:

- The Year 8 Chateau Trip
- Sports days/ERA days
- Big Bang Trip
- Shadowing the Carnegie
- School of Rock Auditions
- Montsaye's Got Talent Show
- The Dance Show
- Clubs



Overall, every single student and member of staff has been a key part of representing Montsaye Academy's ERA values, and has striven to bring excellence, resilience and aspirations to our community.

Throughout the year, the activities and memories have been an important part of our journey. These things encourage us to step outside of our comfort zone and strive to be the best that we can be, beyond our expected education.

This year, we have learnt how to stay safe online, how to be a part of a team, and also how to be ourselves and showcase our talents in events such as Montsaye Got Talent.



## Montsaye Sixth Form takes third place at the CIPFA Management Games



On the 12th June, seven Year 12 students took part in the annual Management Games, organised and run by CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy). The event was held at De Montfort University, Leicester.

The game saw the team acting out the roles of the Management Team of the fictional 'Lyecheater Borough Council'. During the day, the Management Team faced a number of tasks including preparing press releases, dealing with Trade Union representatives, and giving a major presentation to the Board of Councillors. They also had to deal with the impact of funding cuts and they had to decide how best to allocate resources to different schemes across the borough.

The students were delighted at the end of the event, to find out that they had been awarded third place. The Montsaye team included Alex, Beth, Emma, Katy, Lucie, Matthew and Matthew. Katy, who took on the role of the Director of Adult and Social Care, won a £10 Amazon voucher as she was nominated as the team's 'Star Performer'. The students were a credit to the academy, putting in a considerable amount of effort during the day and working exceptionally well as team. All students agreed it was an enjoyable, but challenging day.

**Laura McNish - Sixth Form Centre Manager**



### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Congratulations to our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award students who have successfully completed their assessed two-day expedition. Students walked for 14km each day and camped overnight at Overstone Scout Ground. It was wonderful to see all of the students working well together over the two days, in hot and sunny conditions. All group members took their turn to navigate their way along the routes. They all showed good camp-craft with a variety of food cooked by the group.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to showcase their independence and the award is nationally and internationally recognised, favoured by employers and universities alike. All students were a credit to themselves and the academy.

**Denise Devlin - Teacher of PE**

# Sporting Excellence at Montsaye Academy

We are extremely proud of the sporting talent which exists amongst the students at Montsaye Academy, much of which involves hours of dedication from both the students and their parents/carers (transporting them to various training sessions and competitions). We would like to share with you, the achievements of some of our students.

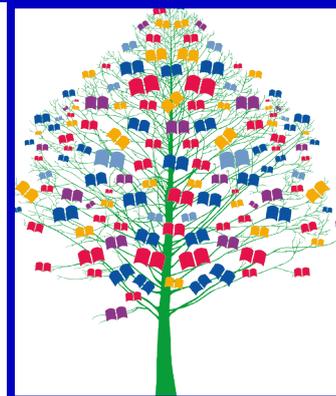
Student	Sport	Achievements
Emily B. 	Swimming	Emily was county champion for her age group (12) for the 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke at this year's event and silver medallist in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke. She has achieved qualifying times for the 6 events at this year's regional championships (all of the breaststroke events as well as 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke).
Joe B.	Running (Sprint Squad)	U17s county champion in the 200m with a new PB of 23s. New PB in the 100m is now 11.05s.
Sophie-Rae O.	Dance	Sophie-Rae has participated in Pantomime productions in Peterborough and Northampton. She has danced at the Royal Albert Hall, the Grand Prix in Silverstone, Wembley football stadium, Northampton Saints rugby ground and Disneyland, Paris. Sophie-Rae has just found out that she has been awarded a place at the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London.
Grace B.	Netball	Grace was scouted to participate in a 5-week development training programme for Leicester County.
Atlanta G.	Dance	Atlanta has taken 12 rosettes in Ballroom and Latin. She takes freestyle exams, her most recent of which was The President's Exam where she achieved the highest marks of 'Honours'.
Ryan C. 	Gymnastics	Ryan achieved his first medal at 8 years old and has gone on to win medals in 10 competitions over 7 years. Ryan's greatest achievement is to be the only boy at Corby Gymnastics Academy to win a medal in a regional competition in 2018 and is now county champion for floor and vault 2019.
Bradley Y.	Basketball	Bradley plays basketball across the county.
Sophie B.	Football	Sophie has played for Coventry City, Leicester City and Northampton Town.
Sophie M.	Dance	Sophie has competed in numerous national dance competitions.
Hannah S.	Rugby and Basketball	Hannah has recently been selected to play county basketball for Northamptonshire.
Todd M. 	Cricket	Todd has been a regular team captain for Desborough Town Cricket Club and helped his team to become both league and cup winners and runners-up in the county cup. He has also represented the Kettering and Corby District for two years as an U11 player.

