

Melbourn Village College

Parent Bulletin

Spring Term

Notes from the Principal

The last couple of weeks have seen the release of the 2011 GCSE performance tables. Whilst these can never give a full picture of the life and achievements of a school we are delighted by our continued strong performance across a number of different measures. Once again the headline measure of students achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C including English & Maths compares very well with other local schools. Our Value Added score, measuring the progress made by all students at the college was the 5th highest in the County and significantly above average for the 3rd year in succession. We were particularly pleased with the progress of our higher ability students. We were one of only 7 schools in the County where 95% or more of these students made the expected progress in mathematics and the only school in the County where 100% of them made the expected progress in English, a truly excellent result.

The full tables can be found on the dfe website: <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/>

Year 7 Literacy Sessions

Miss King will be giving some additional Literacy sessions to small groups of Year 7 students on a Monday and Tuesday, in order to improve spelling and punctuation across the curriculum. Those involved will have been given a timetable, which will be revised on a half termly basis. All of Year 7 have been assessed and the sessions are targeted at the specific needs of those selected. It is a fantastic opportunity, but will involve them missing half an hour of Citizenship or IT. Any queries, please email a.spence@mvc.org.uk or k.king@mvc.org.uk

“Mix ‘n’ Blend”

A Local Arts Celebration event being held in Bury St Edmunds at the Apex BSE on Friday 17th Feb 2012 where there will be a wide range of activities taking place.

From 2.30pm young people can (all for **FREE**):

- ◊ Take part in a drama workshop (Led by Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds)
- ◊ Take part in a dance workshop (Led by SinCRU)
- ◊ Get a free headshot taken by a professional photographer
- ◊ Exhibit / view art work
- ◊ Chat to Arts Award staff and ambassadors about their awards
- ◊ Listen to live acoustic music

This exceptional line up managed by Gold student Elize Kellman, is

followed with the evening event from 6.30pm to 9.30pm managed by another Gold student, Tom Inniss:

- ◊ Live Music
- ◊ Live Dance
- ◊ Professional comedian as compere!

The evening event is just £3 each / £10 for 5. Tickets available from the apex: www.theapex.co.uk 01284 758000

All the event information can be found online at www.artscelebration.co.uk



Items

Diary Dates	2
Exam Dates	2
Headlice Alert	2
Basketball Victory	2
Languages Revision	2
Bright Nights Disco	2
Revision Guides	2
D of E Awards	2
Melbourn Sports Centre	3
Clubs & Activities	4
Ski Trip	4
Lost Property	4

Principal: Mr Simon Holmes

Contact us: 01763 223400 Fax: 01763 223411 E-mail: office@mvc.org.uk

Principal's Drop-In

Every Wednesday 3.30 – 4.00pm

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd February

KS4 Options Evening on 22nd February

Tuesday 28th February

Parents Information Evening re: D of E Awards

Tuesday 6th March

Hills Road Interview Day

Wednesday 7th March

World Maths Day

Year 9 Parents Evening 4pm to 7pm

Friday 23rd March

Non School Uniform Day—Sports Relief

You can view the school calendar in full by visiting our website at <http://mvc.org.uk/index.php/school-calendar.html>



Year 11 - We are only fourteen weeks away from the start of GCSE exams!!

Head Lice Alert

There have recently been a few cases of head lice reported in different year groups. Could we please ask that you check your child's hair regularly and treat as appropriate.

GCSE Languages

REVISION: Teachers will be giving students revision materials to use at home and they should start revising each topic as early as possible. Students are urged to start their revision timetables at half term.

“Bright Night” Disco

The Prom Committee have arranged a disco for Years 7, 8 & 9 to be held on Friday 2nd March 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Tickets £2. School Hall.



Basketball Victory

Year 9 boys made it through to the District Cup finals at Long Road after winning their qualifying group not losing a game.

In the semi final against Chesterton a strong first half performance put Melbourn too far ahead for the opponents to catch up despite them having the better of the second period. The final against St Bedes, who have won this competition for the last 2 years was an enthralling match once again Melbourn streaking away in the first period. Like the semi final Melbourn stuttered and allowed St Bedes back in the game finishing in a draw forcing overtime. This also finished in a draw

so we went to double overtime, and finally Melbourn played sensible basketball to take the win for the first time in Melbourn VC's history.

At the time of going to print the year 11 team are preparing for their finals on Thursday 9th Feb.

