

# Montsaye ACADEMY

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Excellence Resilience Aspiration

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# A new ERA in the history of Montsaye Academy



At Montsaye Academy, our philosophy is that everyone matters. We are committed to raising standards and ensuring a culture of high expectations, where everyone aspires to exceed their potential. With our values of excellence, resilience and aspiration in mind, we want Montsaye to be the best school in the area.

These are very exciting times for Montsaye Academy and we are continuing to improve at pace. This view was confirmed during our monitoring visit by Her Majesty's Inspector which recognised the school is making considerable progress and that there is a "joined up approach to school improvement".

Teaching and learning has continued to be a key focus for us and we are confident that our standards will continue to show improvement. Staff and students are achieving great things here, and they do so with a certainty that they are valued, respected and cared for in the process. I urge you not to simply take us at our word, but come and see for yourself.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our happy and vibrant school.

**Meena Gabbi**  
*Principal*

## Working in partnership

*"The partnership strives to ensure everyone in the community achieves more than they thought possible, reaching beyond their aspirations".*



It is a privilege to be the CEO of the Montsaye Community Learning Partnership (MCLP). Our aim as a Multi-Academy Trust, is to ensure all children have the opportunity to attend a 'good' or better school in our local community. We firmly believe that through close collaboration, our work towards this goal is more effective. It is this shared ethos and strong community values that help our children become thoughtful and resilient learners, regardless of their starting point.

Children, staff and all those associated with the schools in the MCLP benefit from a sense of shared responsibility for the welfare and progress of children. As a group of schools, we are stronger and have seen some fantastic improvements as a result of our work together. Children and staff have benefitted from increased opportunities and I have no doubt that our partnership will continue to grow, optimising life chances for all our children.

**Ann Davey**  
*CEO, Montsaye Community Learning Partnership*



# School values

## Our ERA values

As an educator of young people, what we do speaks volumes. How we do it resonates even more loudly. Our values of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration (ERA) underscore everything we do and have become a common language throughout the academy. We want these to be more than just words on a page – they reflect who we are today and guide our decisions.

## Excellence

The spirit of Montsaye is one that celebrates excellence in all things. Our curriculum is specifically aimed at making lessons both varied and challenging by putting enquiry, thinking, questioning and independence at the heart of everything we do.

As part of our dedicated form time programme, students get involved in activities and debates that are topical, relevant and at times deliberately challenging. We encourage our students to develop a wider view of the world, so they may become responsible and informed members of the local, national and international community.

## Resilience

Resilience in learning is about persevering through setbacks, taking on challenges and risking making mistakes to reach a goal. Here at Montsaye we want everyone to have the tenacity to overcome barriers and exceed expectations. We are passionate about fostering a culture of resilience, where we aim to equip our students with the skills they need to meet life's challenges.

## Aspiration

Inspiring students about universities, colleges and careers can never be the work of the careers department alone. A whole school approach is essential to encouraging students to seek new and exciting opportunities. Here at Montsaye we continue to invest heavily in a careers programme that encourages our students to explore their options fully, with more of our students than ever going on to some of the best universities and apprenticeships.

# ERA Days Bringing excellence to life

We expect our students to achieve the very best results they can, as well as becoming rounded and responsible young people. Unique to Montsaye, our ERA days focus on developing our values outside the classroom. All are designed to encourage our students to face new challenges, try new skills and not be fearful of failure.

Our curriculum helps them realise that when they engage confidently with a challenge, anything is possible and failure is not something to fear. We live by the belief that it's not what students know, but what they can do with what they know, that is the true goal of education.

## What our students say:

*“During the day we took part in rocket making and had to work as a team. We all said ‘have resilience, we will get there’.”*  
Gracie, Year 7

*“We learned about the careers we will be able to have and what jobs might be suited to us. We also spent time working as a team orienteering with our friends.”* James, Year 7

# Excellence in care

## Teaching and learning

At Montsaye Academy we add value to the performance of students of all abilities. We pride ourselves on the nurturing atmosphere within the school where the focus is on the quality of learning and teaching.

It is paramount that every child leaves Montsaye with qualifications that will unlock every door of opportunity they encounter as adults. We hope that they leave us with a commitment to learning that goes beyond GCSEs, A-Levels or a degree, and equips them to take on new challenges for the benefit of themselves, their families and their communities.

## Curriculum

At Montsaye Academy, we pride ourselves in excellence in our curriculum. As students move through the school they are able to choose courses which stimulate their interests, support their future aspirations and give them the strong foundations for their future education and career pathways. Our commitment to offering a broad and balanced range of courses, combined with high quality teaching and learning supports our students to be resilient and make the best possible progress.

We invest in resources to support learning. These resources include ICT equipment such as iPads, laptops and computers; internet based platforms (eg. Accelerated reader, MyMaths, Mathswatch, SAM Learning); subject specialist facilities; on site astroturf, gym and pool facilities; and specialist teaching and support staff.

## Transition into Montsaye Academy

We encourage early exposure to secondary school life through close relationships with all our feeder primary schools within the MCLP. We hold a vibrant programme of inter academy events with the express purpose of familiarising children and strengthening their confidence. Activities include sports such as archery and athletics, music and choral festivals.

