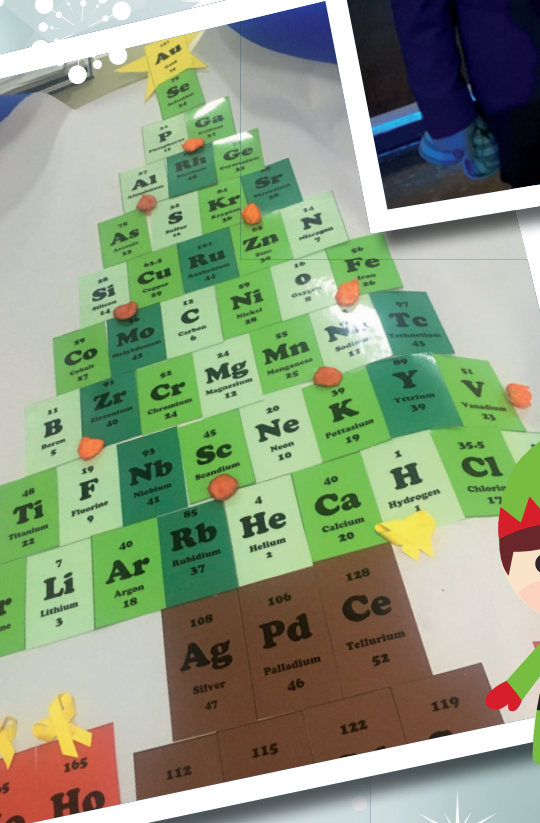
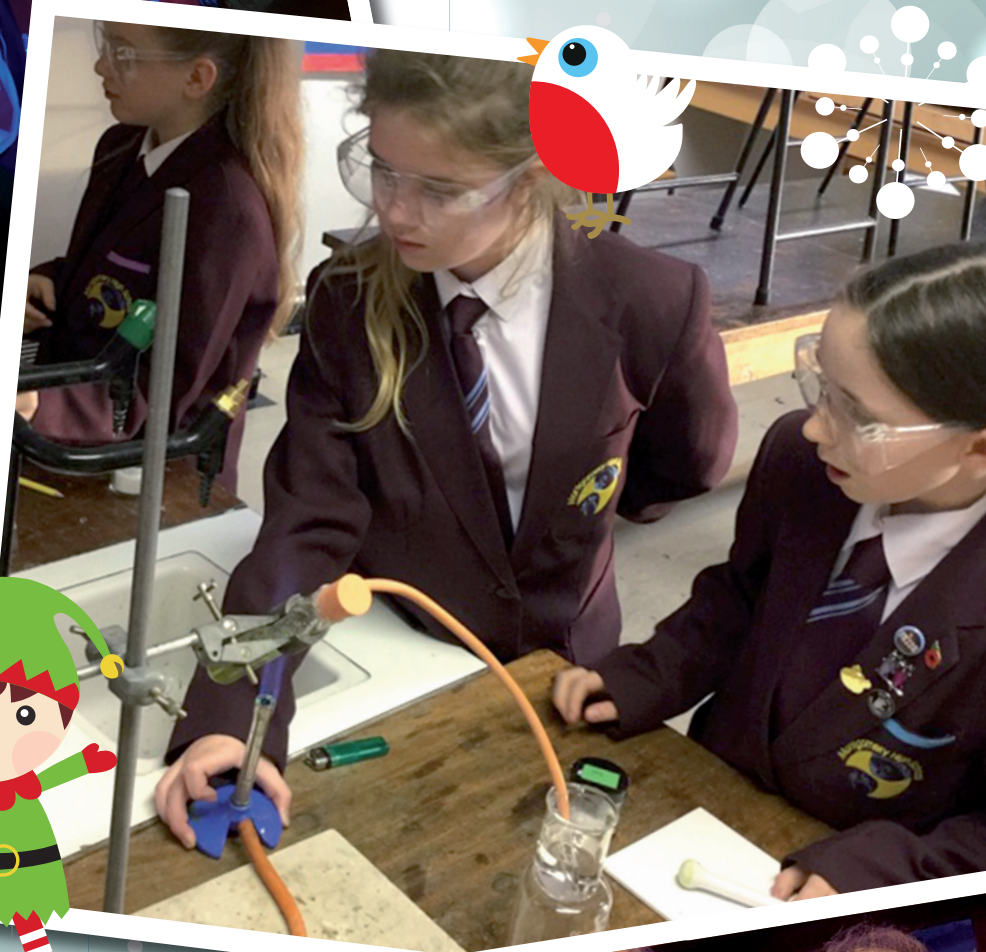


MONTGOMERY

High School



Winter 2018





Principal: Mr S. Careless

As 2018 draws to a close, it is time to reflect on a great autumn term at Montgomery. We have seen a new House system introduced, new expectations set in the classroom, students winning local awards, our first parent forum and a very successful Open Evening.

The House system was launched by Mrs Cumming and our Heads of House, Mr Twambley, Mr Wade, Mr Meakin and Mr McNiven. They have done a fantastic job, developing an ethos where students of different year groups compete to earn points for their Houses. Students have worked together in House assemblies, charity work, subject competitions and even tugs of war!

It is with immense pride that I inform you that we were nominated in six categories in the Blackpool Gazette Education Awards held at the Tower Ballroom at the end of November. You hopefully will have seen our fantastic prize winners and runners-up celebrated in the Gazette. The Secondary Pupil of the Year was won by our very own

Head Girl, Hannah, for her superb charity work, leading by example and getting involved in local projects such as Headstart. Our Year 8 and 11 football teams took over the stage when they collected the Sports Achievement Award. Winning this one was well overdue, as our excellent PE department continue to help Montgomery dominate the local sports competitions and progress to both regional and national finals. Congratulations to the runners-up Ryan, Cleo, Mrs Chandler and the Careers team for their nominations.

Since the start of the academic year we have introduced many new initiatives, the most important being our vision for Teaching and Learning at Montgomery, EXCEL. This gives both teachers and staff a structure for the classroom experience. This term we have implemented the E which stands for Entry tasks. These are engagement activities/questions that make students think as soon as they enter the room. Next term, we will introduce the C which represents Challenge. This will

involve the lesson objective being set as a Challenge Question, that all students should be able to answer by the end of the lesson. In the summer term we will look at the L, which will focus on how students can demonstrate their learning.

