

Weekly Bulletin



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8th March 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Science Week

Next week: Pi Day, Y8 Geography River trip, Y11 Dress Up Day, Rewards Assemblies

A huge well done to all of our year 10s this week who have taken part in the mock exams. Their approach to the process has been fantastic.

I would also like to apologise for the cancelled trip this week. We faced significant staffing challenges on the day, and had to ensure we maintained a safe site for all students

Have a restful weekend

Mr Robinson

Special Mentions

Castle Building Competition

Well done to Frankie J (1st) Isaac W (2nd) Edward L and Ruby W (3rd) for their fantastic castles. Keep up the hard work, and well done.



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Foods that may support your mood include beans, legumes (like lentils), fatty fish rich in omega-3s, nuts (like walnuts, almonds, cashews and peanuts), avocados, dark leafy greens (like spinach, kale and Brussels sprouts), and fruit (like blueberries). Dark chocolate has also been found to be potentially beneficial for mental health.

Parent Forum

This week our Parent Forum met to complete the school SWOT analysis. Considering the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to support the creation of our School Development Plan which sets out our priorities for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. A massive thanks to all those that attended! We are always looking to add new members to our forum so if you are interested in helping to shape the future at MHS please email **Mrs C Alcock** and we can add you to our contact list.

Book Corner

Sam H in Year 7 is reading *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo.

He thinks it is a decent book, with good description and characters. It is

set in World War 1, and two brothers go to war. He would recommend the book to anyone, but not very young readers as there are some upsetting themes.



World Book Day

Miss Crossley's Y9 German class celebrated Weltdag des Buches (World Book Day) by creating their own versions of Little Miss and Mr Men Characters. Other year groups have completed a range of activities in MFL lessons, such as matching up the German book titles with the English front covers, researching "German Fairy Tale Route" and exploring facts about Franz Kafka. There will be more information on World Book Day in next week's bulletin.





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Year 10 German Trip

The MFL Department is arranging an educational visit to see the city of Berlin in Germany for Year 10 German students. The duration of the visit is expected to be four days and will be the 2nd to the 5th of July 2024 inclusive (Tuesday to Friday).

The visit will include excursions to the following sites: - Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin Wall Remnants, Reichstag Parliament Building, Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Zoologischer Garden, Fernsehturm (Television Tower), and Mall of Berlin within the Potsdamer Platz district.

Emails have been sent to parents/guardians of all GCSE German students. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the link on the email.

Engage

National Careers Week

This week is National Careers Week. This is a one-week celebration of careers guidance aimed at providing support for students at an important stage of the academic year. The vision is to help students develop an awareness and excitement about potential future pathways. You can visit this year's Virtual Careers Fair using the following link **by clicking here**, to find out more about careers in Healthcare, Hospitality and Banking as well as information on Young Enterprise opportunities.

Hospitality and Catering

Well done to all the Year 11 Hospitality and Catering group on their effort and hard work last week completing their 3-hour practical. Each student produced 2 dishes to a restaurant quality standard.

Teagan B said that she found the experience very relaxing and would do it all over again. Shannon M said that she felt very well prepared. They both made pizza and brownies.

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Futures Fair

This week we took our Year 10 students to the Futures Fair hosted by Stoke 6th Form College and Staffordshire University. Our students had the opportunity to connect and network with a variety of businesses, apprenticeship providers, volunteers and universities including the Police, Armed forces, IAE, the NHS and Leek, Newcastle, and Stoke-on-Trent Colleges. This is part of our personal development careers programme which supports students to make informed decisions about their next best steps, enabling them to thrive, engage and achieve. The students were impeccably behaved and a real credit to our school community.



Achieve

House Update

We are currently hosting a range of competitions in IT, Food Technology, and Art, and we are encouraging students to actively participate. Every entrant in any competition will earn House Points, and winners will receive additional points.

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	114118
2 nd	Moorcroft	105531
3 rd	Doulton	97098
4 th	Bridgewater	96913
5 th	Wedgwood	82762

In our recent recognition event, we honoured the achievements of Year 11 students. The top 10 students with the highest House Points received commendation postcards and messages sent home to celebrate their success with their parents or guardians.

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Handball

The Year 10/11 girls played in the first round of the national handball cup on Tuesday 5th March. In the first game vs Weston Academy, we were the standout winners with a score of 24-4, which then lead into our game against Haywood Academy (who had also won their first game convincingly.) The winner of this tie would progress to the next round. The game started with a fast pace, and we quickly found ourselves 2-0 down. With a change of positions and some tactical knowledge from Jess, Immy and Maisey, we soon found ourselves back on top of the game, controlling the pace and direction of the game. We took complete control, relaxed, and saw out the game to win 11-4 which sees us progress into the next round of the National Cup! We had a quick pit stop at KFC on the way home to celebrate! Well done girls!

Sparx

Date: 25th February 2024

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Hutchins M	7K
Newsham R	7H
Townson M	7M
Ellis P	7H
Faith A	7J

Year 7

Student	Class
Carne HF	8I
Sophier P	8K1
Roman B	8J
Harrison B	8H
Emilia C	8I

Year 8

Student	Class
Sokol K	9H
James K	9H
Samsel T	9I
Luft B	9H
Davidella O	9I

Year 9

Student	Class
Angel J	10I
Olivia J	10H
Oliver L	10H
Aimee O	10H
Leo R	10H

Year 10

Student	Class
Riya M	11I
Frankie G	11H
Ryding A	11I
Naomie S	11I
Olivia H	11H

Year 11

Best Class: 7H Mr Hammonds

Date: 19th February 2024

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Olivia P	7H
Lewis M	7M
Raka B	7K
Benjamin W	7H
Harley J	7K

Year 7

Student	Class
Halleley G	8I
Finah W	8I
Ava D	8J
Thamer H	8J
Amelia B	8H

Year 8

Student	Class
Lois C	9K
Nia H	9M
Luke W	9M
Emiel P	9I
Isaac W	9I

Year 9

Student	Class
Abbie C	10H
Daniel C	10H
Emma F	10J
Caitlin G	10J
Emma N	10K

Year 10

Student	Class
James R	11H
Oliver M	11J
May-Rose M	11K
Thomas M	11K
Liam B	11I

Year 11

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