

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: ICT trip to Alton Towers, DofE Weekend, Student Forum, International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia
Next week: Feedback from student forum

The desks are now out, and the hall is in use as Year 11 started their full cohort exams this week. Thursday was a big day, with many students sitting two exams back-to-back. A huge well done to Shania who had to complete 3 exams in one day. The attitude and behaviour of the students has been excellent and attendance at the morning sessions has been positive.

As the pleasant weather begins, we have opened the fields which students always enjoy, and opens up the site. There are table tennis tables available outside for students to use, students can bring their own bats in to use if they wish.

Have a good and restful weekend.

Special Mentions

Cheerleading

Jasmine D represented England for a 2nd year at Cheerleading World Championships, in Florida. In 2021 this championship officially became part of the Olympics.

She got 2nd place, missing 1st place with only 0.3 of a point difference. Fingers crossed for gold next year!

Jasmine is also representing the school in handball, bench ball, netball, and rugby and so she really is a sporting superstar!



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Take a break from revision and make sure you're getting enough sleep. Doing too much and stressing yourself out is as helpful as doing none at all.

Goodbye Mrs Arnold

We have said goodbye to our mental health worker, Debbie Arnold, as she enjoys retirement. She has worked with students at Moorside for some time and has provided a valuable resource and been a source of comfort for many students. She will be missed but we wish her all the best for the future.

Mental Health Week

13th May is the start of Mental Health Awareness week. **The link provided** takes you to a collection of apps that are designed to support young people, adults and families with their mental health and well-being. Some of these do need a paid subscription to use them while others have been made freely available. Parents may find it useful to review the apps and share with children if it feels appropriate.

Parent Voice sponsored by Carolyn's Creations

Make a lasting impact by **completing the School Parent/Carer View Questionnaire** and be in with a chance to win a prize! This is a fantastic opportunity to share your insights and ideas to shape the educational experience at Moorside High School and to win a £15 voucher towards anything on offer from **'Carolyn's Creations'**. The questionnaire closes on Friday 24th May when the winner will be drawn at random.



Moorside High School



If you have a business and would like to donate a prize to sponsor our future parent surveys or support any aspect of our school community, please contact calcock@mhs.potteries.ac.uk

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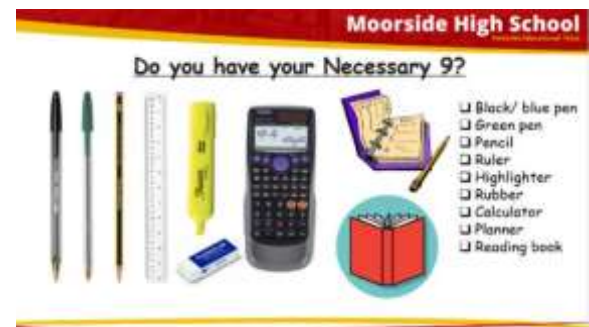
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Parent Forum

Next week will be our penultimate Parent Forum meeting of the year. Our new Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Rewards, Mr Goodwin, will be meeting with parents to introduce himself and to discuss key policy developments for the coming academic year. Our parent forum meets once per half term on a Tuesday evening (5-6pm). This is an opportunity for parents to raise issues, give their views and be a part of the school consultation on policies. All parents and carers are invited to come along. If you would be interested in joining our Parent Forum, please email calcock@mhs.potteries.ac.uk. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th May.

Year 11 Equipment

Year 11s - are you prepared for your GCSE exams? You will need - black pen (and a spare pen), pencil, ruler, rubber, and a highlighter for all your exams. You will need geometry equipment for your maths exam. All students will need *their own* calculator for their maths and science exams.



Remember that you must take all equipment in a clear pencil case, not take your phone in, and only take water in a clear bottle.

Attendance

Well done to Eshaan C who won the attendance team's Spot Attendance Prize



Late Gate

Due to the increasing number of students arriving late to school, we have reintroduced the late gate initiative. Students must be at school by the time the 8:45 bell rings, otherwise the attendance team will issue them with a late detention. Failure to attend this will result in an afterschool.

We would also like to remind parents to avoid dropping children off at the school gate as this causes dangerous congestion and increases risk for pedestrians and other road users.

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Engage

Artwork

Daniella O in Year 9 has submitted some amazing artwork based around the theme of Identity. What a talent she has, well done!



Student voice

Thank you to all the students who have already completed their student voice survey; we really value your feedback and use it to inform our school development plan. If you have not managed to complete the student voice survey yet, please make sure it is completed by scanning the QR code below:

Student Voice May 2024



Tutbury Trip

On Tuesday 7th of May we took the whole of Year 7 to Tutbury Castle. Students got the chance to meet Elizabeth I and ask her questions about her life. They completed different activities throughout the day, seeing birds of prey, experiencing distinct types of music and had a tour of the castle ruins. Students really engaged with the day and behaved exceptionally. Well done to all students. A special mention to Isaac J W, Owen W, Charlie A and Odin H-C who even got knighted!



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Achieve

House

We are in the process of finalising the house system calendar for 2024/2025. We are excited to offer a diverse range of cross-curricular activities and competitions. Stay tuned for the release of the calendar for the upcoming academic year!