Our Year 11 are presently coming to the end of their first set of mock exams, called Finals 1. Their conduct was exemplary throughout, typical of an excellent term. Now they must learn from the feedback received from their teachers to plug gaps in understanding and refine exam technique. There is no substitute for hard work and they should be planning a revision timetable over the Christmas break that they can stick to until June. We will help and support, where required, though they must commit to their studies to achieve their full potential.

In December, we had our first Parent Forum where senior staff gave an overview of our current progress and the vision for the school going forward. Parental questions on the

work of the school were answered by staff. We aim to be the best we can be, though acknowledge we are not there yet. Listening carefully to feedback, and learning lessons from it will help us get to where we want to be more quickly. Thank you to all those who attended for your very positive comments about what we are doing right and your constructive advice on how we can improve further.

We are working hard with parents to raise expectations in terms of attendance. This year, so far, our overall attendance is 94.4% yet we are aiming for over 95% as well as looking to reduce the number of students whose attendance is below 90%. Thank you to the parents who avoid making appointments in school time and ensure holidays are taken outside of term time.

A major piece of news is that as part of the rebranding of the school and as we approach our 60th anniversary next year, we have launched a slogan, "Inspiring



Excellence Together". Our teaching and learning vision, EXCEL, started here. We are proud to announce that we have also changed the school name and from January 2019 our school will become "Montgomery Academy". For me, this signifies our intentions of becoming an academy, where academic both excellence together and personal development go hand in hand. Please do not worry about the implications for our uniform; changes to our logo and name on uniform will be introduced with the new Year 7 in August and as existing uniform is replaced.

Our Open Evening for Years 5&6 back in September was extremely well attended and feedback from perspective parents was superb, with many coming to visit us during the school day before they made their final decision. We also have had many new students joining other year groups this term from local schools, as our popularity in the community and with feeder primaries continues to rise. Many parents have heard the positive vibe about Montgomery and, when they visit, believe us in our aim to Inspire Excellence Together.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year on behalf of the Montgomery Family. I would like to thank you all for your unwavering support this year, in moving the school forward and raising both the expectations and aspirations of our student body.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Careless

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery Family is where I want to be
 our students and staff around the Christmas Tree
 now moving forward onto our goal
 to be the beacon school for Blackpool!
 great news recently from The Gazette
 our two awards are the best yet
 Montgomery sports teams are the best
 Maglestone, Hannah beat the rest!
 really we know we want to be
 dear 2019 the best we yet see

FAMILY

for the people of Bispham and North Shore
 school to be proud of for evermore
 Montgomery will move forward together
 inspiring excellence forever
 let's all have a really great break
 uletide greetings everyone make!



Mr Bullen

National Literacy Trust Story Explorers Competition

Fantastic news! After several rounds of judging, Jennavive of Year 7 has been chosen as one of the 25 winning pupils for the Story Explorers competition.

Jennavive produced an excellent tourist guide and she's won the school an author visit to help celebrate the National Literacy Trust's 25th anniversary.

Her story will be published on the Trust's website and social media channels, along with the other winning entries.

Well done, Jennavive!

Remembrance Event

Friday 9th Nov 2018

With a selection of local Primary schools and members of the local community in attendance, we held our annual Remembrance Event recently. Marking the 100th Anniversary of the First World War and a theme of "Heroes" we had a moving selection of stories, poems and songs culminating in the playing of the last post and an impeccably observed minutes silence. Montgomery will always remember.

School Photo Day

Friday 16th Nov 2018

A very busy and productive day in school. A whole Year 11 photo and lots of individual and team photographs. Look out for your orders arriving in the new year.

Year 12 Certificate Evening

Thursday 29th Nov 2018

Great to see so many familiar faces here to collect their well earned GCSE and BTEC certificates. Lovely to hear how everyone is getting on at college and the world of "real work". Thanks for coming & you know where we are if you need anything.

Team Science

Autumn Actionin 2018-2019

The Science department at Montgomery continues to go from strength to strength and has had a vibrant start to this academic year. We continue to enrich the learning experience of our students by offering as many extracurricular activities, trips and practical learning activities as possible within our challenging curriculum. The aim is to motivate and inspire our students to share our passion for Science and build an inclusive team ethos in the department; a culture that we believe will allow our students to reach their full potential. As well as our popular and established STEM and Year 7 Science Clubs, we have this year started a Space Club and a STEM Creative Arts Club. We have continued our collaborations with the Institute of Physics, the Ogden Trust and the Royal Society of Chemistry and have also invested time in a Science based online learning program called Seneca. Early indications are that this program could have a really positive impact on improving both independent study skills and overall GCSE outcomes, something we are really excited about!

The Scholars Programme



The
Brilliant
Club

Building on a successful collaboration last year, 'The Brilliant Club' has started again this term with a new cohort of Year 10 students. During this half term, Mr Mason and Miss Healey accompanied the students to the University of Liverpool for their first introductory session. To complete this course, students have to attend 6 tutorials with a PhD tutor and after this they have to complete a 3000-word assignment on what they have learnt. The purpose of this particular trip to Liverpool University was to experience what university life is like and to introduce this prestigious programme to our students. Our students also had the chance to meet university undergraduates and staff and had a tour of the facilities, with the hope of inspiring the students to apply to study at university in the future. Huge congratulations to all students that have embarked on this tough but extremely rewarding programme, well done!

Year 7 Science Club



Led by Miss Healey, our excited Year 7 students started the year with a 'What's in your tray' challenge competition and have also made a variety of slimes and completed a Halloween themed circus of science activities. As we have moved towards the festive season, the activities have been Christmas themed. This has included designing vehicles to complete in Rudolph races, making salt solution snow scenes, and also making soaps and gift boxes. The ultimate challenge was our 'help the elf of the shelf-sledging adventure' competition. In this challenge, students had to build a sledge for Ernie the Elf and rescue him from the shelf. Well done to all students who have been involved, we cannot wait for next year already.

Year 7 Space Club



This club soared into action in October under the experienced leadership of Mrs Bach. With tasks such as designing and firing air rockets down the science corridor, students have engaged with a variety of space based science activities. Not only have students experimented with effervescent vitamin C tablets and learnt about the acidic nature of carbon dioxide, they have tested for hydrogen gas, made space slime and investigated the properties of ultra violet light using UV beads. The most recent challenge was to design and make space suits out of different materials for action men models. When tested in a vacuum to replicate space, the student space suits performed brilliantly, well done space team!

Year 8 STEM Creative Art Club

The newest club this year is the Year 8 STEM Creative Arts club, led by Miss Healey. The students in this club started off by making their own paper. To do this they first had to build deckle and moulds to make the paper with. Once made, students tested the strength of their handmade paper by adding weights to it, to see how much it could hold before tearing. For bonfire night, the group studied and tested the chemistry of making fireworks which was explosive fun. Students have more recently used leaves that have fallen off the trees around the school campus to make unique leaf bowls. Finally, on the run up to Christmas the club have used melted wax crayons to create unique baubles, developed Maths skills to draw perfect stars and used their handprints to make a special Christmas wreath.



Seneca in Science & Google Classroom

Initially pioneered by Russ Bradshaw, we have launched an exciting and innovative online Science learning programme called Seneca alongside a collaborative social cloud for learning in form of Google Classroom. Seneca is an intelligent learning programme that uses multiple choice micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress. Content is broken down into bite-size chunks and tailored to each user as the platform works out what

students know and more importantly where they need to focus more to achieve outstanding results. This revolutionary online learning package is currently being used by our Year 11 students in the run up to their GCSEs but is also being phased into use in all other year groups. Research has shown that this form of interactive learning, which can be accessed from all mobile devices, can have positive impact on student progress in Science and so we look forward to the evolution of its usage.

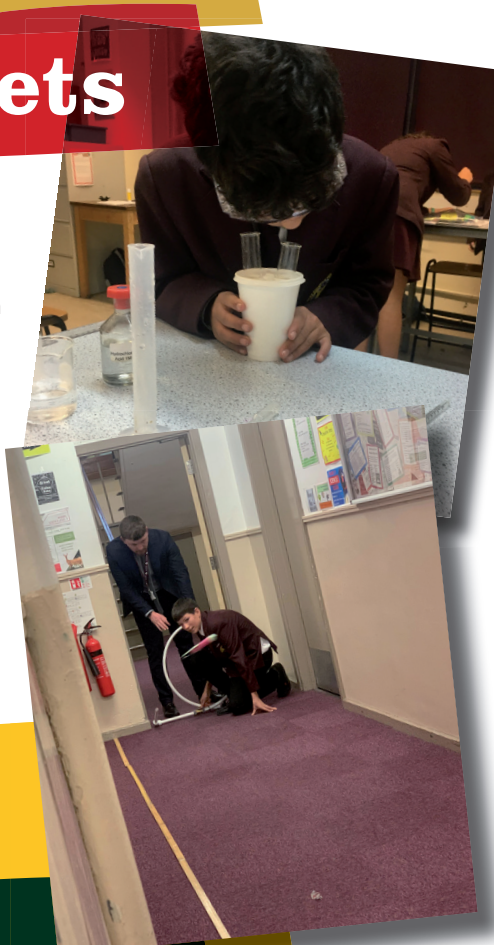
AMAZING SCIENCE

Year 7 Cells

Year 8 Gas Tests & Rates

Year 10 Rockets

This term, our Year 7 students have been introduced to prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells and when tasked to produce a 3D cell they produced some amazing masterpieces. Brandon created a giant cookie cell, Taylor prepared a cake cell whilst Emily and Declan produced fantastic framed model cells. Our Year 8s have had fun in Chemistry testing for a variety of gases and investigating rates of reaction and our Year 10 students have been firing rockets down our corridors as part of our exciting Forces topic. There is never a dull moment in the Science department, well done to our amazing students!

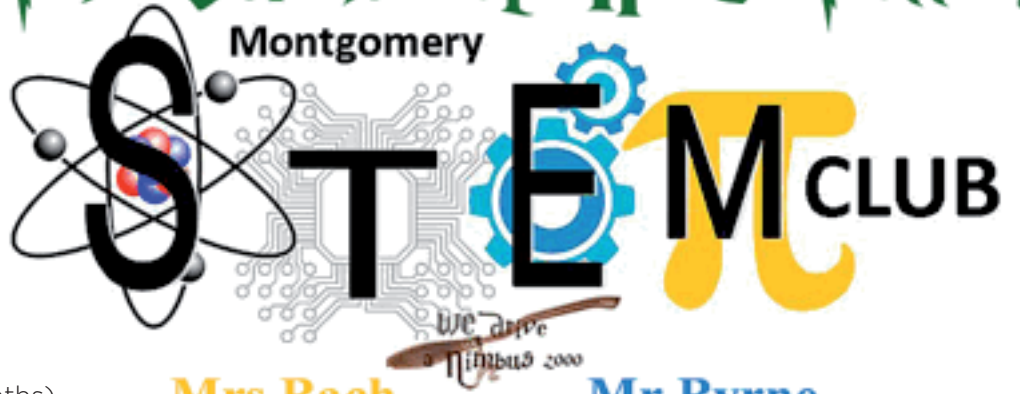


Science Trip to Paris

The Science team are taking 60 Year 9 and 10 students to Paris at Easter 2019. This amazing trip will take in the amazing and historic scientific sites of this beautiful city and will culminate with a trip to Disneyland Paris. Watch out for further updates in future newsletters...

The Science of Harry Potter!

Montgomery



Mrs Bach

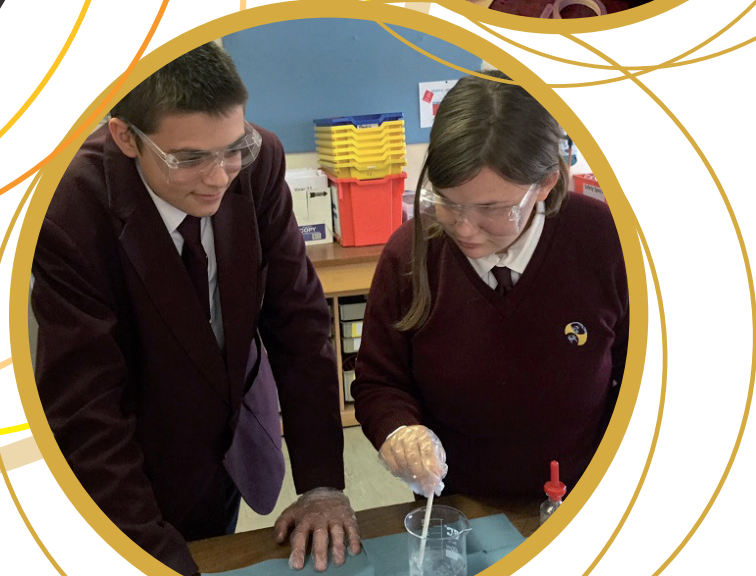
Mr Byrne


This term, STEM Club (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) has been exploring and discovering the Science of Harry Potter! We have been experimenting with the question is there Witchcraft and Wizardry in the real world?

