# 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

From the Head Teacher



Curated by J Day

This halfterm's REACH theme is ENGAGE

Coming Up This week: World Mental Health Day, Y9 DofE Assembly Next week: Poverty Eradication Day, National Saturday Club

It was great to see so many parents and students at the Year 11 event this week. We shared information on the exam process, how to revise, and what to expect, and parents had the opportunity to buy revision books and resources.

We have a dedicated area on the website for Year 11 revision and exam preparation. If you would like to see/ revisit the presentation or access any of the revision materials you can do so here. You will find revision checklists, blank revision timetables, and a full range of materials to support preparation for the exams. The page is updated regularly, if there are any suggestions on how to improve the resource, please send these to Mrs Stokes.

At the request of students and parents, we will also be running a similar event for Year 10 on the 26th of October. I look forward to seeing you there.

#### **Arbor emails**

We have been made aware that emails sent from Arbor have been dropping into parents' junk folders, and our understanding is that this is happening nationally. Could I ask that you check to see if this affects you. Once you have moved the first email back to your inbox, it should resolve the issue going forward.

## **Special Mentions**

### **Lupus Charity**

Oliver T has raised over £1000 for Lupus UK by summiting Snowdon at the weekend! It was a challenge and although he was disappointed that the poor weather meant he could not enjoy the view, he is very proud to have raised so much money for a charity close to him. The money that he has raised will go towards research into the illness, for which there is currently no cure. Well done, Oliver!



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School News

### **100 Talks for Change**

On Friday 29th September we were visited by Oly and Daniel from '100 Talks for change' who delivered a mental health focussed talk for Y10 and Y11. Dan and Oly are travelling across the UK to deliver talks10,000 students to raise awareness of mental health. Daisie-Mai in Y11 reviewed the talk and stated 'the talk was really focussed on the importance of mental health and talking to someone about your mental health. The message was, if you can talk to someone, they might be able to help you. Oly also talked about finding your coping strategies for



example his strategy is running which helps him to cope with his OCD.' To find out more about 100 Talks for change you can visit Dan and Oly's website **100 Talks For Change**.

### Craft Club

Craft club started on Friday 29th September. Mrs Ball and Mrs Kinder were joined by some creative students who started their first project supported by one of our prefects Eva-Jayne. If you want to join craft club sign up via Arbor or come along on Friday to DT4 (start of lunch). We are asking for a small voluntary parental contribution of £1.50 per session (via ParentPay) to cover the cost of resources.







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Engage

#### Year 11 Art

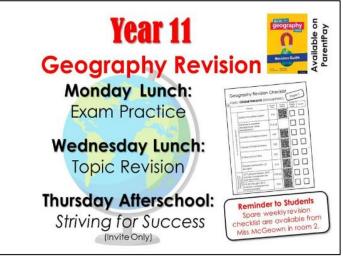
Year 11 art students visited the garden for part of their lesson last week for their Agriculture topic. Mrs. Stones commented on what a fantastic resource it is.







### Year 11 Geography



#### House

Our new House Leadership team will be inaugurated on

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RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Churchill	21151
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moorcroft	21148
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wedgwood	20801
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doulton	20506
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgewater	20426

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Students have been given invitations to the ceremony, where they will be treated to refreshments to congratulate them.

Our students have earned over 100,000 house points. As students reach specific milestones, they will be recognised for their efforts and presented with a pin badge, proudly displaying their achievements for all to see.

#### **Sports**

We had 50 students at netball club after school last Thursday! All years are welcome from 3:25 - 4:25pm. We also had 29 students at girls' football and 45 at boys' football on

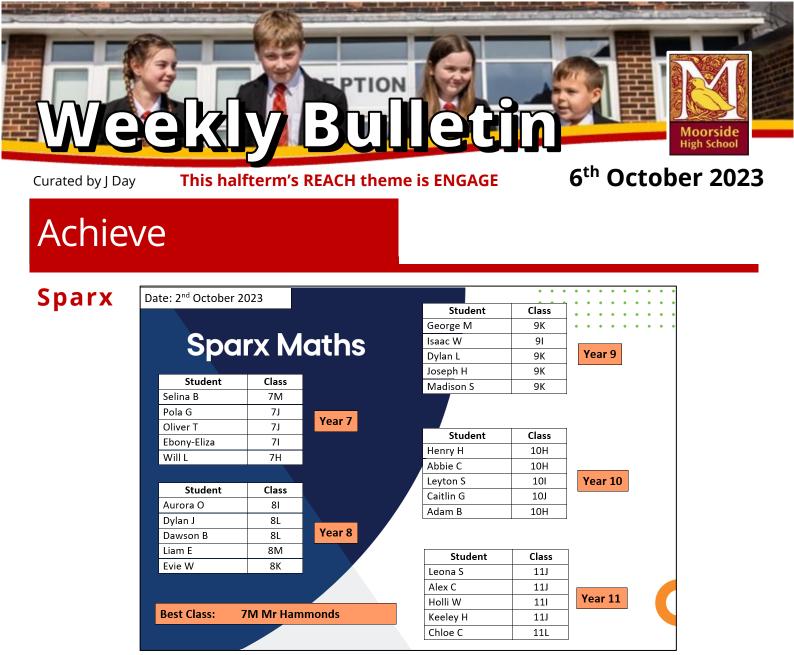




Tuesday after school. It is great to see so many getting involved in our extra-curricular PE clubs.

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#### **Hospitality and Catering**

The Y11 Hospitality and Catering group were fantastic last week and made a selection of sweet and savoury pies. They learnt how to blind bake pastry, how to make a roux and how to make their own gravy.



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