Congratulations to the team who were Willem Van de Ven, Louis Bodrozic, Ed Twyman, Jacob Rand, Dan Huff, David Fiodorvas, Sam Carrington, Alex Maskell, Ali Richardson of of course their head coach Sam Robinson.



March Exam Dates

Thursday 1st March

Year 10 Triple Science Group:

B1 - Biology Influences on Life

C1 - Chemistry in Our World

Friday 2nd March

Year 10 Triple Science Group:

P1 - Universal Physics

Year 10 Maths Set 101/Some Year 11 retakes Maths Unit 1

Monday 5th March

Year 10 sets 2a, 2b and 3:

Maths Unit 2

Year 11:

Maths Unit 1 and 2 retakes



Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Parents Information Evening

Tuesday 28th February

7pm in Training Room

For further details please contact:

Mrs Bowers

A.Bowers@mvc.org.uk



Revision Guides

You can now get £1 off Letts Revision Guides at WH Smith by going to www.collinseducation.com/offers and printing off a voucher.

If you do not have access to the internet Mr Rayner has a limited supply of vouchers in school.



News from Melbourn Sports Centre



Half Term Activities

February half term holidays are approaching fast, so start planning your activities now! We have swimming crash course lessons on offer, trampoline taster sessions plus places on our Ofsted registered Playscheme. Book early to avoid disappointment

Tennis coaching for 14 – 18 year olds

6 week tennis coaching programme run by an experienced and fully qualified instructor. So why not dust down your racket and join up! For more information please contact us on 01763 263313. Commencing on Monday 20th February 7pm – 8pm.

Party Time!

Looking for the perfect venue to hold your children's birthday party? Then your search is over!

We have the facilities here for a fun-packed event with a variety of activities for your guests to enjoy, including trampolining (always a popular choice), football and traditional parties.

Swimathon

This season also sees the build up to the Swimathon, being held at our pool in April 2012. The Swimathon is a charitable event, suitable for all ages and abilities. It's a great way to get fit and raise some money for a great cause at the same time (this year's charity is the Marie Curie Cancer Care Trust).

Further details can be found on the Swimathon website – www.swimathon.com. And look out for swim times at Melbourn pool in April.



Activities for Children And Young Adults

TRAMPOLINE COURSE

Age range: 4 1/2 - 16 year olds

Date: Mondays 16.15 – 17.15 (4 ½ - 6 years); 17.15 – 18.15 (7 – 10 years); 18.15 – 19.15 (11 – 14 years); 19.15 – 20.15 (15 – 16 years)

Price: £40.00 - £50.00 for 10 weeks

KICK FIT

A Mixture of martial arts, kick boxing and Boxercise / Age range: Year 7 upwards

Date: Tuesdays / 15.30 – 16.30

Price: £25.00 for 10 weeks

ROOKIE LIFESAVING

Age range: 10 years upwards (strong swimmers)

Date: Mondays / 17.15 – 18.15 / Price: £43.20 - £52.20

TEEN TRAINING

An hour fitness session using our fitness suite machines

Age range: 14 years upwards

Date: Monday – Fridays / 15.30 – 16.30 & Weekends / 14.00 – 15.00 / Price: £2.50 per session / 10 sessions for £20.00

SWIMMING LESSONS

Age range: from 6 months – 15 years / Mondays – Saturdays / Various times available

PARENT & TODDLER SWIM LESSONS

This fun and enjoyable course is a great way to teach your baby a core skill that can potentially save their life!

Working with a fully qualified swimming teacher, who makes you and your baby/toddler both feel at ease through play and interaction.

Wednesdays 13.30 – 14.00 (6 months – 14 months)
Wednesday 14.00 – 14.30 (14 months – 3 years)

Term Price: £35.00 for 10 sessions or £4.35 for pay as you go

GYMNASTIC COURSE

Age range: 4 1/2 – 13 years olds / Date: Saturdays

9:00 – 09.45 (4 – 5 years) Full-time school ages only (General gymnastics) - Beginner or not yet completed British Gymnastics Level 8 Core Proficiency Badge

10:00-11:00 (5 - 7 year olds) General gymnastics - Beginner or not yet completed British Gymnastics Level 8 Core Proficiency Badge

11:00-12:00 (5 - 7 year olds) General gymnastics - Completed British Gymnastics Level 8 Core Proficiency Badge

13:15-14:15 (8 years plus) General gymnastics - All levels

Activities for Adults

RUNNING CLUB (Adult / Beginners – Intermediates only)

Interested in running or just need motivation to get fit? Then, why not sign up to our new running club. A qualified instructor will take you through a warm up, before organising a run through the village (duration and length will depend on abilities), before arranging a thorough cool down at the end of the session.