We've experimented with Alchemy and changing Muggle money into Wizard cash, including Sickles, Galleons and knuts!




We looked at Levitation and made our own Golden Snitch!





We've also constructed Air-powered rockets, concocted pink potions, taken care of magical creatures, potted Mandrakes, learned all about Distillation, decorated our Xmas baubles and, guided in a guest appearance by Ms Healey, experimented with silver nitrate solution and Potassium hydroxide.



Clubs, National STEM Learning Network. Kyle, Theo, Katie, Ellis, Tyler, Abi and Megan represented us throughout School Open evening demonstrating robotics, how to play one-string Didley bows, how to dig for fossils, how to make and race paper helicopters and straw- powered rockets and how to marvel as they demonstrated our Virtuali-Tee - an augmented reality T-shirt that combines with an app to show the anatomy.



CURISCOPE

With two weeks left until term ends, we are looking forward to our next two sessions, making our own Xmas candles and baking Xmas cookies with Ms Lee. As ever, Mrs Bach and myself, Mr Byrne would like to thank the support and encouragement from our terrific Science Dept,' particularly Dr Hutchinson and from Mrs Whittle, as Head of the Student Support Centre. Merry Christmas from all of us here at STEM Club!





Anime Club is thriving and doing well. As the poster (Drawn by Hannah) says: 'A supportive club for those who like to watch, draw and discuss Anime.'

This term, alongside all our drawings and discussion about more traditional forms of Anime & Manga, we have watched the award winning Irish Animated film 'The secret of Kells' and 'The Breadwinner' about a young girl disguising herself as a boy to help her family survive in modern day Afghanistan. If you think you would be interested in joining, please see Mr Byrne in the SSC.

ANIME CLUB



**TUESDAYS
3.00-4.00PM**

Hannah Byrne

**A SUPPORTIVE CLUB FOR THOSE WHO LIKE TO
WATCH, DRAW AND DISCUSS ANIME.
FOR MORE DETAILS SEE MR BYRNE IN THE SSC.**

SCHOOL GAMES

MONTGOMERY AT THE SPORTSABILITY FESTIVAL, BLACKPOOL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE.

Another year and another BIG thanks to Mr Dave Rohman (Sports Development Officer / School Games Organiser) and Mrs Campbell (Curriculum Leader of PE) for inviting us to participate in this fantastic event. Mr Byrne writes: We have been fortunate to attend these School Games in Blackpool over a number of years now. Every year it is different, and every year it is a rich learning experience for our students; not just in acquiring new sports skills, but in the opportunity to socialise and play alongside peers from other schools like Woodlands, Park and High Furlong. The event is a unique, inclusive activity programme designed to engage young people in PE & Sport, including any children (or staff!) that find PE challenging.

Four Gladiators were selected to represent the Student Support Centre: Catherine-Ann, Kyle S, 'The Mighty River' Shannan and introducing new boy, David 'The Stinger' Stringer.



Shannan said: 'Apart from sending a bean bag flyin' 'n' gettin' it stuck, it's been a really good time!!! 10/10. Sir and me won the hurling BUT only cuz I got all the points, tho'!'

David said: '10/10. It is so much fun - I really want to come back!
Ask anyone - I don't like PE at school but I love this - can you explain that to me then? I also liked it when we played boys against girls in hurling.'

Catherine-Ann: 'Yup - 10/10. I liked the sit down volleyball because it was enjoyable. It was good to be helped by the students!'

Kyle: 'Can you guess how much I can give it out of ten? I'll say this... two words, come again!'

Here we are with Lucy and Paige, our Blackpool Sixth Sports Leaders!



Lemony Snicket reading group

Mr Byrne writes that the group is really grateful to our fellow traveller and honorary member, Ms Slade. Miss has kept us supplied with books and moral support! We meet to read aloud every Monday and Friday at tutor time. It is our sad duty to report that we have already completed the first two instalments



in the Lemony Snicket series, 'The Bad Beginning' and 'The Reptile Room'. Recently, we decided to branch out and read the 'The Breadwinner' by Deborah Ellis which has been released as an animated film. It has been described as '... an illuminating look into the distressing plight of women under Taliban rule in Afghanistan and how the spirit of resistance can thrive.' Come the New Year, we will return to book the third in the Snicket series, entitled 'The Wide Window.'

YOUNGMINDS

Get urgent help

If you need support in a crisis these contacts can help you.

[Are you a young person in crisis?](#)

[Are you an adult in crisis?](#)

[If it's an emergency...](#)

Are you a young person in crisis?

Text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.

- If you need urgent help text YM to 85258
- All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors
- Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus.

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

More



STEM CLUB News!

Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge

We are so looking forward to challenging again in February 2019, says Mr Byrne. All the experience our current team members gained last year has been channelled into teaching our new Year 7 members!

Regular readers may remember that we will be competing in this national competition, along with 369 other secondary schools, and 13 Girl Guiding units!

Our main robot is 'Uncle Monty'. He is being programed to complete 7 separate challenges including a 30 sec 'Showcase' to display co ordinated movement, use of the LCD screen for our team logo, and the robot speakers for a 'Dance track' (Lego Mindstorms theme!) for Uncle to perform to!



One of our practice robots, 'The Coultas' (named after one of Harry Potter's biggest fans, Mrs Coultas!)



MONTYZOOMER!

From Year 8, Tyler and Ellis are taking care of the speed challenge for us! They will have rebuilt and re programmed our second robot, 'Montyzoomer' to ensure we have the best possible chance of moving as quickly as possible over 400cm!

The organisers have gone out of their way to offer us our best advice possible - 'JUST GO FAST!'

Another of our rehearsal robots is named after one of our benefactors....



Yr. 7 Roboteers with robots they have built and will programme! Kasey-Lee and Hallie.



Our STEM Ambassador, Pat came in November to teach us how to use the colour sensor!



