

# MVC Newsletter



## MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the halfway point of the spring term, it is wonderful to reflect on another busy and productive few weeks, with half term now just three weeks away.

Year 11 mock examinations begin next week, followed closely by the Year 10 core examinations starting in the week commencing 9 February. These are important milestones, and we greatly appreciate your continued support in helping your child prepare and feel confident.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all Year 7 parents who attended Parents' Evening and contributed to making it such a positive and successful event. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 9 parents on 12 February. **Please note** that the timings for this event have been adjusted to allow increased capacity for parents in response to feedback. We are currently reviewing our school calendar to create an additional slot for Year 7 parents who were unable to secure appointments this week.

I also personally really enjoyed the MVC Futures talk this week, delivered by Miss Chan, who shared fascinating insights from her previous career as a gemologist. It was an inspiring session for our students. Please remember to check your child's MVC Future booklet and sign off the pledges so that form tutors can nominate students for their awards.

Excitement is also building as preparations for our school musical Annie are well underway. Ticket sales go live today, and we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment — it promises to be a fantastic show!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Spencer  
Principal

## KEY DATES

### 27 January

- Year 8 Boys Football V Linton (home match)

### 26 January - 6 February

- Year 11 Mocks

### 9 - 13 February

- Children's Mental Health Week

### 10 February

- Year 11 Mandarin Trip to London

### 12 February

- Year 9 Parents Evening  
3.30pm - 6.30pm

### 16 -20 February

- Half Term

### 2 March

- Enterprise Day Year 9

### 5 March

- Year 8 Parent's Evening  
3.30pm - 6.30pm

### 9 March

- Primary School Bee  
Netball Tournament
- 9 -13 British Science  
Week

### 9 - 13 March

- British Science Week

### 12 -13 March

- Performance of 'Annie'  
7.00pm -8.30pm

## Medication in School – Important Reminder for Parents and Carers

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if your child requires medication in school, including inhalers, it is your responsibility to ensure that this medication is handed in to the main school office.

Students who are required to carry their own inhaler or EpiPen must have this with them at all times while in school.

Please note: the school does not hold spare inhalers. It is therefore essential that students who require an inhaler bring one with them to school every day.

All medication must:

- Be in date
- Be in its original packaging
- Be clearly labelled with the pupil's full name

Parents and carers are also responsible for ensuring that any spare medication held by the school (where applicable, for example prescribed emergency medication) remains in date and appropriate for their child's medical condition.

Students in secondary school are trusted to carry and manage their own inhalers, and we ask that parents ensure their child carries their inhaler at all times. During PE lessons and sporting fixtures, students must also have their inhaler nearby. Their PE teacher can look after the inhaler during the activity if needed.

School Office

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## MVC Fixture Highlights

We proudly celebrate our MVC students who represented the school in recent fixtures and were awarded Players of the Match. Their determination, resilience, and commitment on the field are a true credit to themselves and to MVC.

Mr Carolan  
Head of Sports and Performance



## PE Club Spotlight: “Come and Play” Football Club

**Days:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

**Time:** Lunchtime, 1:30-1:55pm

**All year groups:** (Monday and Wednesday),

**Key Stage 3:** (Tuesday),

**Key Stage 4** (Thursday)

**Location:** Astro pitch

**Club leads:** Mr Barlow, Mr Carolan, Mrs Coghlan



Since September, the Year 7 and Year 8 Boys’ Football Club has welcomed an impressive number of students onto the astro and field every Monday after school. Due to the high level of attendance, we have used the field in addition to the astro, which was not originally planned.

Since the start of the new calendar year, the PE Department has also hosted a large number of students on the astro at lunchtime. These “come and play” football sessions have been incredibly popular, encouraging students to play with curiosity, try new ideas, and develop their football skills alongside their friends. It has been fantastic to see so many different year groups playing together and showing resilience through teamwork, effort, and perseverance.

All students attending the club must bring football boots and be at the gate by 1:35pm. If a student has a detention, this must be attended as a priority.

Even if you have never played football before, these sessions provide a great opportunity to learn new skills, build resilience, and develop a genuine curiosity and love for a new sport.

### Student voice comments:

- “It has been good to use the astro at lunchtimes; we haven’t been able to before.”
- “I like bringing my own football, sorting the teams, and playing with my friends.”
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To sign up for a PE club, please visit the MCAS app or email [recarolan@melbournvc.org](mailto:recarolan@melbournvc.org).

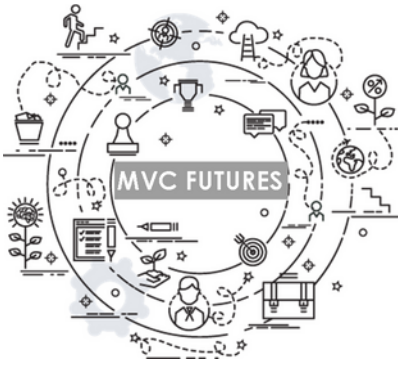
If you have any further questions, please speak to the PE Department.

