

Melton Vale Sixth Form College Newsletter



Friday 18th October 2024

It has been a fabulous first half-term here at MV. Our new year 12 have made a brilliant start to their studies and staff have been so impressed with their work ethic and attitude – long may it continue! Year 13 have returned with a determination to achieve their goals and aim high and we are supporting them both in and out of lessons to do that. Last Saturday saw our College admissions open day, with many proud headteacher moments as our student volunteers demonstrated time and again what makes our community outstanding.

Next week sees our early half-term; hopefully students have some downtime planned before they dig deep and return for an eight-week epic run in to Christmas – we may have to get in to the festive spirit early to keep going! Please see below a small flavour of what has been happening this half-term and, wherever you get to next week, be it home or away, we hope you have a great break.

With warm wishes

*Nicki Dartnell
Headteacher*

UCAS applications

UCAS application season is once again underway at MV with all of the early applications sent off ahead of the 15th October deadline. The next important deadline for UCAS is for students to submit their draft personal statements to their referee via Unifrog by 28th October. This helps us to meet the UCAS 31st January deadline as we expect to send off over 160 applications this year. Students have been fully briefed on the process we follow at MV and they will find support documents in their Unifrog Teacher Locker. All students who are busy researching Higher/Degree Apprenticeship opportunities can access support from Mrs Parks and we highly recommend they also submit a UCAS application as a Plan B!



Student ambassadors

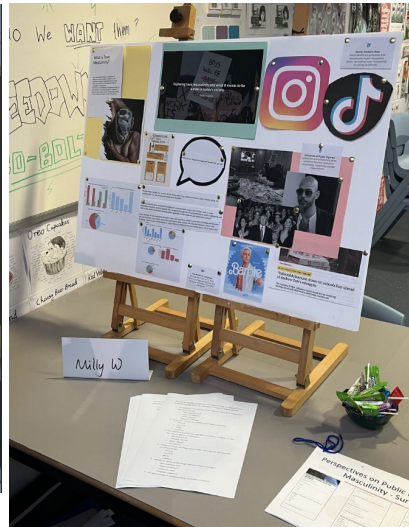
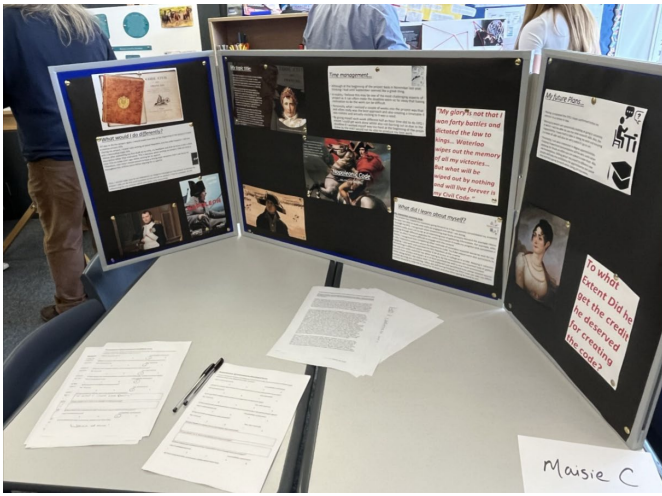
We are very proud to have a group of year 13 students who dedicate part of their timetable to help our student body. The Student Wellbeing Ambassadors have undertaken a training programme in how to offer advice and guidance on a number of different aspects of college life, such as how to use study periods and revision tips but also, and most importantly, being a friendly face to talk to about day to day worries or concerns. The students have their own dedicated office and have had safeguarding training; they work closely with our welfare officer and the learning development team as an extra layer of support for both our year 12 and 13 students. Student Wellbeing Ambassador daily drop in slots are advertised around college and on Teams, students can also request specific appointments via email to LSmith or STibbetts.





Celebrating the EPQ!

During this half term our Year 13 Extended Project Qualification students held an incredibly successful marketplace event. The atmosphere was wonderful as the students presented their individual projects to Year 12, the staff body and to their parents/guardians. The EPQ is designed to extend and develop the students' abilities beyond the A-Level syllabus and the success of the event was testament to the hard work and organisational skills of each of our students, with the support of their staff mentors. We had a varied range of research projects on show which highlighted the students' individual interests and chosen career paths. Our current Year 12 cohort have already expressed a wide range of ideas and will begin their research project after half term. We are thrilled at how many of them have chosen to complete a project.



Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday September 27th we held our first inter form competition to raise awareness and money for MacMillan Cancer care as part of the national MacMillan Coffee Morning event. Volunteers from all tutor groups baked cakes and cookies that were sold at break and lunch, raising over £170. This community event also inspired tutor group competitiveness, with the 'best' cakes winning a certificate for display in their tutor room. This competition's overall winner was from Mrs Page and Mrs Young's year 13 tutor group, with other winners from Ms Kuczynska's and Mr Barton's tutor groups. Students and staff all benefitted from the delicious range of cakes and are looking forward to our next interform competition, creating sustainable decorations for the MV entry to the St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival in December.



Welcome to new staff

We are pleased to welcome Rosie Parks as our new career's leader at MV. She is busy meeting new students, providing careers guidance and supporting with UCAS applications.



We are also pleased to welcome Charlotte Goodacre our new receptionist/ admin assistant. Charlotte has first hand experience of life at MV as a student who completed her A Levels with us this summer.





Geography field trip

On Monday 14th October our Year 13 Geographers started their weeklong residential field trip in Somerset. Students have braved the unpredictable weather, visiting Watchet Harbour and gathering data for their Non-Examined Assessment. After a day out and about students have spent the evenings consolidating their collected data and learning new mood mapping techniques. They have also visited Minehead and investigated coastal management strategies. Despite some damp weather student enthusiasm remained positive across the week as their confidence in data analysis for their written work increased with practice.



Governor opportunities available

Being a governor can be very rewarding. Whilst supporting and shaping our work and strategic direction, your actions make a difference to the life chances of our pupils and the working lives of our staff. This is also a great opportunity for you to gain professional development in a potentially different and challenging context from your usual day-to-day role as you seek to develop your professional profile. You will be part of a team and will have the opportunity to apply and share your unique skills and experience whilst learning from others.

We are looking for two parent governors to join our board. If you are interested, contact us on contactus@mv16.org.uk and we will get in touch with you.



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Dates for your diary

- Parent/Carer Information Webinar: Careers Programme – 30/10/2024 (6pm – 7pm)
- C-Card for Students – 30/10/2024 (12.55pm – 1.35pm)
- Green Careers Week – 04/11/2024
- Othello Theatre Trip: English – 12/11/2024
- Year 13 Progress Reviews – 13/11/2024 (12.30pm – 7pm)
- Senior Kangaroo Competition – 20/11/2024
- Year 12 Progress Reviews – 26/11/2024 (12.30pm – 7pm)
- London Trip: Art & Humanities – 12/12/2024