English

Department

Ebenezer Scrooge was brought back to life on Montgomery's stage for year 11 this term. That's before he was haunted by his former business partner and three further ghosts to teach him about the true meaning of Christmas.

The performance was enjoyed by all and followed by a question and answer session with the actors, which contained some really thought-provoking questions from some of our students. It was an invaluable chance for year 11 to develop their understanding of a key GCSE text.

The English department has further trips to see Romeo and Juliet and Poetry Live! planned in January to cover the remaining GCSE texts.

SCROOGE ON STAGE!



Logo Created and Designed by Maggie and Harry

MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL NEXT ANNUAL SHOW IS...GREASE!

We are very excited to announce the incredible show Grease is set to be performed by an amazing cast of students at Montgomery High School. Earlier in the term, Mr. Heyes was in awe of the incredible talent on show during the audition process when over 130 students auditioned to be a part of the show. The acting and singing skills of the students was of such a high standard that most roles have been doubled-casted with different students performing on different nights!

Make sure you get your tickets when they go on sale and join us on a fun, fast and exciting musical journey following the students of Rydell High as they navigate their way towards graduation and the end of year ball! You're invited before the Summer Nights in April to come and watch a show we are Hopelessly Devoted to make an amazing

experience for the audience!

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF OUTSTANDING ACTORS

Earlier in the term, the Montgomery High School Drama department were delighted to welcome directors from The Grand Young Company and The Electric Sunshine Project to deliver an audition workshop to a large group of Year 11 students. The session was fun, yet challenging and everyone involved gave a fantastic impression of the unbelievable talent we have at the school.



The purpose of the session was to identify and cast outstanding acting talent in a National Theatre Connections play to be performed at The Grand Studio in Blackpool. It was a very proud moment for Mr. Heyes (Head of Drama) when four students were selected to take part in this nationally-recognised project and everyone in the Drama department wishes them the best of luck on their journey to the stage!



CAREERS

27th November 2018

“What’s It Like to Work in... CREATIVE AND DIGITAL SECTOR”

On Tuesday 27th November we had some guest speakers in school to talk to pupils about careers within the creative and digital sector. Father and son duo Martin and Marcus Ayrton came into school to inspire our pupils and to take part in a question and answer session about future careers.

Martin is a software entrepreneur with businesses in Media including Mobile Gaming and digital billboards used in advertising whilst Marcus is a Creative Media and Music Technology student who is currently studying at Blackpool 6th Form College with a strong passion since a young age to create music and digital media products.

Thank you to both for giving up their time to inspire our pupils.

REDISCOVER LIVE PROJECT 13th November 2018

Lloyds Banking Group at Blackpool 6th Form College

In November, Montgomery School had the pleasure of taking a group of Year 8 pupils to spend the day at Blackpool Sixth to take part in the Rediscover Live project hosted by Lloyds Banking Group.

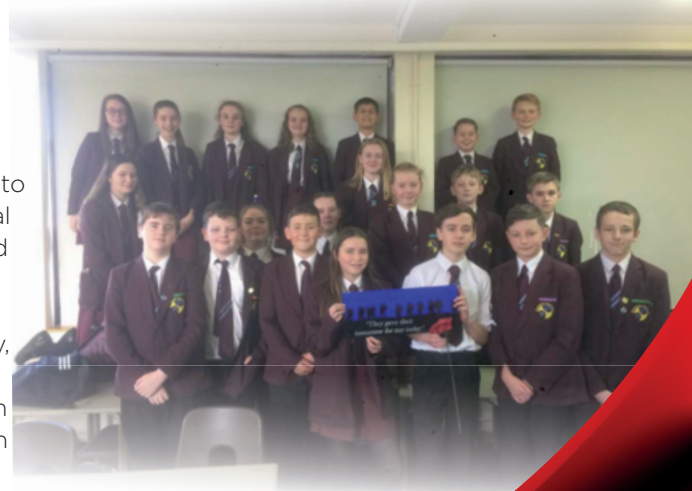
The overall theme for the day was designed to inspire and to enable our pupils to be ready to start designing their digital futures. The pupils who attended worked as part of a team to complete a challenge that was based around creating ideas and designing a new digital product that they could use in school. They had to create their own digital business complete with a proposal, marketing plan and budget. The pupils had the exciting opportunity to gain expert knowledge and experience from local businesses and tech partners.

Montgomery pupils had the innovative idea of creating a social media site for pupils and teachers in their school which they would regularly check for such things as announcements, homework and even the school dinner menu. Unfortunately, their idea didn't make it to first prize however their idea came a competitive third overall on the day. A great day was had all round and the pupils even got to meet the Mayor of Blackpool.

To help mark the centenary of the end of World War One this November, a group of year eight students helped to design a new war memorial plaque. The plaque was displayed during the memorial service that took place on Friday 9th November and will now be displayed in school permanently. The design incorporated the ceramic poppy the school had received

from the 'Wave and Weeping Window' art installation at the Tower of London.

Students also created designs to be considered for the memorial garden which will be revamped in the Spring. The students had to consider a variety of factors, such as tone, durability, health and safety and overall aesthetics to ensure the design was appropriate for its location outside.



GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY

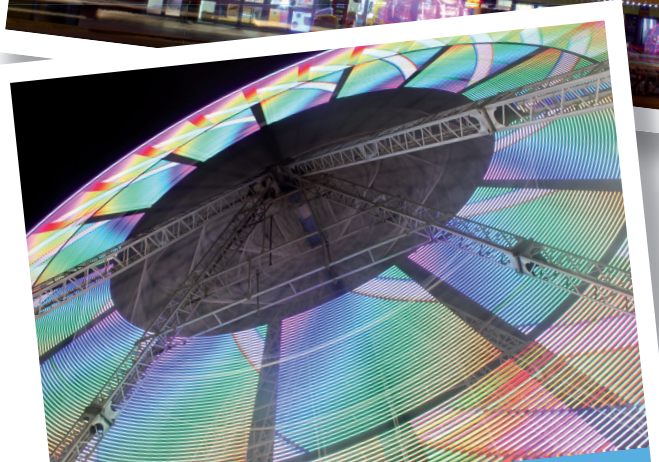


This term's photography groups have been responded to a range of topics this term. The new Year 9 cohort have been learning how to use the settings on their digital cameras. Students in year 9 have been capturing photos using macro and movement settings whilst also learning how to edit their photos using photoshop. Students have also learnt how to read photos and are now fluent in discussing the camera settings used to take a photo and are able to discuss what compositions and what formal elements of art they can see in a photograph. Here are some of the fantastic images that students have created over the past 3 months! Students have made a fantastic start on their course!

