

Melton Vale Sixth Form College Newsletter

Friday 25th May 2023



Dear MV parents and carers,

Well, I have completed my first half-term at the College and I have most definitely made a good decision. The students and the staff have been so welcoming, and with such a sense of community and pride within the College from everyone that I meet it has been a pleasure to come to work every day. I am still completing 600 miles a week in commuting but there is now light at the end of that tunnel as well, so everything is falling nicely in to place!

Over the past six weeks I have been out and about meeting other headteachers in the area and I have been listening to students and staff to understand what they want from their College and after half-term I will be inviting some of you to do the same, so please keep an eye out for that invite.

Exam season is now in full swing and we are so proud of how our year 13s are conducting themselves and the resilience that they are showing in sitting their first formal exams. I hope that they manage to get some rest over the half-term break alongside the revision and that they take good care of themselves.

So much has happened in six short weeks at our outstanding College, so please find just a few of the highlights below.

Wishing you all a lovely half-term.

Nicki Dartnell
Headteacher

POST 18 DESTINATIONS EVENT

On Wednesday 26th April we saw 46 companies/ HE institutions come along to the College to provide information and guidance to our year 12 students. It was lovely to see so many alumni come back to talk about their apprenticeships and jobs that they have subsequently gone on to do.





EXTRA CURRICULAR & TRIPS



BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

Our A-Level Biology students went to North Yorkshire to complete their fieldwork. Students visited the RSPB Centre at Bempton, spent an afternoon identifying aquatic invertebrates to calculate species richness and completed an evening session where they were busy planning their CPAC, investigating desiccation and species abundance at Filey Brigg! Thank you to Mr. Barton and Mrs. Sunderland for all of their efforts to make the trip happen.

NETBALL

Twenty-one girls have attended Netball Club this year and MV has been able to field two teams in most of the fixtures. The girls have played eight matches: won three, lost three and drew two. It is hoped that the squad continues to thrive next season and also attracts new players from our new intake.



ALUMNI MENTORING

We have also been using our alumni in other ways, with over fifty of them buddying up with year 12 students to provide advice and guidance as they think about their progression options. Here is James working with Maddie, they have been researching University courses together through MS Teams meetings and scheduled a meeting in person when James was back in Leicestershire last month.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION

Thank you to our lovely catering staff who made sure that we commemorated the Coronation in style!



UNIFROG CONFERENCE

Our very own Natasha Roberts was asked to present at the Annual Teacher Conference in London last week hosted by Unifrog. With over 250 teachers and careers leaders present, Natasha gave a presentation outlining our outstanding careers programme at MV. Since the event we have been contacted by many colleges from across the UK who would like to visit and see our careers support in action at MV.