## Pastoral care

Our pupils are at the centre of what we achieve as a school community. The welfare of our pupils is a priority we take very seriously. At Montsaye education is underpinned by a dedicated pastoral team that supports the changing needs of our young people from their carefully phased induction in Year 7, right through to their completion of their post 16 studies.

## Students joining in Year 7

Within Montsaye, we use a range of successful strategies to ease the transition process. These include:

- Taster days for all students in Year 5 from our feeder primaries within the Montsaye Community Learning Partnership (MCLP)
- An induction day for all Year 6 students transferring to Montsaye Academy
- A parents' evening for all parents of students in Year 6
- An open evening/open days for potential new students and their families.

## Careers education

Here at Montsaye, careers development is part of school life from Year 7. Students have timetabled visits to places of interest throughout the school year to help them explore different fields of work and identify where their interests lie.

Students also have access to U-Explore, an online portal that delivers tailored careers advice. Through this system, students develop a personal profile based on their areas of interest. Staff also access the portal to monitor progress and parents are encouraged to register to help support their child at home. This approach continues throughout the Sixth Form as students prepare to move on to university, employment or apprenticeships.



# Community at our heart

## Foundations built in our community

Montsaye Academy is proud to be part of the Montsaye Community Learning Partnership (MCLP). The MCLP is a self-created Multi Academy Trust, consisting of 8 primary and secondary schools in the Rothwell and Desborough area. By working collaboratively across the entirety of a child's education from 0-19, the Trust provides a cohesive educational experience that uniquely benefits from the depth of local knowledge.

## Community sports centre

At Montsaye we encourage all students to have a full and active involvement in sport.

We are proud of our sporting focus and welcome the local community to share in our fantastic sports facilities. The sports centre is a 'dual use' centre giving priority to the students during the school day with availability for community hire at evenings, weekends and outside term time.

Facilities include:

- 20m x 7m swimming pool
- 4 badminton court size sports hall
- 3rd generation rubber crumb all weather pitch
- 5 grass football pitches
- 30+ station fitness suite
- Dance studio
- 4 tennis courts

## Partnering with local business

We have established strong links with local businesses both directly and through our alumni. These employers play a key role in our personal development programme, to give students real life contact within the world of work.

*'The effort and enthusiasm the pupils showed on the day was just great. It looks like we have some potential head chefs in the making.'* Joe Buckley, owner of Tollemache Arms



*Chefs for the day - Joe Buckley, owner of Tollemache Arms, Harrington and his head chefs preparing a four course meal with our year 9 students.*



# Sixth form life

## A proven track record

Montsaye is proud to offer a wide range of courses, all of which are taught by highly experienced teachers. The progress within our Sixth Form is strong with results that are above the national average. Our smaller teaching groups are specifically designed to provide our students with high levels of individual support.

## Dedicated facilities

Our Sixth Form Centre is a dedicated space that allows students to experience the greater freedom of Sixth Form life. They take advantage of modern facilities, that include:

- ICT suite
- Kitchen and eating area
- Gym
- On site parking
- Dedicated rooms and study areas

## High expectations

Just as importantly to us, we expect our Sixth Form students to leave Montsaye Academy with a commitment to going above and beyond what is expected of them and willing to help others, and that they leave us as well rounded human beings who are unafraid to challenge themselves in everything they do. This is reflected in our high standards of dress – we are conscious that our Sixth Form students are role models for our younger pupils.

## Student Leadership Team

We also encourage students to make contributions in a range of leadership roles at the school. The Academy appoints a Head Boy and Head Girl and a deputy for both as well as student ambassadors. All roles have been designed to provide a link between student groups and senior staff and allow students to experience leadership across the school.

## Enrichment

We offer a diverse and vibrant enrichment programme, which challenges students to learn and develop skills outside of the classroom. Students experience considerable levels of responsibility and vital leadership skills. These opportunities prepare our students for the adult world, building confidence. Amongst the range of activities we offer are:

- Study visits
- Organisation of sporting events
- Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme
- Peer mentoring
- Education support – listening to our younger students read as part of our 'Rapid Readers Programme'

## Careers guidance

As part of our post-16 programme, students participate in a Careers and Higher Education programme which ensures they receive support with university applications and entering the world of work. We offer an extensive programme that includes career talks and advice from guest speakers, visits to universities and commerce, apprentice workshops, university open days and a trip to the UCAS Convention.

## What our students say

*'Studying at Montsaye's sixth form provides you with everything you need for success.'*

*'The teachers go the extra mile to help you to reach your grade.'*

*'Since joining the sixth form I've matured as a person and the independence I've gained has set me up for life.'*





# Learning beyond the classroom

Here at Montsaye Academy we believe that student achievement isn't simply measured in terms of success in exams. We don't teach subjects, we teach pupils and focus on learning that shapes the whole individual. We want all students to flourish and feel that their experiences outside the classroom are vital in supporting both academic and personal achievement.

## Extra-curricular programme

We offer a variety of lunchtime and after school activities to give students the freedom to explore their interests, whilst remaining in a familiar environment. Dance, performing arts and music are just some examples. As well as this, we are delighted to offer the chance for students to go swimming every Friday, absolutely free. All they need to do is book a place and remember their kit!

## Competitions

We regularly participate in local regional competitions to give our students different experiences and challenges.



*Excellence in Physics – Our Year 10 girls, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners, 'The Physics Challenge', Sir Christopher Hatton School Wellingborough, June 2018.*



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