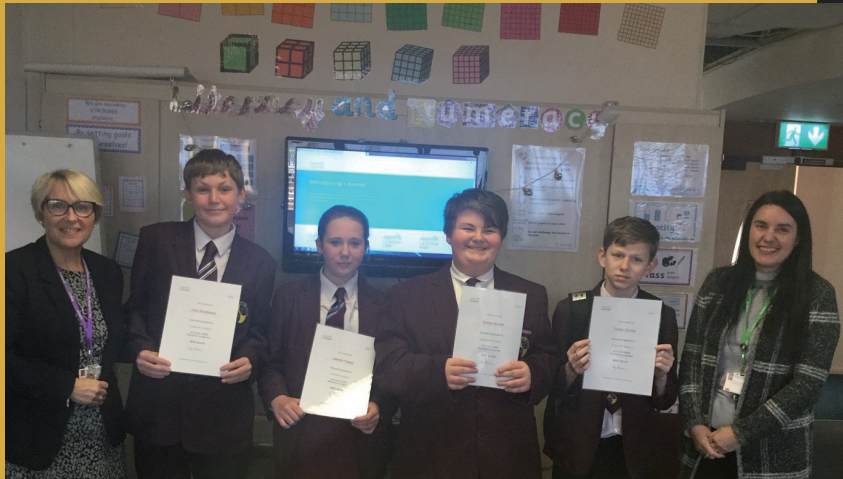
Year 10 students have been working their 'Weird and Wonderful' topic using Lego figures and a style called 'Logography' as their starting point. Students have created some fantastic images using a range of camera settings exploring depth of field and shutter speed to capture a blurred background and movement in their photos. As a group we have taken photos around Bispham village and have visited Stanley Park to capture photos. As a reward for those students who are on track in the subject students are visiting Manchester and spending the day taking photos around the city completing a range of tasks in the last week of term to help support their coursework, whilst also enjoying the Christmas Markets and the city centre.

Year 11's have been completing their 'Britishness' topic, as a group we have visited Blackpool illuminations and completed a night shoot experimenting with long shutter speeds, the results were fantastic. In November Mr Hegarty also took a group of year 11's to Manchester for the day accompanied by Blackpool 6th form college. Students completed a Photography walk around the city, meandering through the Christmas Markets and through the city's Northern Quarter and concluding the visit at Manchester Art Gallery looking at the Martin Parr exhibition which showcased his photography work from around Manchester in the 80's.

Please follow our students' progress on Instagram @PhotosFromMHS



Mrs Davies and Mrs Parker in the Student Support Centre, have piloted a new literacy programme, Lexonik: Literacy at the speed of sound. Four pupils from KS3 met for one hour per week, for six weeks completing an intensive programme to improve their literacy skills. Overall the pupils made an amazing improvement of 112 months. Well done to Isabella, Joshua, Ciaran and Declan.



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

NCS is government-backed summer programme that builds confidence, new friendships, CVs and UCAS forms, all at the same time. NCS Northwest have visited year 11 this term to offer the National Citizen Service during the Summer 2019 programme. There are weekly events available to year 11's this summer, starting 22/06/2019 until 10/08/2019.

The NCS are offering an early sign-up discount, so if you apply and pay in the next few days you only have to pay £35. The normal price to take part in NCS is a £50 admin fee. There are three phases which are run over approximately three weeks with break in between. Phase 1 is Adventure, Phase 2 is Skills and Phase 3 is Social Action.

The National Citizen Service are hoping to showcase their programme to year 11's at parents evening and be in school running sessions to year 11 in the next term.

If you would like some more information or would like to apply **visit www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk**.

When I first came to Montgomery, I didn't have a clue on how the school is going to be like, but the biggest fear inside me was getting bullied by elder children. So on my first day at Monty, for Period 1, I didn't have a clue on where my lesson is going to be because I didn't attend transition week, so a year 10 boy humbly helped me and took me to my lesson, which I really appreciate about the elder pupils in Montgomery. The school promotes extra circular activities such as STEM Clubs, Harry Potter Science Clubs and more. The school has links with out primary schools and many FCAT schools, which is quite good! The school's got a new house system, and it really good because we have house challenges and everybody's ambition is to achieve as many house points for their house as possible, and all pupils work hard.

The school also offers many opportunities for pupils like Applying for School and Year Council, House Captains and Ambassadors, Anti Bullying Ambassadors and Head Boys and Girls, Prefects and many more, which is a good thing because many of them require leadership skills, and pupils gain leadership skills by applying for the jobs. I settled in to the school very well and I love Monty! I hope I do really well at this school and achieve all of my dreams.

My Ambitions

- . Becoming a Barrister when I grow up.
 - . To do Computer Science, History and Business for GCSE's.
 - . GCSE Ambition
- English- 5-6 Pts
 Maths- 6-7 Pts
 Science- 5-7 Pts
 Computer Science- 7-8 Pts
 Business- 7-8 Pts
 History- 7-8 Pts
 By Daniyal Haroon

UNIFORM

Christmas is nearly upon us, as is the end of another successful term! Our pride when referring to school uniform continues to show, and our improvement in uniform and general appearance has increased noticeably!

Our footwear policy is extremely simple, but for reference, it is published on the school's website under 'Correct Footwear Guidelines'. Early January is a common time for students to bounce around school in their brand new trainers, or 'fancy' school shoes. Do not be misled by 'Ah, yeah school will be fine with those, honest!'. If in doubt, have a quick look at our online policy, as this may avoid any potentially awkward 'returned Christmas presents'.

Issues with hair colour and piercings are almost not existent, due to a joint effort between our families and our school. As said, the change has been hugely noticeable.

A fresh, smart start to the New Year ahead!

sports report

On Tuesday, October 2nd both the Y9 football team and netball team were crowned champions of their respective Blackpool Schools' Tournaments, both teams returning back to school undefeated.

On Wednesday, October 3rd Y11 beat Carr Hill 6-1 in the English Schools' FA Cup - goals from Will, Jamie, Ellis and Jamie scoring a hatrick. Also, Mr Morton took the Y8 football team to Millfield in the first round of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup on Wednesday, beating them convincingly 7-0, with not a shot on target or corner conceded. Goals came from James, Raeden, Finlay (X2), Will, Josh and Danny.



