

Dear parents and carers

It has been another busy and productive week here at MCS as we all settle into the rhythms of school life. Year 7 have adapted very well, and it is really enjoyable getting to know them. We will be sending out a student survey asking them about transition support, what went well and what could be improved. We will also send out a request for feedback from Year 7 parents.

I had a very valuable and enjoyable first meeting with our Student Leadership Team, where we discussed their priorities for the year as well as student feedback regarding changes that have been made at MCS. I was particularly struck by how erudite and considered our Student Leadership Team are; you will hear from them directly next week. In addition, I am delighted that there is a new student-led Equality Initiative that is being launched this half term.

Next week, Mr Williams will lead a virtual assembly for all students on the theme of Our Community. We are proud of our many links with the wider community, and will be emphasising the importance of students representing their school positively, being thoughtful of others and exhibiting good manners. It is always good to hear feedback on our students in the wider community, so that we can celebrate the positive as well as take action when things go wrong. Please let us know student achievements outside school as well, so that we can celebrate them.

A note on wearing of face coverings: we continue to strongly encourage people to wear masks in all communal areas of the school and on school transport.

Finishing on a community note: GCSE Textiles students will be at the Priory in Monmouth on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> as part of the Climate Future Festival, with an exhibition and T-shirt printing workshop (1-4pm). Do pop in and say hello if you can!

Kind regards

**Hugo Hutchison**  
Headteacher



### European Languages Week September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>

European Languages Day takes place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, therefore from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October there will be a range of activities that celebrate European languages and culture, as well as demonstrating the importance of languages in the work place and wider world. We will be celebrating everything from the languages spoken and taught in school to the languages that students speak at home, with friends or family. This week will be an opportunity for all students regardless of ability or language skills get involved, try something new and celebrate the variety of languages and diversity in our school.



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## School Bulletin

**24 September 2021**

**PARENTS' EVENINGS**  
**06 October – Year 13**  
**01 December – Year 12**  
**09 December – Year 10**

**OPEN EVENING**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> October, 2021**

**Key dates**  
**coming up**  
**2021/2022 CALENDAR**

### Website Updates

[MCS RISK ASSESSMENT -  
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Another Department has joined our Twitter family – if you would like to follow the SRB Department, you will find them at: @MCS\_SRB

Across both the wider Community and our School Community, we are seeing a rise in the number of positive Covid cases.

Although there is still a risk of your child catching COVID-19, they can continue to attend school provided they remain well. This is in line with current Welsh Government COVID isolation requirements.

Monmouthshire Test, Trace Protect service recommend that you remain vigilant for any new symptoms. If your child starts to feel unwell, no matter how mild the symptoms are, your child should stay away from school and get a PCR test. We continue to work closely with TTP and are advised daily of new cases. Any close contacts of Covid cases will be identified by TTP and contacted separately.

When students are isolating after a positive test result, we will assume that they are ill and therefore will not set any work on Google Classroom. However, if your child is asymptomatic and able to complete work remotely then please contact the school in order for us to provide work.

We know how disruptive the last year has been for everyone. This year we want to keep your child in school as much as possible, but we also want to keep our communities safe from the effects of COVID-19. We hope that you will be able to play your part by following the advice above.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss the content of this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### After School Clubs and Activities

We've had a huge response to the sign-up process for the after school clubs, which start up next week. If you missed the timetable, please click on the link below to have a look at everything on offer.

[AUTUMN TIMETABLE](#)

Well done to the U15 Girls, starting the season with a 4-0 win against Caerleon earlier this week.

Excellent team performance with goals from Millie Houghton Snell and Elsie Wright (two each).

PoM Caitlin Pritchard for some fantastic defending to hold off a lot of early pressure.



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### Macmillan Bake Sale

Today, we were able to host our first (covid-safe) bake sale in school in over a year and for many students it was their first experience of a large-scale charity event.

We took a number of measures to ensure our Macmillan bake sale was covid-safe such as individually wrapping every cake while wearing masks and gloves and only accepting store-bought cakes. It was great to see the generosity of so many people within our community, reaching out even further than just the school. In addition to the donations from staff and students, we received donations from local shops such as Scrumptious in Monmouth and larger companies such as Tesco.

We are amazed by the incredible generosity of everyone, for both the donations and the time and effort that so many put in to making today a huge success. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that supported our event. Currently we have raised over £200 and counting - if anyone wishes to make a further donation to Macmillan, Parentpay remains open to do so.

