

**Friday 14th December 2018**

**Attendance? It Matters...**

**Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 92.58%**  
**Government target for Attendance: 95%**

At Montsaye Academy we encourage, value and reward good attendance. Research shows that good attendance goes hand in hand with good progress and examination results and therefore, we will monitor and inform you of your child's attendance rate regularly and promote, within school, good attendance and punctuality.

**We request that where possible, parents try to make dentist and doctor appointments outside school hours.**

**Be safe online**

Please remind your children of the importance of staying safe online, try <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>. Sections for parents and insightful videos suitable for all ages. It may be worth downloading the net aware app: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> for advice regarding all forms of social media.

**PE News**

Huge congratulations to the girls' basketball team who are still undefeated this year. Excellent demonstration of advanced GCSE PE skills by all of the girls playing.

Congratulations also to the Year 9 boys' futsal team who recently came second in the Kettering schools tournament. Excellent individual and team performances all round.

For all the latest news and information about PE, sports clubs and fixtures, follow the Montsaye Academy PE department on twitter.

**A-Level work on display at Rothwell Heritage Centre**

Why not pop along and see the amazing A-Level work from last Year 13 students which is on display in the Janet Bassett Gallery at Rothwell Heritage Centre? Work includes paintings, photographs, textiles and 3D exhibits. The exhibition runs until early February 2019

**Every Week at Montsaye**

**Christmas Films**

All year groups, boys and girls; Christmas films are being shown every lunchtime from now until we break up for the Christmas holiday in H4 with Mrs Lopes.

**Warhammer Club**

Year 7 and Year 8, boys and girls every Friday lunchtime in D3 with Mrs Crook.

**Dance Club**

All year groups, boys and girls every Monday after school in the old gym (meet at the changing rooms) with Miss Malins.

**Netball**

All year groups, boys and girls, every Thursday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm on the netball courts with Miss Devlin.

**Concert Band**

All year groups, boys and girls every Tuesday after school 3.00pm to 4.00pm in PA1 with Mr Turnbull.

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

Follow our Twitter feed for regular academy updates: @montsaye.

**Week Commencing Monday 17th December 2018**

**Monday 17th December:** Christmas show dress rehearsal 3.00pm to 6.00pm (students involved have been notified).

**Tuesday 18th December:** #moreincommon community get together 1.00pm to 3.00pm with invited guests.

**Tuesday 18th December:** Christmas show dress rehearsal 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Christmas show 6.30pm to 8.30pm (students involved have been notified). Tickets are available on the door, priced at £2.00 each. There will be a raffle and refreshments are also available; all proceeds to the performing arts department.

**Wednesday 19th December:** Christmas charity fair at lunchtime in the main hall. Any donations of gifts and prizes would be gratefully received, by Monday if possible. Please remember to send some money with students and encourage them to participate in the activities taking place.

**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 - Christmas disco:** due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to cancel the Year 7 and Year 8 disco. We will re-arrange another date in the new year.

**Friday 21st December:** Deadline for submission of applications to the Sixth Form for September 2019 intake.

**Friday 21st December:** school closes for the Christmas holiday at **12.05pm**. County has confirmed that its transport providers will accommodate our early finish on this day: Hamiltons Coaches, Wilsons Coaches and KLM taxis. The school will also be supporting Save the Children on the last day of term and encouraging students to wear a Christmas jumper/mufti in return for a £1.00 donation.

**Forthcoming Dates for your Diary**

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

**Saturday 12th January:** County Cross Country Championships at Northampton 10.00am.

**Monday 14th January:** Year 10 ERA morning period 1 and period 2.

**Tuesday 15th January:** Year 8 boys' basketball tournament at Bishop Stopford School.

**Wednesday 16th January:** Year 7 and Year 8 boys indoor athletics event (venue to be confirmed).

**Thursday 17th January:** parents' forum 6.00pm to 7.00pm in the LRC with Mr Berridge.

**Thursday 17th January:** Year 9 boys' basketball tournament at Kettering Science Academy.

**Year 13 Trial Examination Dates**

Year 13 mock exam dates: 14th January to 28th January

**Year 11 Trial Examination Dates**

Year 11 mock exam dates: 25th January to 8th February

(art and photography exams only on 14th, 15th or 19th February)

Year 11 mock food preparation practical exam dates: 21st January (11B) and 24th January (11A)

**Individual timetables will be issued by end of term, including rooming information.**