

# Melton Vale Sixth Form College Newsletter

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*Dear MV parents and carers*

*Here we are again, at the end of another half-term. Whilst it has been a little quieter on the trips and visits front as year 13 completed their mocks and we wait for better weather, we have been thrilled to welcome back alumni as they talked to our year 12 students about the world of degree apprenticeships and James from "madmacmoney" delivered some very savvy financial advice to our year 13s. The highlight of this half-term, for me, is the recognition that MV has received as ranking in the top 10 of "student choice" according to the Edurio national survey data.*

*This is true testament to the caring and supportive environment that our staff work hard to foster; I am grateful to each and every one of them, and so proud of our fabulous students and the community spirit that they display.*

*Wishing you all a happy half-term and roll on spring!*

**Nicki Dartnell**  
Headteacher  
Melton Vale Sixth Form College

## WELLBEING AWARD

MV16 has been recently recognised as one of the top 10 performing schools/colleges for the Edurio Student Choice Award for Secondary Schools.

This award celebrates exceptional efforts in fostering an environment where students can thrive. Based on national survey data from students during the 2023/24 academic year, Melton Vale Sixth Form College achieved remarkable results, ranking among the highest in the country.

Ernest Jenavs, the CEO of Edurio, said:

"The schools/colleges recognised with this award set the benchmark for fostering student happiness nationwide. Their dedication to creating supportive and uplifting environments reflects the crucial role happiness plays in students' wellbeing and growth. These schools are leading the way in prioritising positive experiences for young people. This is an achievement to be truly proud of."

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

On Wednesday 12th February we introduced our Year 12 students to some of our amazing MV alumni apprentices. Students heard how former students, just a few years older than them, are succeeding in their career pathways.

They learned about the competitive application process for higher & degree apprenticeships in the following fields:  
BioMed Science, Dental Nursing, Engineering, Manufacturing, NHS careers, Law careers, Technology careers, Digital Marketing, Business Management, Hospitality Management, Finance & Accountancy!

We are pleased to see students have also taken advantage of the many amazing resources & online events.





## RE-FRESHERS FAIR

On Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup> we relaunched our extra-curricular activities for our students, with a particular focus on Year 12 taking up roles from Year 13s as they increasingly focus on exams. As well as promoting the groups that are already up and running, from Backgammon to Makaton Club, hosted by our Birchwood partners, we were able to launch some new societies. These included a Skateboard Society and a new Student Council. In addition, our Debate Society has successfully launched, with informal debates already taking place, and a formal first debate on gender taking place immediately after half term.



*Thank you to our lovely catering staff who organised a fantastic 'Greek Day' for our students. Keep a look out for new and upcoming theme days.*

## MADMACMONEY

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Year 13 had a presentation by James from MadMacMoney, a finance expert sponsored by Melton Building Society. James covered a range of topics for our students, from post 18 finances, to loans and debt, to managing a credit card. This engaging and up to date assembly encouraged our students to think about their finances both now and in the future, including pension planning.



## NEW STAFF

This term we have welcomed Su Staunton as a Sociology and Criminology teacher. Mrs Staunton is an experienced former advanced skills teacher with a passion for Sociology and joins our Social Science team. She will be working alongside Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Welland to support both Year 12 and Year 13 students to continue to make excellent progress.



## OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

*Three of our students have received Oxbridge offers this year, many congratulations to them!*





## POLICING AS A CAREER

Adam Verity from the Police and Investigations team at DMU joined us this term to provide our students with valuable insight into the police national decision model and its application in policing. Our students really enjoyed using the model to plan their next steps in a case and learning how decisions can evolve based on a live scene.

Laurie from Leicestershire Police also visited MV as part of National Apprenticeship Week and students were able to learn about the many different roles that are available for young people through the apprenticeship route.



## “CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS: MV16 SEN PARENT SUPPORT”

We will be holding our first Café SEND Connect session on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March with our SendCo Ms Johnson at 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

*A relaxed gathering designed just for parents to provide the opportunity to connect with other parents in a friendly setting. Whether you're looking to share stories, exchange tips or specific information this evening is all about our community and support. We will provide the space and refreshments and together we will make some meaningful connections.*

Please email [tjohnson@mv16.org.uk](mailto:tjohnson@mv16.org.uk) if you would like to attend.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- National Careers Week – **03.03.2025 – 07.03.2025**
- Online Careers Webinar for Parents – ‘University V Apprenticeships’ 6pm – 7pm – **05.03.2025**
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week – **17.03.2025 – 23.03.2025**
- Post 18 Destinations Fair 11am – 1pm – **19.03.2025**
- Cranedale Trip ‘Biology & Environmental Science Students’ – **02.04.2025 – 04.04.2025**