

Melton Vale Sixth Form College Newsletter

Wednesday 17th July



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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Dear MV Parents and Carers

So, I have now completed one whole academic year at MV and I continue to be so proud of its community and so privileged that I get to lead it. Thank you to those of you that completed the parent survey and told us how much your young person had benefited from the MV experience; we savoured every positive comment and will look to do what we can where you told us there was room for improvement. We look forward to celebrating with our fabulous (outgoing) year 13 students on results day (Thursday 15th August – coffee and pastries available from 8 am!) and then welcoming our fabulous year 12, soon to be year 13, back in September. Term starts for them on Monday 2nd September at 9 am with a “Getting Going Day”,

where they will have a session with each of their subjects to complete some year 12 recap and ease them back in to study. They will then have the Tuesday to complete some independent work at home whilst we settle our new year 12, before timetabled lessons begin for all on Wednesday 5th September. But for now, it is time for students and staff to have a well-deserved rest and a chance to recharge the batteries; whatever you are doing this holiday, I hope that you have some quality time with your loved ones and a very enjoyable break.

With warm wishes

*Nicki Dartnell
Headteacher*

PROM

On Friday 28th June our year 13 leavers celebrated their two years at MV with a celebratory prom held at the Market Tavern. With a theme of “Under the stars”, students and staff turned out in their finest outfits for a final send off before results day in August. With a photo booth, sweet cart, buffet dinner and outside seating in the glorious sunshine, students were finally able to fully relax and say their goodbyes. Students were incredibly well behaved and yet again proved themselves to be a credit to Melton Vale!



STUDENT GENERAL ELECTION

On July 4th MV16 students took part in a mock general election. Students had been preparing for this since the election was announced, by coming up with their own parties or supporting one of the main UK ones. More than 20 students were involved in the election process, from creating posters and campaign slides to promoting their manifesto promises, to planning and filming a short video where they appealed to the voting public. Individuals and groups also promoted their policies around the college building. Voting took place via teams and the result was announced the next day with a new and unique group, the Common-Sense party, winning, closely followed by the representatives from the Green Party. Students have come away from this event with not only a greater political understanding but have also developed organisation, team work and time keeping skills.





BAFTA

On Tuesday 16th July, MV media and English students had the opportunity to meet and network with BAFTA award winning screenwriter Michelle Lipton. Michelle is a local talent who has been a professional writer for over a decade. Michelle is currently a core writer on both *Holby City* and *Casualty* having previously been on the writing teams of *Doctors*, *Hollyoakes* and CBBC'S BAFTA-nominated *Rocket's Island*. She has written and developed original television drama series for BBC Studios, Leopard, Hat Trick, Red Productions, CBBC and Machine.

"How Michelle Lipton wrote these episodes comes across like she's written eight plays, taken from so many points of view," he added. "I don't think there's another writer who could have done it."

MV students took part in a seminar with Michelle and asked about the realities of making a living in screenwriting.



WORK EXPERIENCE

In June, over 190 of our year 12 students completed 'in-person' work experience placements which they had successfully secured for themselves. We have received impressive employer feedback and many employers are happy to take future MV students. Thank you to parents who were able to support through their own contacts. A further 30 students completed 'virtual' work experience through the Springpod platform in college. Work experience is a vital part of our careers programme and we encourage all students to access the Springpod platform over their summer break.



ART EXHIBITION

On July 9th we had a wonderful evening celebrating the hard work and talents of our year 13 creative cohort. Friends, family and members of the local community gathered together to view the fantastic and varied work of Art, Photography, Graphics, Textiles, Product Design and Media Studies. This evening is a highlight of the year for the teachers involved as it showcases the transformational journey the students have been on since joining us less than two years ago. Many positive and congratulatory comments were made both in conversation and in our visitor's book such as 'An impressive display of work. Evidence of a very happy environment and brilliant teaching. I am grateful that my granddaughter has had the opportunity to study here.'

We are always so thankful of the support we get from the families of our creative students, and we are delighted to finish their time with us in such a celebratory fashion.



LONDON TRIP

On Wednesday 3rd Jul 54 MV students and staff visited London for a day of culture. Creative students had the opportunity to visit The National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery, getting inspiration from a wide range of artists. In addition, History and Politics students spent some time at the British Museum, touring exhibits ranging from Egyptian mummies to the Easter Island heads and Rosetta Stone. Students then all had the chance to tour the sights and sounds of Covent Garden, experiencing a variety of street theatre.





ALUMNI DAY

On July 5th we welcomed back 55 former MV students to our annual alumni careers event. It was an incredible day where our Year 12 students had the opportunity to hear about a wide range of university courses and career pathways including: aviation, computer science, engineering, finance, marketing, bioscience, vet med, policing and NHS roles to name just a few. Students 'networked' with alumni who all commented how impressed they were with the current MV students, their quality of questions, maturity and how seriously they are planning their next steps after college. We are so grateful to our alumni for giving up their time. Hopefully current students will also want to come back and join the MV alumni once they leave us for university, apprenticeships and employment.



UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

We were so pleased to be able to take 150 Year 12 students out to the University of Nottingham at the end of June for the UK University Search Careers Fair. Students made good use of the event to continue their research into different courses and institutions and many have also been going to open days. These are a vital part of the decision-making process so we urge students to get booked onto Open Day events where possible for the autumn. This summer is the perfect time to draft personal statements so we hope that students will be accessing their Unifrog accounts!



MV STAFF

This term we bid a very fond farewell to our teacher of Sport, PE and Health & Social Care Adrian Jackson. Adrian has had an incredibly successful year with us here at MV, supporting a table tennis club, introducing "spike ball" and encouraging all students at MV to get active with the setting up of a loan system for sports equipment during breaks and lunch times.



To replace Mr Jackson we were very lucky to secure Miss Jasmin Southam as our new Sports specialist who will be starting with us from this September. Jasmin joins us from one of our local feeder schools, John Ferneley, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her.