

**Friday 1st February 2019**

**Attendance? It Matters...**

**Last Week's Whole School Attendance: 92.52% / Government target for Attendance: 95%**

Remember, we are running two competitions; the first is for the most improved attendance between now and February half term - students are in with a chance of winning a tablet and the second is for a student to be in with a chance of winning £100 worth of vouchers - make sure that your child has 100% attendance until the Easter holidays.

Please encourage your children to be punctual to school and lessons. We will be focusing on this to ensure the school's high expectations about it are met.

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

Saturday morning maths sessions continue this week, **Sat 2nd Feb**. All Year 11 students are welcome. The sessions will take place in the sixth form centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm with Mr Baria and Miss Singh.

**Tackling Period Poverty**

Did you know that 1 in 10 girls in the UK has been unable to afford period products and that 49% of girls have missed an entire day of school because of their period, making up a lie or excuse? At Montsaye, we want to help end period poverty and tackle the stigma and shame connected to periods.

Two red boxes have been placed in the academy, one in student reception and one in the PE changing room office. We are asking for donations of period products and will keep them in the red boxes for anyone in need. This means that if anyone's period arrives unexpectedly, or they are unable to buy products, there is no need for this to stop them from learning.

Students may help themselves to whatever they need, whenever they need it. For more information or to make a donation, please feel free to contact Denise Devlin in the PE department.

**Spring Fair**

Friends of Montsaye (FoMs) are holding a Spring Fair at the school on **Saturday 30th March 2019, 12.00pm to 4.00pm**. Come along for craft stalls, bric-a-brac, games, competitions, cakes, BBQ and more! To book a craft stall, please contact Linda Burnham on [linda.burnham@sky.com](mailto:linda.burnham@sky.com). All proceeds to Montsaye Academy.

**PE and Extra-Curricular Sports News**

- This term, GCSE PE students Freya B. and Dylan B. won their individual races in the Corby and Kettering District cross country event. Having qualified for the county event, they competed last Saturday, resulting in Freya finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and Dylan finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective races. Both students demonstrated high levels of excellence through their performance and resilience in bitterly cold conditions. Freya and Dylan have now both qualified for the East Anglia event (round 3) on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Based on previous results, Fynn B. in Year 13, has also qualified for round 3, having received a bye at the county event due to injury. We wish all three athletes good luck in the next round!
- Our Year 9 boys' basketball team recently demonstrated particularly high levels of resilience when they competed in the Corby schools tournament. Well done to Tad, Jack, Ryan, Keenan and Tom; keep up the hard work. #ERALearner.
- The brand new archery club has had a fantastic start. Students have enjoyed learning how to handle and use the equipment safely. Last week students had the chance to shoot with a target sight. If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8 and are interested in taking part in the free six weeks introductory archery club, please ask them to speak with Mr Wing to sign up to the sessions which are starting after February half term. The club takes place every Friday after school, 3.30pm to 4.30pm; students must sign up as spaces are limited.

**Week Commencing Monday 4th February 2019**

In preparation for Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day which takes place next week and in conjunction with the Time to Talk campaign, we are looking at mental health and encouraging our students to talk to each other. Mental health problems affect one in four of us, yet people are still afraid to talk about mental health. However you do it, start a conversation and show someone you are there when they need you #timetotalk.

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

**Monday 4th February:** New Rugby club, 3-4pm with Mr Wing. All welcome, girls and boys in all year groups.

**Wednesday 6th February:** Sixth form parents' evening (including Year 13 trial exam results) and rescheduled Year 9 Parents' evening 3.45pm to 7.15pm.

**Wednesday 6th February:** Year 7 girls' netball at Bishop Stopford School.

**Forthcoming Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 11th February:** Year 11 sixth form taster day.

**Monday 11th February:** World Challenge Launch Meeting, 5.30pm in the Learning Resource Centre.

**Tuesday 12th February:** GCSE drama students performance visit to Kettering Buccleuch Academy 12.20pm to 3.00pm with Mr Shea.

**Tuesday 12th February:** Montsaye Dance Show dress rehearsal 3.00pm to 5.00pm with Miss Malins.

**Tuesday 12th February:** Year 11 Theatre Trip to see Blood Brothers at Nottingham Theatre Royal 5.30pm to 11.30pm with Mr Shea.

**Wednesday 13th February:** Year 9 girls' netball at Latimer Arts College.

**Wednesday 13th February:** Year 13 finance evening 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

**Wednesday 13th February:** Montsaye Dance Show 6.00pm, tickets £1.00 each. The NewERA Cheer Team will also be performing.

**Thursday 14th February:** Dance exam (choreography) 9.00am to 3.00pm with Miss Malins.

**Thursday 14th February:** Year 9 and Year 10 girls' basketball tournament at Kettering Buccleuch Academy.

**Friday 15th February:** Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day; our pastoral mentors will be available to talk with students in the LRC at break and lunch times #timetotalk.

**Friday 15th February:** Sixth form application deadline.

**Friday 15th February:** School closes at 3.00pm for the half term holiday.

**Half term:** Revision sessions - details to follow

**Monday 25th February:** School re-opens at 8.30am after the half term holiday.

**Save the date... Saturday 30th March:** Spring Fair at Montsaye Academy, 12.00pm to 4.00pm.

**For information on all of our extra-curricular activities, please remember to check the Montsaye Academy website.**



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