

**Friday 18th January 2019**

**Attendance? It Matters...**

**Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 94.43%/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.

**New SIMS Parent/Carer App**



We have a convenient new way to update the data we hold on you in our database. Parents/carers will be able to access our new app and website. They can be accessed from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

**What will you find in the SIMS Parent/Carer app:**

- Access to update your contact details, so that we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.
- If you have more than one child at school, you will have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

**Getting started with the SIMS Parent/Carer app:**

- We will send you an activation email, simply click on the link below from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account. Please ensure that we have been given your most up to date email address in order for you to receive your activation link.
- You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter, Google** or **Microsoft** username and password.
- From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent**.
- From a PC or Windows phone, login online at [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk)

*Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you require an additional login then please contact us at school. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact us at school if you require a replacement after this date.*

**Calling all Year 11 students... Saturday Maths School**

Saturday morning maths sessions will be re-commencing on 26th January. All Year 11 students are welcome. The session will take place in the sixth form centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm with Mr Baria and Miss Singh. The first session will be looking at the non-calculator exam paper.

**For One Week Only... The UK's only Mobile Climbing Wall is Coming to Montsaye**

To celebrate the conclusion of the ERA Learner launch and to help develop two of our core values of **Aspiration** and **Resilience**, we are pleased to announce the arrival of the Digiwall; all week, next week.

The Digiwall is 2.9 metres high and 7 metres wide. Students can climb, play games, compete individually or in teams; improving balance, reactions and communication.

All Year 7 to Year 10 students will have a 30 minute session during the school week. Year 11 students can have a free session during break time, lunch time or at 3.00pm. Extra sessions will be available at £1.00 per go at break time, lunch time or at 3.00pm; money raised will provide more extra-curricular opportunities for students on future ERA days.

We can't wait to share this exciting experience with our wonderful students.

### **Examination Information**

The national examination window opens on 14th May and ends on 21st June. The examination boards have allocated 26th June as a contingency day in case of a national emergency during the examination season. Although unlikely to be used, please avoid booking appointments or holidays on this date.

### **Online and Offline Safety Advice**

During next week, we will be looking at the students section of the 'ThinkuKnow' website. ThinkuKnow is the education programme from CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children, both online and offline. Parents and students can explore one of the six ThinkuKnow sections for advice about staying safe whether on a phone, tablet or computer. Please follow this link which will take you to the parents' section of the website: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>.

### **Calling all Year 7 and Year 8 students... Big Bang Fair**

We have approximately 20 spaces left on the science trip to the Big Bang Fair which takes place at the NEC in March. The cost of the trip is £10.00. If your child is interested in joining us on this exciting trip (there are lots of interactive exhibits for students to get involved with), please ask them to collect a letter from the science department as soon as possible.

### **Parking on Premises**

Please do not park on the roundabout at the main entrance or on any of the double yellow lines on school premises which is a safety issue. Please use the designated parking bays which are situated in the main school car park.

### **Week Commencing Monday 21st January 2019**

**Monday 21st January:** Year 11 trial exam for food preparation (11B).

**Tuesday 22nd January:** Year 8 boys' basketball tournament at Bishop Stopford School.

**Thursday 24th January:** Year 11 trial exam for food preparation (11A).

**Thursday 24th January:** Year 9 and Year 10 girls' basketball at Bishop Stopford School.

**Thursday 24th January:** Year 9 boys' basketball tournament at Kettering Science Academy.

**Friday 25th January:** Year 11 trial exams begin (through to Friday 8th February). Art and photography exams only on 14th and 15th February.

### **Forthcoming Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 29th January:** Year 9 parents' evening, 3.45pm to 6.45pm.

**Tuesday 29th January:** Year 7 and Year 8 girls' basketball at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

**Tuesday 29th January:** Year 8 boys' basketball tournament at Bishop Stopford School.

**Wednesday 30th January:** Year 9 girls' netball at Latimer Arts College.

**Thursday 31st January:** Year 9 boys' basketball at Kettering Science Academy.

**Monday 4th February and Tuesday 5th February :** Sixth form open morning for parents 10.15am to 11.15am.

**Wednesday 6th February:** Sixth form parents' evening (including Year 13 trial exam results) 3.45pm to 6.45pm.

**Wednesday 6th February and Thursday 7th:** Year 7 Anglian Water event period 1 to period 4, further details to follow.



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