Mr Carolan

Head of Sport and Performance



## MVC Futures Talk - 21<sup>st</sup> January



MVC students were thrilled to attend an inspiring Futures Talk with our very own Mandarin teacher, Miss Chan. Beyond the classroom, Miss Chan is also a certified gemologist—a true hidden gem in our school community. Miss Chan shared her fascinating journey into the world of gemstones, explaining how gemologists identify, grade, and appraise precious stones based on their unique properties, quality, and value. From sparkling diamonds to rare coloured gems, students were captivated by her insights into this glittering career path. The session was both eye-opening and motivating, showing students how passions and professions can shine together. **Next week futures talk will be delivered by Josh Deutsch - Farmer and Truck Driver. Remember to sign your child up for this event via the MCAS App.**

### Year 9 Careers Morning - Understanding Skills for the Future

Students were given a taste of life beyond the classroom during a Careers and Skills morning organised by the Form the Future group. The event focused on helping students develop key employability skills such as communication, planning and teamwork.

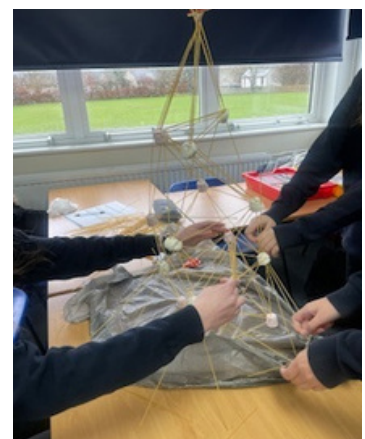
One of the highlights of the morning was a hands-on challenge where students worked in teams to build the tallest possible tower using only marshmallows and spaghetti. The activity encouraged problem-solving, collaboration and clear communication under pressure. "It was harder than it looked, but really fun," said one student. "We had to listen to each other's ideas and work as a team, otherwise the tower just fell over."

The morning was supported by staff from PA Consulting, who visited the school to run the activities and share insights into their roles and the work their company delivers. Students learned about different career pathways, what skills employers look for, and how teamwork plays a vital role in real-world projects. A representative from PA Consulting said, "Activities like this are a great way for students to experience the skills they will need in the workplace. Communication and teamwork are just as important as academic knowledge."

Teachers were also impressed with the level of engagement shown by students throughout the event. "It was great to see students challenging themselves and working together in new ways," one member of staff commented. "Events like this really help bring careers education to life."

The Careers and Skills Morning was an enjoyable and informative experience, giving students practical skills and a better understanding of future career opportunities.

Mrs Elvin  
Assistant Vice Principal



## Key Stage 3 Science Club



'Key Stage 3 Science Club were 'shocked' today when learning about static electricity.

These bright sparks used the Van De Graaf generator (thankyou to Maximus as my talented teaching assistant!) where aluminium mince pie cases were repelled from the top causing a flurry in the lab.

Our scientists were then set a task of making their own static electricity (using a rod and cloth), with the added challenge of picking up small pieces of paper. The friction of the rod on the cloth removed negatively charged electrons, then attracting the paper.'

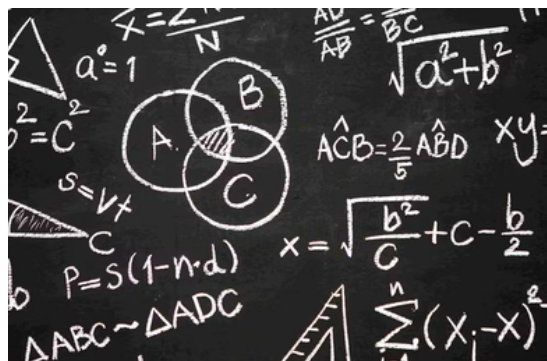
Dr Wilson  
Head of Science

## Grafham Water Trip July

A reminder for year7 pupils ....  
Sign-up for the Grafham Water trip in July.  
£21 deposit on ParentPay initially. Pupil premium to contact Dr Wilson (trip lead) [dwilson@melbournvc.org](mailto:dwilson@melbournvc.org) It will be an excellent residential trip'

Dr Wilson  
Head of Science

## Maths Department Update



It has been another busy week in the Maths department, with most year groups deep into learning about algebra. This topic is typically the one that students find challenging, so it has been great to see how focused students are, with them engaging in their Sparx Maths at home to back up their class work on this topic.

- Year 11 mock exams:
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan paper 1 (non calculator)
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan paper 3 (calculator)
- Revision guidance is on Go4schools (set as a HW)
- Year 10 mock exam week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – this is very much about the experience of doing exam questions under exam conditions. Here are key details:
- The mock will be a paper 1 (non calculator)
- 10Ma1 will do a higher tier, all other groups will do a foundation tier
- There is now revision guidance on go4schools (set as a homework), including a checklist of topics that will appear in this practice mock

A reminder that Sparx Maths is set weekly and due in by Wednesday.

Thank you to all Year 7 parents who attended parents evening.

Mr Willder  
Acting Head of Maths and Assistant Principal

MVC proudly presents  
**ANNIE – THE MUSICAL**



MVC is excited to announce our first musical production in many years!  
Annie promises to be a truly spectacular event for all the family.

- A classic story
- Unforgettable songs
- A show full of heart

Tickets are on sale now  
Don't delay — book today to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are now live on the link below:

**[Annie the Musical Tickets](#)**

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**MVC Spring Term Caterlink Menu's**

Please see the link below to view the spring term menu's



[Caterlink Autumn and Winter Menus](#)