Y8 Blackpool Schools' Football Champions

On Monday, October 15th, our Y8 football team played in the first round of the ESFA Cup against Our Lady's, Preston beating them 7-0 - as Paul has previously said this team really are the REAL DEAL and are an absolute credit to the school!!

Tuesday, October 16th was the turn of our Y7 football and netball teams in their respective Blackpool Schools' Tournaments. The Y7 netball team finished in 3rd place; all students representing the school impeccably and had a fantastic evening. The Y7 football team finished runners up, losing to St Mary's in the final, however Mr McNiven was extremely impressed with their performance after a couple of defeats in the previous week.



On Thursday, October 11th the Y10 football team beat Lytham High School 3-2 in the Lancashire Cup. After being knocked out of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup the week before, they really did step up their performance and all deserve credit for their resilience, attitude and determination in a fantastic result against last year's winners of the Lancashire Cup



Y8 Blackpool Schools' Netball Champions



Our Y8 football team played again on **Wednesday, October 17th** this time in the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup against Cardinal Allan but unfortunately when arriving to the fixture Cardinal Allan only had 7 players and in the words of the PE teachers at Cardinal Allan, some of their players had "flapped it" because the word had spread our team are a force to be reckoned with!! The fixture was still played with us lending Cardinal Allan some of our players but the win was ours and are now through to the semi-final to play either Garstang or St Bede's.

On Thursday, October 18th, our Y7 football team played in the ESFA Cup against Ashton, Preston. At full time the score was 2-2 (goals from Liam and Dylan), which led to penalties and then sudden death with Montgomery taking the win from a fantastic penalty by Michael.



Our cross country team (Y7-11) were also in action this evening at Aspire Academy in the Blackpool Schools' Cross Country Championships and they certainly didn't disappoint - just AMAZING and a big

The week commencing **November 5th**, saw our Y8 football team play Fisher More, Burnley in the Lancashire Cup. Once again it was a superb performance by the whole team beating the opposition 11-0 and are now through to the 3rd round to play Bishop Rawstone. MOM: Raeden scoring 4 goals!!



On Wednesday, **November 14th** our Y11 football team played Archbishop Temple in the Lancashire Cup, beating the opposition 5-1. Goals from: Kyle (X2), Liam, Jamie and Joe.



On Thursday, **November 8th** it was the annual Dance Festival at the Winter Gardens and of course the students didn't disappoint after weeks of rehearsals. They were an absolute credit to the school, putting

their heart and soul into the performance to a sell-out audience. A special thanks to Cleo, Abi and Sophie (Y10 students) who choreographed a show stopping dance and without them it wouldn't have been possible.

Y8 Lancashire Cup: Montgomery 5 V Bishop Rawstone 0

On Monday, **November 19th** our Y8 football team played Bishop Rawstone in the Lancashire Cup at Poolfoot Farm. Mr Morton managed the team at this fixture and continues to keep 100% clean sheet record. Team: Mason, Connor, Finlay, Kayden, Jenson, James, Josh, Lucas, Isaac, Will, Danny, Harry, Harrison, Raeden & Tyler



On Tuesday, **November 13th** our Y10 boys badminton team played in the Blackpool Schools' Badminton Tournament at Unity and performed exceptionally well, resulting in being crowned Blackpool Schools' Badminton Champions. Players were: Joe, Ethan, Harrison and Spencer



Y9 Girls and Boys crowned Blackpool Schools' Badminton Champions

On Tuesday, November 20th the Y9 Blackpool Schools' Badminton Competition for girls was held at Montgomery High School and with so many strong female badminton players in Y9 we decided to enter 2 teams into this competition. All students played exceptionally well, continuously making their opponents move around the court. Once all results were recorded

Whilst the boys were at Unity, Montgomery hosted the Y11 & 10 Blackpool Schools' Badminton Tournament for girls. The Y11 girls were undefeated in both their singles and doubles matches, retaining the title of Blackpool Schools' Champions, whilst Y10 girls finished runners up to SSA in the competition. Players were: Y11: Kaya, Ella, Ashley and Karis Y10: Louisa, Ellie-Mae and Daisy

Montgomery finished in 1st and 2nd place in the tournament standings. Players were: Freya, Olivia, Chloe, Lydia, Olivia, Yulan, Charlotte & Annie
Whilst the girls were playing at Montgomery, Mr McNiven took the boys to Unity to play in their respective tournament and although we arrived with 2 players short and we still came away as badminton champions, thanks to Jake and Nathan, what a partnership they make when joining together as a doubles team!!

Y8 English Schools' FA Cup: St Bede's 0 V Montgomery 7

Wednesday, November 21st - When the draw was made and saw St Bede's, Blackburn we knew it was going to be a challenging match for the boys and probably their toughest match since joining Montgomery. In my 11 years of working at Montgomery we have always fallen at the same hurdle of St Bede's but not this time. The referee was so complimentary of the team's performance and even said he hadn't ever known an opposition to not allow St Bede's even a shot on target!! I remember Mr Morton saying a few months back, 'these lads are the real deal' and they definitely are!!

Team: Mason, Connor, Finlay, Kayden, Jenson, James, Josh, Lucas, Isaac, Will, Danny, Harry, Harrison, Raeden & Tyler

Monday 26th November

On Monday evening it was the annual Gazette Education Awards, were Montgomery had been shortlisted in several categories. Our Y8 and Y11 football teams were both shortlisted for the Sports Achievement Award and we only went and WON!! The teams, staff and parents were

ecstatic when it was announced and is a recognition of their commitment, dedication and achievements in the sporting world. Here is what I said about both teams:

The Y8 football team made quite an impression in their first year of secondary school football last year. This football team won the Blackpool Schools' Football Tournament in October 2017 along with being crowned champions of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup 2018 and went on to represent the district in the North West Stages of the ESFA 5 aside Cup competition, where they finished runners up of all entering schools in the north west. This football team are an absolute credit to the school, continuously displaying impeccable sportsmanship and the Montgomery core values of resilience, respect and pride. This year they have already retained being champions of the Blackpool Schools' Football Tournament are on course to winning the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup for a second year, as they have already reached the semi final!!