A high visibility vest must be worn if participating on this course.

Thursdays / 19.30 – 20.30 / Prices from £1.50 per session (booked on a term basis)

ZUMBA (Suitable for 16 years and above)

Inspired by the traditional salsa, samba and meringue music. Zumba has become one of

the fastest-growing, dance-based fitness crazes in the country, with people of all ages falling in love with its infectious music, easy-to-follow dance moves, and body-beautifying benefits.

Mondays / 19.00 – 20.00 / Price £4.50 per session / MSC Gold Members – Free

HATHA YOGA (Tuesdays 09.15 – 10.35)

This relaxing yoga course is a great way of releasing tension, relax the breathing & calm the mind. The course will consist of warm-up exercises, followed by yoga postures (asana), relaxation, breathing and meditation. Ideal for all abilities.

Gold, Silver & Bronze members £7.00 per lesson (Booked on a half term basis ranging

Non members £8.00 per lesson (Booked on a half term basis ranging

NEW Pay as you go rate

Gold, Silver & Bronze members - £7.50 per lesson / Non-members - £8.50 per lesson

For more details contact us on 01763 263313 or visit

our website www.melbournsports.com



Join us...

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Science Clubs

Monday Science Workshop
3.30 - 4.30pm

Wednesday Science Club
1.45pm - 2.15pm

Thursday AS Human Biology
3.30 - 5.00pm

Club Experimental

Wednesday 1.45pm

Maths Workshop

All Year Groups

Thursday

3.30 to 4.30

Warhammer Club

Thursday

3.30—4.45

Mr Holder's Room

Physical Ed.

Monday Ski Fit

Tuesday Yr 9 Netball / Yr 9
Basketball / Squash

Wednesday Yr 7 & 8 Bad-
minton / KS4 Netball / Squash

Thursday KS4 Basketball /
Yr 7—10 Girls Cricket

Friday KS4 Badminton

Performing Arts

Monday Yr 7 Drama / KS4
Music

Tuesday Yr 8 Music / Yr 7
Dance / KS4 Drama

Wednesday KS4 Dance / Yr
9 Music

Thursday Yr 8 & 9 Dance

Friday Yr 8 & 9 Drama / Yr 7
Music / Yr 11 Exam Dance Prep

After School

Monday Dance Comp Squad-
Pad Co, Yr 10 Music H/W

Tuesday SSCO Activities, All
Years Squash

Wednesday PE Fixtures (see
list) Yr 11 Music H/W

Thursday Yr 10 Drama, Yr
10 Music H/W, Yr 11 Dance
Twilight

Friday Yr 10 Dance, Big Band

PE Fixtures

22nd Feb Yr 9, 10 &
11 Football, Yr 9 & U16 Netball
Away

28th Feb Roy Burrel
Awards

29th Feb Yr 8 & 11 Foot-
ball, Yr 8 & 9 Netball Home

6th March Yr 9 & 9 Foot-
ball, Year 8 & 9 Netball Home

Melbourn Village College
The Moor
Melbourn
Royston
Herts SG8 6EF

Phone: 01763 223400
Fax: 01763 223411
E-mail: office@mvc.org.uk

We're on the
web:
www.mvc.org.uk

A chance to get involved

We currently have vacancies for parent Governors. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Mr Holmes at the college.

Ski Trip 2012



A letter has been sent to all students taking part with full details of the visit and is also on the MVC website.

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY : Crossing Times: Dover 20.15 - Calais 22.45

- All students have a normal school day. Students may be collected at 1.25 to go home and get ready but must be back at school by 3.15.
- coach departing at 15:30. **(please note this is earlier than previously stated)**
- Luggage can be brought in at any point throughout the day to be stored in the Common Room. Uniform/books may be left for collection upon our return.
- Lunch will be the last meal they have before departure. Please pack food that will last unrefrigerated for the equivalent of 2 meals.
- If students wish to bring DVD's (max certificate 12A. Please hand these to me before departure day as I will be very busy on the day.
- Passports, EHIC cards, pocket money are also being collected. Please hand these to me as soon as possible. Please do not leave this until the last minute.

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - Crossing Times: Calais 10.45 Dover 11.15

Lost Property On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February all lost property items will be set out during break time at the back of the school hall 11.05pm to 11.25pm for students or parents to "find" any items which you thought were long lost!