



Village College for the Whole Community

We have some exciting developments taking place this term at the College. In keeping with the Henry Morris philosophy of the Village college being central to the life of the community, we are developing our facilities further.

The car park is being refurbished and should be completed over the summer holidays which will improve access to the Sports Centre and increase the number of parking spaces available.

The Children's Centre has moved into the Youth Centre on a temporary basis until the brand new facility can be built at Melbourn Primary School and I am delighted that the new Police Office will be built between the Youth Centre and the Sports Centre. This will provide a purpose built community facility and be an opportunity to promote positive relationships between the Police and young people.

We are restarting our Sunday Morning Car Boot sales in March and are trying a new venture with our first monthly Village Market in the Youth Centre on Saturday February 27th from 10.00am – 12.30pm. Local farm produce and crafts will be on sale and I hope that you are able to support the market.

PTFA

Please see attached posters on forthcoming events, including Melbourn Village Market, Quiz Night and the return of the monthly Car Boot Sales.

Volunteers

We are hoping to set up a bank of volunteers to help with our college trips. These could be parents, retired relatives, friends and would include trips to the theatre, museums, etc.

If you would like further details, could you please contact Janine Savage on 01763 223400 or e-mail j.savage@mvc.org.uk

Mathematics Exam Results

In November, Year 10 took their first mathematics modular exam. They had started preparing for this during the last half term in year 9 and their hard work has paid off. 78% achieved an A*-C Grade and 23% got an A* or an A. For the mathematics department these are our best results yet. Last year, Year 11 achieved 69% A*-C and the current year 11 got 70% A*-C. We are aiming for both the current Year 11 and Year 10 results to have improved by the time they finish their exams. They have all set high targets for themselves and for the pupils lower down the school. Keep up the hard work!

Year 11 Mock Oral Exams

Dates for your diary:-

28th January - Spanish orals - Mrs Lawrence
1st February - French orals - Mr Hutchinson
2nd February - German orals - Mrs Haddow
3rd February - French orals continued - Mr Hutchinson
4th and 5th February - German orals - Miss Morscher

Students are asked to be well prepared for the exams. They need to revise the role-play phrases in their speaking books as well as their one minute speech. Students will need to revise the first three topics in their speaking booklet in preparation for this mock exam. They must also have their cue card with them on the day of the exam.

Year 10 GCSE Oral Exams

Our Year 10 students have a very important exam in the week commencing the 8th February. This will be their first speaking assessment and will count as 15% towards their final GCSE grade. We are currently preparing students for their first examination and it is essential that students revise and are well prepared to take the examination. Students will have prepared a speech to last 2-3 minutes in total for which they will have a cue card prepared. It is very important that they have their cue card with them on the exam day and that they arrive on time.

Examinations are as follows:-

8th and 10th February - Mr Hutchinson - French orals
9th February - Mrs Haddow - French orals
10th, 11th, 12th February - Miss Morscher - German orals (dates to be confirmed)

Book Fair

There will be a book fair running in the Library from Wednesday 3rd - Tuesday 9th February. Students will be able to browse and purchase books, and there will be a good selection for students of all ages. With no bookshop nearer than Cambridge, this is an opportunity for your child to view a wide range of new books. Posters and stationery will be on sale as well. Payment can be in cash or by cheque (payable to Melbourn Village College). The school library will gain free books as commission for sales.

GCSE Science ebooks

GCSE Science ebooks are now available to download for free from the VLE (password: science6). All students in Years 10 and 11 should be spending 1 ½ hours per week studying science: they can now use the ebooks for this study as well as the revision guides and GCSE bitesize.

Friday Open Door

Andy Smith (Chair of Governors) and myself are available every Friday evening from 4.30pm to 5.00pm in the Warden's office. We are happy to talk to parents regarding any aspect of College life and hope that you will take the opportunity to discuss any ideas or concerns that you may have.

Parent Focus Group

The next Parent Focus Group is on Tuesday 11th May 2010 – 3.45pm in the Lecture Room. This meeting will discuss the review of policies by Governors, together with any concerns / issues raised by parents. All are welcome.

Good News

Well done to Year 9 and 10 young leaders who set up and marshalled the County Cross Country Championships at Royston Heath on Thursday 21st January. Good weather and excellent professionalism led to a very successful event with South Cambs district beating the other 3 districts comprehensively. Lucy Weber and Oliver Wheeler have qualified for the regional round and will now run against the best athletes from Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire to be held on 6th February.

Computer Equipment

Do you have any old computer equipment, flat screens, towers, keyboards, mice, memory, hard drives and motherboards. If so, the College would be very interested to receive them.

News from Melbourn Sports Centre

This term sees the commencement of our extended school activities, which includes a new martial arts class for boys and girls in year 7, 8 and 9 and a boxercise class for students in year 9, 10 and 11.

Activities still available this term includes trampolining for 16 years plus, if you haven't tried this activity before then why come along for a taster session (Mondays 8.15pm – 9.15pm).

FRIDAY FUN SESSION - Start the weekend with a splash! Put your homework on hold for an hour and come and join our **Fun Session**, with rafts, balls and toys available, a perfect way to kick-start the weekend! (Every Friday 3.30pm – 4.45pm – term times only). This session is free to all children aged 16 years and under.

Finally...with February half term just around the corner, why not start planning your activities to keep you busy. We will have trampolining, swimming, tennis, badminton, table tennis, playscheme and much more available during that week. So why not give us a call for more details.

MARTIAL ARTS CLASS

For MVC students in year 7, 8 and 9

Commencing Tuesday 26th January
for 8 weeks
(£2.25 per lesson) £18.00

BOXERCISE CLASS

For MVC students in year 9, 10 and 11

Commencing Tuesday 26th January
for 8 weeks
(£2.00 per lesson) £16.00

TEEN TRAINING

14 – 16 Year olds

Mondays – Fridays - 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Weekends - 2.00pm – 3.00pm
£2.50 per session (10 sessions for £20.00)

Swimming Lessons (for all ages & abilities) -
Adult Trampoline course -
Junior Trampoline course (1 hour sessions) -
Gymnastic Course (45m – 1 hour sessions) -
Football Course (4- 6 years) -
Pilates Course -
Yoga Course -
Multi Splash (snorkelling, waterpolo, etc) -

Monday – Thursdays and Saturday mornings
Mondays 8.15am – 9.15am
Mondays 4.15pm – 8.15pm
Wednesdays 4.15pm – 7.00pm
Mondays 4.00pm – 5.00pm
Wednesday 11.45am – 12.45pm
Tuesdays 9.20am – 10.40am
Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.15pm

For more information or to book a place please contact Melbourn Sports Centre on 01763 263313