



Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

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1st March 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: World Book Day, Careers Week, Y10 Future Me

Next week: Science Week

This week has seen the first of our REACH weeks with a focus on Respect.

There has been a common thread running through lessons with students have been studying about protected characteristics, self-awareness, prejudice, acceptance, and a culture of kindness. You may have seen a lot of photos and activities shared on our Facebook page.

This has all culminated to a visit from a theatre company on Friday showing two plays. Years 8 – 11 have seen 'Unacceptable' which investigates consent, sexism, responding and reporting inappropriate behaviours and how we create lasting positive change in our community.

Year 7 have seen 'Invictus' which raises awareness of differing types of childhood adversity, discusses emotional intelligence and resilience and investigates the skills and behaviours that will help students navigate a whole host of critical life moments.

Students completed questionnaires at the start of the week and will complete follow up next week so that we can see the impact of the week.

We are looking forward to this becoming a fixed part of the school calendar.

Have a good and restful weekend.

Special Mentions

We Will Rock You

WOW! Yet another amazing production from our ever so talented students! We are so proud of you all. The hall was rocking last week with a packed audience, and the show was incredible. We have some talented students, and we would urge anyone in our community to see us next year! Thank you so much to all our wonderful cast, backstage crew, sound tech, lighting, band, staff helpers and of course Mr Milward (Drama) and Mr Meakin (Music). We feel so proud of our Moorside community.

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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Now the sun is setting later (just after 6pm!) make the most of getting some sunshine on your face by taking a stroll after school – research suggests that Vitamin D plays an important role in regulating mood and decreasing depression.

Parent Forum

Next week we will be holding our Half Termly Parent Forum meeting (Tuesday 5th March 5 - 6pm). Our focus this time will be on completing the Parent SWOT analysis where we evaluate the current strengths and areas for development of the school. The ideas generated then go on to form part of our school development plan for the next academic year and drive change at Moorside High School. All parents and carers are invited to come along. If you would be interested in joining our Parent Forum, please email **Mrs Alcock**.

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Year 10 Mock Exams

Year 10 Mock Exams start on Monday. We would like to remind students of the following:

- Water bottles need to be label free and transparent
- Pencil cases need to be transparent, and they must have all their equipment.
- Black pens are required
- No mobiles in the exam room, even if they are switched off or on silent
- No watches allowed in the exam room
- No talking or trying to communicate with another student when in an exam room

We would like to wish Year 10 good luck for their mock exams and hope to see the hard work they have been putting into revision pay off.

Day / period	1	2	3	4	5
Monday 04.03.24	English language 2 hr				R, E 1 hr
Tuesday 05.03.24	Biology 1 hr 45 mins				Geography 1 hr
Wednesday 06.03.24	History 1 hr 45 mins				Maths 1 hr 30 mins
Thursday 07.03.24	German listening F = 40 mins H = 45 mins German reading F = 45 mins H = 1 hr				Y10 trip to Stoke 6 th form
Friday 08.03.24	Physics 1 hr 45 mins				Music 1 hr 30 mins
Monday 11.03.24	English literature 2 hrs				R, E 1 hr
Tuesday 12.03.24	Art P. E 1 hr Drama 1 hr Computer Science 1 hr 15 mins		Art		German writing F = 1 hr H = 1 hr 15 mins
Wednesday 13.03.24	Maths 1 hr 30 mins				Geography 1 hr
Thursday 14.03.24	Chemistry 1 hr 45 mins				P. E. 1 hr
Friday 15.03.24	Product Design 1 hr 30 mins				Hospitality & Catering 1 hr 20 mins on-line Btec Sport practical

Engage

Word Book Day Art Competition

Mrs Stones is gathering entries for a national competition. To enter, children should **design a National Book Tokens gift card**, thinking about what might make someone want to buy their gift card if it was on display in a real shop. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up, but Mrs Stones will judge the Moorside entries and award house points to the winners. Entries must be submitted to Mrs Stones by Thursday 14th March 2024. Here are last years' national winners for inspiration.



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English Revision

Year 10 Mock Exams start on Monday, and Year 11 GCSE exams are on the horizon. The English Faculty would like to make KS4 students aware of Mr. Bruff on YouTube, who has created excellent revision resources organised into convenient playlists. Both **A Christmas Carol** and **Macbeth** revision playlists are available.



Geography Trip

There is a Geography trip to the River Wye for Year 8 between 19-21st March (different classes will go on different days). The purpose of the trip is to collect data from a river between Buxton and Bakewell. Fieldwork is an important skill for any Geographers, and this is a fantastic opportunity to get a taste of what it is like to practice in the field. The trip costs £15 and letters will be sent out soon; payment will be via Arbor pay.



Achieve

House Update

Miss Fower continues to be astonished by the cumulative number of house points our students have earned this academic year. Over 470,000 points have been distributed across our school community to acknowledge their accomplishments. The Art Spring Photography Competition has been announced to our students, and we eagerly anticipate seeing their submissions and look forward to awarding points to all students who participate.

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	110180
2 nd	Moorcroft	101985
3 rd	Bridgewater	93795
4 th	Doulton	93684
5 th	Wedgwood	80032

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Orchestra

Well done to Beth R in Year 7 who is an accomplished member of a local orchestra. Beth plays for Congleton Youth Orchestra and is participating in their concert next month - she is a member of their 'high-flyers' and senior orchestra. We are proud to have such a talented musician in our school community.



REACH Week 1 - Respect

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This week was our first REACH Week and focussed on the core value of 'Respect.' All students have completed activities throughout the week to learn more about this value. Form sessions in the morning have focussed on how we can show respect in the community, protected characteristics and the difference between tolerance and acceptance. Different subjects have also incorporated different tasks and activities to further explore the value of Respect.

REACH Week

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What's going on in these pictures?

- What **similarities** are there?
- What **differences** can you see?

EXTENSION: Why is this happening?

Retrieval Starter - Vocabulary Spotlight!

REACH WEEK

VIPERS

In your own words, write a definition of the word:

Write your own example of the word:

Create a question where the word is the answer:

PREJUDICE

Explain in full sentences how the key word is explored within A Curious Incident:

Draw a picture to illustrate the key word:

