

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Personal Finance Assembly, Mock Exams

Next week: Christmas Jumper Day, Y9 Manc. Christmas Market trip, Y11 Theatre visit

It was fantastic to attend the Christmas concert at the Mitchell Arts centre this week. The performances by the students were outstanding.

The individual performances by Isobel K, Alice G, Jayden B & Maisie S were breath-taking, the school choir brought the house down with their renditions of 'Merry Christmas' by Ed Sheeran & Elton John and 'That's Christmas to Me' by Pentatonix. The school orchestra (which consists of both staff and students) is a real sign of our sense of community and the Year 7 & 8 rock band played 'Jingle Bell Rock' by Bobby Helms. The show ended with the full cast from all academies signing 'Merry Christmas Everyone' by Shakin' Stevens to a standing ovation.

Thank you to Mr. Meakin and all his team for organising and coordinating the event.

We are looking to change the school's Vision Statement and would like feedback from parents on your thoughts on the proposed changes to our vision, which would become: **Empowering all to Thrive, Engage and Achieve.**

Please contact **Mrs. C Alcock** with any feedback.

Special Mentions

PET Christmas Concert

Well done to Moorside, Werrington Primary, Biddulph High School and Stoke 6th Form College students who performed at our Potteries Educational Trust Christmas Concert 2023! There were excellent performances from our choir, orchestra, band, and solo artists! Thank you to all staff, pupils, parents, and carers who made this a magnificent event!



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Make time to take a break from study. Go to the gym, kick a ball around with a mate or go for a walk. Whatever it is, start small, with something you think is manageable, and make sure it's something you enjoy.

Uniform

As we enter the winter period, we would like to extend our gratitude for your continued cooperation and support. As the weather starts to worsen, the correct and suitable uniform that meets the school's standards is important for a focussed learning environment. We believe that maintaining a consistent and respectful appearance reflects well on our school and contributes to a sense of unity among our students. Please ensure that your child is dressed in the correct school uniform every day. This includes the appropriate skirt/trousers, tie, shoes, V-Neck jumper, and outdoor coat. Please refer to the [school website](#) for further details. We would also like to remind you that school now has a School Uniform Swap Shop.

Christmas Run-Up

As we approach the end of term and the end of the Y11 Mock Exam season we have lots of fun seasonal activities happening around school to round off what has been a hectic term for all! To ensure you do not miss anything, here is an overview of events for the last few weeks of term

- Throughout December – Elf on the Shelf maths competitions daily in FT
- 11th Dec - Launch of the annual Christmas Jumper design competition
- W/c 18th Dec – House Update Assemblies with Mrs. Fower (recorded and delivered during FT)
- 20th Dec – Student Christmas lunch
- 21st Dec – Year group rewards assemblies (Y7 -11) & Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation via Form Tutor for Save the Children), staff Christmas Track released
- 22nd Dec – Staff Inset Day (School does not open to students)
- Lots of classrooms are being decorated for the season – a special mention to Miss Harrison who has created a festive grotto, complete with model railway around the tree!



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Engage

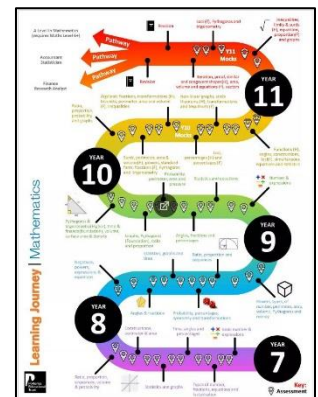
Boxing Champion

Xavier D in Year 10 has won a boxing match. His coach got a call when Xavier was on holiday. Xavier's coach was informed that Xavier had the opportunity to compete in a boxing match in Birmingham. He was entered into a 48kg bout and won. He trains in Fenton and has been boxing for 2 years. He enjoys it. We are immensely proud of the discipline and dedication that Xavier has shown, and are proud of his achievement,



Learning Journey of the Week

This week our focus turns to the Maths learning journey which shows how our spiral curriculum supports a mastery approach by building students' skills in Maths from Y7 through to Y11. This is done by revisiting topics in each year group with increasing levels of challenge to consolidate and build upon prior learning. You can see a more detailed Learning Journey for each year group [here](#). Our full range of learning journeys are on our website [Curriculum page](#).



Special Award

Alice G has received a certificate from the PET CEO, Mark Kent. This is for her participation in the recent production of Les Misérables at the Rep Theatre. Well done, Alice.



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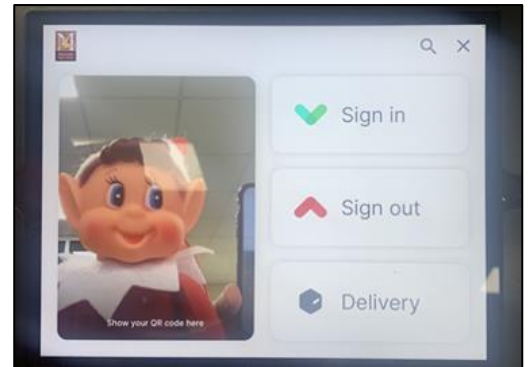


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Achieve

House

The festive fervour is in full swing as the Elf on the Shelf Christmas competition gets underway. The MHS Elf got busy crafting mathematical challenges for our students. Embracing the holiday spirit, students from all year levels participate in the house competition. While the elf's whereabouts for the coming week remain a mystery, Mr. Yeomans is thoroughly enjoying unleashing his creativity with his mischievous little elf friend.



We are delighted to announce a new addition to the house leadership team. Ava J in Year 7 has joined our ranks and is looking forward to shaping the future of the school's house system.

Once more, Churchill emerges triumphant this week, maintaining their lead. The remaining houses need to collaborate now to close the gap!

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Churchill	61764
2 nd	Moorcroft	56505
3 rd	Bridgewater	53487
4 th	Doulton	52385
5 th	Wedgwood	44927

Thank You

We have received the following message regarding our recent non-uniform fundraising for Brain Tumour Research.

Our family would like to thank all those who have contributed to the MHS dressing down day in November for the Brain Tumour Research charity. Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer yet they receive just 1% of the national spend on cancer research. The direct cause of a brain tumour is still not clear and there are over 120 different types. An estimated 16,000 people are diagnosed each year with this disease. Emma was diagnosed with a stage 4 Glioblastoma on Xmas Eve. She endured 3 operations, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy but the cancer being very aggressive, eventually took her life just 12 months later. Thank you for helping to find that elusive cure and preventing another family from heartache. Your support has been awesome.

Kind regards,
Steve