The Y11 football team have had an extremely successful footballing career at Montgomery High School, winning the Blackpool Schools' Football Tournament 4 years consecutively (Y7-10) along with retaining the title of the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Cup in Y9 and Y10. These boys have a fantastic attitude and team spirit, taking the Montgomery core values, respect, resilience and pride to the next level, which is shown on the football field in their determination to succeed and overcome the opposition. This football team also had an amazing run in the English Schools' Football Cup last year (Y10) where they got to the last 64 schools in England with over 600 schools entering this competition nationally!! I believe nominating them for this award would be the icing on the cake to recognise their sporting successes whilst at Montgomery High School.



Tuesday 27th November

On Tuesday, Montgomery hosted the Y7 & 8 Blackpool Schools' Badminton Tournament.

Our Y7 team performed exceptionally well in their first badminton competition, moving their opponents forwards and backwards and able to score their own matches. After playing a number of matches Montgomery were crowned Y7 Blackpool Schools' Badminton Champions. Players were: Leah, Amira, Demi, Abbie, Shakira & Kelise

Our Y8 team also performed to a high standard in this tournament, coming up against a very talented SSA badminton team. Our Y8 team competed in full court singles matches and placed runners up in the overall standings. Holly only recently joined Montgomery and what a start she has had, straight in representing Montgomery at her first of many sporting fixtures, other players included: Emma, Emily and Lilly-Mai



On Wednesday 12th December



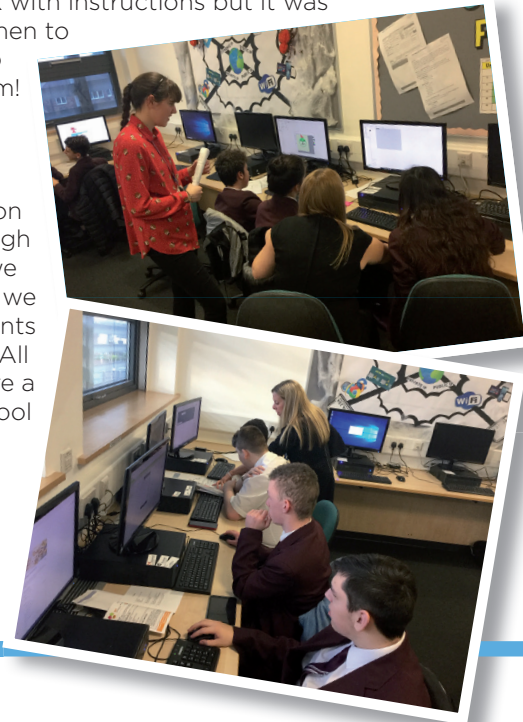
15 budding year 10 students descended on Blackpool Sixth form to take part in

Hackathon. The students were in groups of four given a choice of solving 3 different tasks. The aim of the competition was firstly to complete the challenges set but also how well the group worked as a team and what progress they made.

The students had a choice of either creating an app, website or a game all from scratch. They were given an information pack with instructions but it was up to the team then to work together to solve the problem!

Montgomery students faced tough competition from two local high schools and as we await the results we wish these students the best of luck. All the students were a credit to the school producing some excellent results.

Well done hackathoners!!!



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Sleepover



If your child is invited to a sleepover you will want them to be safe - both in general and in the event of a fire. So before you agree here are some things that might help.

Check that your child:

- Is normally woken by and recognises the sound of a smoke alarm

If they don't, or they have a hearing impairment or other disability, tell the sleepover parents so that someone must wake them and/or help them in an emergency

- Knows what to do if they hear a smoke alarm go off
- Knows not to hide from fire
- Knows how to raise the alarm
- Is happy to ask about the escape plan of the place they are going to



- Will tell you if they don't feel safe
- If you are in any doubt:

- Reverse the sleepover and invite the friend to your home instead

And remember to:

- Go through your fire plan with any guests you have staying

Check that:

- There will be a responsible adult present at all times in the property.
- There is a working smoke alarm.



Some of these questions may be uncomfortable to ask but why not look at it this way; you wouldn't dream of travelling in a car without seatbelts - they are lifesavers if there is an accident.

Working smoke alarms and escape plans are like seatbelts for sleepovers - you hope never to need them - but they must be there just in case...

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Words speak volumes

Reading really does matter at Montgomery Academy. In fact there are 10 million reasons why reading is important as that is the number of words the Year Seven, Eight and Nines have read in the last half term.

The school holds weekly assemblies in which the reading successes of students are celebrated. Each student receives a postcard, from the Executive Principal, congratulating each of them on their individual reading accomplishment. Following the assemblies, there is a real buzz of pride and fulfilment along the corridors, from the students who have been given the recognition.

The spokesman added: "The pride we all have at Montgomery can only be surpassed by the students' ability to be amazing, and more than 10,000,000 words read in a half-term proves just how successful they can be. 'Sometimes we read to escape, sometimes we read to extend knowledge, but always to better ourselves.'"

A spokesman at the Bispham school said the bookworms had excelled themselves adding: "In our lives every day, reading is at the core to being able to overcome and survive many different challenges."

"That is why at Montgomery Academy we are ensuring that our students adopt a positive, healthy and resilient attitude towards reading, by nurturing a love of 'reading for pleasure'.

10m
Words
read since
September



Some of the Montgomery Academy bookworms. From left, Lucy Davis and Theo Howson, both 13, with 12-year-olds Kaini He and Emma Casey

Reading is for life...not just for Christmas.



Montgomery has teamed up with Haven Books to make sure every student will be able to read a book this Christmas. The gift of empathy, the gift of knowledge and the gift of reading and as always working towards being the best we can be



- After launching our new maths online platform back in September we have had a **fantastic response** from most pupils in terms of engaging with it!
- Year 11:** A whopping **2012** hours spent in total!!
- Year 7:** **1103** hours spent in total
- Year 10:** **890** hours spent in total
- Year 9:** **778** hours spent in total
- Year 8:** **617** hours spent in total
- School total:** **5400** hours of learning since September!

HEGARTY HEROES:

- Year 7:** **Razvan** and **Megan** (23 hours each!)
- Year 8:** **Myles** (17 hrs) and **Samantha-Jayne** (9 hrs)
- Year 9:** **Sarah** (23 hours) and **Abbie** (18 hours)
- Year 10:** **Anna** (25 hrs) and **Kiera** (23 hrs)
- Year 11:** **Sophia** (27 hrs) and **Hannah** (26 hrs)

A big well done to all who are making this a success at Montgomery!
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