Student	Sport	Achievements
Fynn B. 	Athletics	Fynn has been racing triathlon since he was 8 years old. He represented Great Britain in the European Youth Triathlon Championship in 2018. He currently trains with GB senior athletes at Loughborough, including Jodie Simpson, Sophie Coldwell and Barclay Izzard.
Callum S.	Rugby	In 2016, Callum was selected for Northampton Saints Developing Programme; in 2019 he was selected for the Gold Group.
Tadiwa M.	Basketball	Tadiwa plays basketball at National level for Northamptonshire. His sporting achievement is being able to do a dunk on a 10ft basket.
Dylan B. 	Running	Dylan is currently 8th in the UK for 800m. He has recently run the 800m at Watford with a time of 1.57.96 which is the English Schools qualifying time so he should be picked for English Schools.
Jenna S.	Football	Jenna was chosen to play for the Northants FA ACC for two years until she was 16. She is currently playing women's football at Loughborough Foxes.
Bethany S.	Cycling	Bethany is a member of Kettering Cycle Club and holds all juvenile and junior club records; last year she set over 15 new club records.
Madison C.	Track and field events	Last year, Madison represented Montsaye in the county track and field championships and came 1st. She has also competed for the academy in basketball and both short and long distance running.
Ella M.	Basketball	Ella plays basketball for Northamptonshire Titans; they have won the league for the last two seasons. Ella has also played for the county and for the East Midlands team in the nationals.
Beth R. 	Football	Beth plays for Derby County U15s women. She trains at Derby County twice a week.
Lewis W.	Cricket	Lewis was first chosen to play for Northamptonshire County Cricket team for the U11 age group and has been around the county scene every year since. He is currently a member of the Northants County U16 squad for 2019.
Luke H.	Dance	Luke trains at Dummondance Studio where he studies senior street dance, tap, contemporary and hip-hop.
Lucy W. 	Netball	This year, Lucy captained a regional netball team, Northants Storm U14. She has also represented Northants County U15 Netball Team and Loughborough Lightning U15 Academy.

## Shadowing the Carnegie

On Tuesday 18th June, Montsaye Academy had the pleasure of hosting the annual Shadowing the Carnegie event. The event took place in our Learning Resource Centre and we were joined by students from Bishop Stopford School, Latimer Arts College and Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

The Carnegie Medal is a British award that annually celebrates one new book for children or young adults. Nominated books must be written in English and have been first published in the UK during the previous academic year. The winner is awarded a gold medal and £500 worth of books is donated to a library of their choice. Since 2016, the winner has also received a £5,000 cash prize. Winning the Carnegie Medal is like winning an Oscar to a children's author.



This year, eight books were shortlisted and our students joined with those from the other schools to discuss them all. They voted for their favourite which was *The Poet 'X'* by Elizabeth Acevedo. The book is about a young poet from Harlem called Xiomara who enters, and goes on to win, a poetry slam (a performance competition where people read their poems without props, costumes or music). The book is written in verse, through a series of short poems, based on a fifteen-year-old's slam poet diary. It is Elizabeth's first book and, as well as writing, she is a performance poet. This book was also announced as the winner of the Carnegie Medal, chosen by a panel of judges; the prize was presented to Elizabeth in the British Library in London.



All of the students enjoyed the morning and are looking forward to reading the rest of the short-listed books. We will soon start to make suggestions for next year's award.

Mandy Lantz - Librarian

### Timings for Wednesday 4th September 2019

School re-opens for the start of the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September 2019.

All students are expected on site, in full school uniform, ready for an 8.40am start. There will be **no** phased start next year. The whole school will have an extended form tutor time until 10.00am and then lessons as normal.

We look forward to welcoming you all back.

**Meena Gabbi**  
Principal



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