

Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

This half-term's REACH value is: **RESPECT**

9th February 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Half-term

Next week: Y8 Sacred Buildings Trip

One of our core values is Hard Work, we insist that we all Engage with our work and as a result we Achieve the outcomes we want and deserve. With that in mind I want to remind all of Year 11 of the importance of revising over the half term. This is a real opportunity to close some gaps, we will return to another short half term and then the GCSE period will be upon us. Also, Year 10 will be completing their mock exams next half term. Often students will say they want to 'wait and see' how they will do. This is not good advice; I would encourage all students to prepare fully for these exams; progress is hard earned and the marginal gains we make at these significant landmarks all contribute to that final grade.

We have the school production starting as soon as we return, tickets sell out fast so please get them early to avoid disappointment. The productions are always high quality and a delight to watch.

Can I lastly wish all students a safe and restful break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term.

Special Mentions

Meet the Beasts

On Monday 5th February, our school was visited by 'Dr Stu' some incredibly special guests including Geoff the Boa Constrictor, Rosie the Mexican Red-Knee Tarantula, and the Jellybean the Leopard Gecko! The year 7 students enjoyed meeting the 'beasts' and learning all about them.



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Sometimes we don't realise the impact that social media has on our wellbeing, Take time to switch off from apps like Tiktok and Snapchat. Block and mute accounts and hashtags that contain things you don't want to see. Limit yourself to a few hours on social media a day – you can do this in your phone settings.

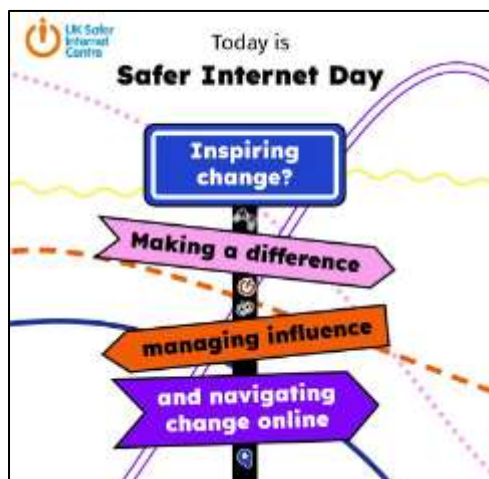
Supporting Student Mental Health

At Moorside we are committed to supporting students' mental health through form tutor support, mental well-being activities in form time and through our School Well-being Worker, Debbie Arnold, who works with us on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If a student would like to see Debbie about their mental well-being, they can self-refer through their form tutor or at student reception and Debbie also runs 'drop-in sessions' which are open to all and require no appointments every Tuesday lunchtime in the Well-being Room. On Tuesday 20th February, we are also holding a mental health event in the hall.

If you require more information about how we can support your mental health, please speak to your form tutor, Mrs Burke, or Mrs Plant.



Safer Internet Day



This week we recognised the importance of online safety in school by marking Safer Internet Day 2024. The theme of this year's day was 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online.' The UK Safer Internet Centre created the resource for this day in consultation with young people across the UK. This year young people in the UK wanted to raise the profile of:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

In school we took part in assemblies and form time activities around these themes. If you would like to find out more information about internet safety, you can [find more information here.](#)

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Engage

Trip To the Somme

Dan C has written this write up of the recent trip: *"The history trips this year was different to usual, it being in France near the Somme, rather than Ypres in Belgium. We visited many battlegrounds, memorials, and cemeteries, including Wellington Quarry and Thiepval Memorial. Whilst there, I was able to visit the grave of a relative who fought and died in the Somme. It was a thought provoking and sobering experience. I enjoyed learning some foreign culture and enjoyed the French cuisine. Overall, it was an amazing experience, and I would love to go again. Many thanks to all who helped organise and run it."*



Attendance Reminder

Pupils must be on site by 8.40am. It is part of the school's daily routine to operate morning punctuality checks. Morning form time registration is a legal obligation and must be attended by all pupils promptly at 8.45am. If pupils arrive to school after the legal close of registration at 9.10am they will receive a 'U = Unauthorised Absence' mark from their form tutor. 'U' marks will impact on the pupil's attendance; therefore, it is imperative that pupils take responsibility for their punctual arrival to form-time to avoid impacting their attendance. If the pupil arrives after 9.10am they must report to the Attendance Officer at Student Reception to be signed in for their current session (for example: period 1). It is important to note that schools are unable to change the 'U' mark given to the pupil for being absent for legal registration during form time due to registers closing for this session at 9.10am.

In line with attendance guidelines produced by the government, DfE and Staffordshire County Council guidelines, if a pupil receives 10 'U codes' in 12 weeks we must report the persistent punctuality / attendance issue to the Local Education Welfare Service. The Local Authority will determine whether to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice or Court Proceedings

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Achieve

Sparx

Date: 5th February 2024

Student	Class
Tawana M	7M
Martha G	7I
Christopher M	7K
Beth R	7J
Olivia Pa	7H

Year 7

Student	Class
Daniel M	8I
Gracie-Mae B	8I
Scarlett C	8I
Jay P	8H
Dylan J	8K2

Year 8

Student	Class
Dylan C	9L
Shanaya C	9L
Mia P	9M
Megan P	9M
Immy T	9L

Year 9

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
Seb O	10K
Almee Q	10H
Tejvan T	10H
Chloe H	10L

Year 10

Student	Class
Oliver M	11J
Dylan M	11H
Rhys M	11I
Oliver R	11I
Evie P	11H

Year 11

Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds

House

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	98826
2 nd	Moorcroft	91731
3 rd	Doulton	84786
4 th	Bridgewater	84239
5 th	Wedgwood	64127

On February 20th, students from the House Leadership system will gather with the local Parish community. Our aim is to establish a student council, giving our students a voice within the community. Stay tuned for updates after the meeting! Meanwhile, it is heartening to witness the ongoing enthusiasm and engagement of our students within the school's house system as they participate in various events and activities.

Cross Country

Well done to our cross-country runners who competed in the county championships on Saturday 3rd Feb! After some amazing results in the district, they qualified to represent Staffordshire moorlands in the county championship. Well done to Annaleigh, Lara, Emilia, Max, Reuben, Will, and Tom.

Sparx Competition

Complete Sparx Independent Learning tasks and gain XP.

Sparx Maths
Empowering teachers, motivating learners
Independent Learning Competition

Top 10 students in Year 10 and top 10 students in Year 11 on Monday 19th February get house points!