

Friday 30th November 2018

Attendance? It Matters...

**Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 93.93%.
Government target for Attendance: 95%**

Please actively encourage good attendance at school. As a school we take attendance very seriously; days off school soon add up, missing lessons makes it hard to catch up and students have to work harder when they come back.

Latest News from Montsaye Community Learning Partnership (MCLP)

As you know this school is part of a multi academy trust (MAT) consisting of Montsaye Academy, Rothwell Junior School, Rothwell Victoria Infant School, Loatlands Primary School, Havelock Junior School, Havelock Infant School, Wilbarston C of E Primary School and Rushton Primary School.

You may well have been contacted recently by Sharon Short Marketing – as we are currently carrying out a consultation process amongst staff, parents and pupils to fully understand what makes our MAT attractive to pupils, parents and staff. We are expecting our new marketing strategy to be ready to launch early in February 2019 – we will keep you updated via school newsletters.

We are currently consulting on changing the length of the Summer holiday and October half term and we need your views in order to inform the decision. The proposal is to make the summer holiday 1 week shorter by reducing days at the beginning and end and to make the October half term 2 weeks instead of 1 week. Please follow the link below give us your thoughts:

<https://mclp.org.uk/index.php/about-us/htc>

Ann Davey - Acting CEO

Winter Weather Communication

As winter progresses, and in light of last year's adverse weather conditions, we are aware that there might be times over the next few months when we need to communicate with parents at short notice. Please be aware that such communications will be available to parents online, so please check the Montsaye Academy website and twitter account regularly. We will also send text messages home so please make sure that we have your correct contact details.

Year 7 Students - The Big Bang Fair - NEC March 2019

This is the final call for Year 7 students who may be interested in attending The Big Bang Young Scientists and Engineers Fair being held at the NEC in March 2019. All students received a letter a few weeks ago. If anyone is interested but has lost their letter, please call into the science technicians' room and request a copy. All reply slips need to be back by Friday 7th December after which time, the trip will be opened up to Year 8 students.

Year 11 Examination Information - Important

The examination boards have designated Wednesday 26th June as a contingency in case of any serious widespread unforeseen disruption during the summer series in 2019. Candidates must be available to sit exams on this date and are therefore advised not to book holidays or appointments.

High Expectations

We are currently running at over 32,000 moments of *Excellence*, *Resilience* and *Aspiration* (ERA points). Well done to all of our students who:

- wear the correct uniform, including blazer, tie and black school shoes
- have 96% attendance or more
- have no mobile phones or earphones at all, anywhere
- bring the correct equipment: blue/black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator
- are fully engaged in lessons, challenging themselves to achieve their potential.

Every Week at Montsaye

Homework Club

All year groups, boys and girls Monday to Thursday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm in the Learning Resource Centre with Mrs Lantz.

Comic and Drawing Club

All year groups, boys and girls every Friday lunchtime in D3 (students may eat their lunch at the club).

Fitness Suite

Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11, boys and girls every Monday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Year 7 and Year 8, boys and girls every Tuesday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

String Orchestra

All year groups, boys and girls every Wednesday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm in PA3 with Mrs Malitskie.

Please visit our website for a full timetable of extra-curricular events.

Week Commencing Monday 3rd December 2018

Tuesday 4th December: Year 9 boys futsal at Kettering Leisure Village.

Wednesday 5th December: Year 11 boys basketball tournament at Kingswood Secondary Academy.

Wednesday 5th December: A-level dance performance evening 5.00pm in the main hall with Miss Malins. This is a free event, all parents welcome.

Thursday 6th December: Year 9 and Year 10 girls basketball at Bishop Stopford School.

Sunday 9th December: MDC (Montsaye Dance Company) trip to the One Step Dance Platform at the University of Bedfordshire with Miss Malins.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th December: Year 7 author visit in the Learning Resource Centre with Mrs Lantz.

Tuesday 11th December: Year 7 and Year 8 girls' basketball at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

Tuesday 11th December: Year 7 Worst Witch theatre trip with Mr Shea. Students involved have been notified.

Wednesday 12th December: Year 7 and Year 8 boys dodgeball tournament at Montsaye Academy.

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary (continued)

Thursday 13th December: Year 10 Parents' Evening - letters have been sent out this week.

Thursday 13th December: Year 7 boys futsal tournament at Kettering Leisure Village.

Friday 14th December: Year 8 ERA day.

Tuesday 18th December: Christmas Show, 6.30pm. More details to follow.

Wednesday 19th December: Christmas lunch is being served in the old dining hall. There will be no other **hot** food available to purchase on this day from the old dining hall. Our usual offering of wraps, sandwiches, rolls, drinks etc will be available to purchase. A limited menu of hot snacks will be available from the new dining hall.

Thursday 20th December: Year 7 and Year 8 end of term disco 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Tickets on sale soon @ £2.50 each.

Monday 7th January: school reopens after the Christmas holiday at 8.30am.

URGENT: Disabled parking bays in constant use

The school's disabled bays are needed for those with special access arrangements, please do not use these spaces for pick up or drop off unless you have a disabled badge for your vehicle. We also ask that, in the interests of children's safety, parents do not stop their vehicles on double yellow lines or at the on-site roundabout to drop or collect children.



Remember to follow our Twitter feed for regular academy updates: @montsaye.