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	152887
2 nd	Moorcroft	140807
3 rd	Bridgewater	128386
4 th	Doulton	126386
5 th	Wedgwood	109773

Girl's Rugby

On Wednesday we took a Year 7/8 team to our first district girls touch rugby tournament at Leek Rugby Club. Despite no training and much of the team never playing before, the girls picked the game up quickly and really got stuck in! Well done to Lacey, Poppy, Imogen, Amelia, Ellie, Lily, Jasmine, and Halia. Also big thanks to Lucie in Year 9 who came along to coach and was an immense help to the team! If you would like to give rugby a go, ask your PE teacher who will be able to put you in touch with our local clubs!



Basketball

Well done to the Y7/8 basketball squad who recently competed in the district 3v3 Basketball Tournament at Fenton Manor Leisure Centre. Competing against six other teams our A Team won four and drew two matches making them the overall district winners for the second year running.



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Sparx

Date: 6th May 2024

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Olivia Pa	7H
Sophie HF	7I
Faith A	7J
Tawana M	7M
Taylor C	7K

Year 7

Student	Class
Rumer B	8J
Kai B	8H
Neiye B	8I
Oscar M	8K1
Jonah B	8K2

Year 8

Best Class: 7H Mr Hammonds

Student	Class
Ava W	9K
Luke W	9M
Oliver A	9H
Hope C	9I
Millie M	9J

Year 9

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
Abbie C	10H
Erin A	10H
Charlie B	10H
Adam B	10H

Year 10

Student	Class
Sophia C	11I
Evie C	11J
Ben B	11H
Katie B	11I
Alfie G	11K

Year 11



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Important Crime Agency Information

Information from the National Crime agency to share with parents-

All schools in the UK have recently been sent information from the National Crime Agency, raising awareness of the recent rise in reporting of financially motivated sexual extortion (a type of online blackmail often known in the media as 'sextortion').

Children and young people worldwide are being targeted. This type of crime involves an adult offender (often from an organised crime group based overseas) threatening to release nude or semi-nude images and/or videos of a child or young person, unless they pay money, or meet another financial demand, such as purchasing a pre-paid gift card. Victims of any age and gender can be targets, however a large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged 14-18. A child or young person is never to blame if they have been a victim. Offenders will have tricked, groomed and/or manipulated them into sharing an image.

Find out more about online blackmail on CEOP Education's parents and carers website. Talking to your child It's important to have frequent, open and non-judgemental conversations with your child about relationships, sex and being online to build trust and support them if something goes wrong. Financially motivated sexual extortion should be included in those conversations.

Here are some tips about how to approach this:

- Chat regularly about their life online: have ongoing conversations with them about their life and time online. Continue to take an interest as they grow, explore new apps and sites together and talk in a balanced way, considering the benefits and the potential harms.
- Talk about where to find information about relationships and sex: organisations like CEOP Education, Childline and Brook have age-appropriate advice topics such as sexual communication and image sharing. This will help your child to understand what unhealthy relationships look like, such as applying pressure and blackmail; and give them trusted sources of information to explore these topics. Protecting the public from serious and organised crime
- Review privacy settings: talk to your child about the importance of using privacy settings on their accounts to restrict who can contact them. Read CEOP Education's advice on how to talk your child about their privacy settings.
- Make sure they know where to go for support: let them know that they can come to you with any concerns and won't be judged. It's also important to make them aware of other trusted adults or sources of support, if they feel they can't talk to you, such as Childline.
- Make sure they know where to report remind your child how you can help them to report an incident to the police or using the CEOP Safety Centre. Let them know that if a nude or semi-nude of them has been shared without their consent, they can take these 3 steps to try and get them removed:



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1. Use Report Remove, a tool from Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation. Your child can use this to remove images that have been shared or might be shared.
2. Use Take It Down, a tool from the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children. Your child can use this to remove or stop the online sharing of images or videos.
3. Report directly to the platform or app that the incident has occurred on. For advice on how to report to major social media platforms, visit Internet Matters.

To learn more about what resources are available to help you support your child, visit the UK Safer Internet Centre. What can I do if this has happened to my child? If your child tells you that someone is trying to trick, threaten or blackmail them online:

- Don't pay, do stop contact and block: you may be tempted to pay, but there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats. As the offender's motive is to get money, once you have shown you can pay, they will likely ask for more and blackmail may continue. If you have paid, don't panic but don't pay anything more. Help your child to stop all communication with the offender and block them on any accounts that they have been contacted on.
- Avoid deleting anything: try not to delete anything that could be used as evidence such as messages, images and bank account details. Protecting the public from serious and organised crime
- Report to the police or CEOP: call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm to your child. Or you can use the CEOP Safety Centre to report any online blackmail attempts. If it has already happened and your child has shared an image and sent money to someone exploiting them:
- Reassure them that they've done the right thing by telling you: make sure they know they are not to blame for what has happened and they have done the right thing to ask for your help. Children and young people's mental health may be negatively impacted by experiences of exploitation; you can find advice on looking after your child's mental health from the NHS.
- Report to the police or CEOP: call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm to your child. Or you can use the CEOP Safety Centre to report an incident. If your child is 18 and over, call 101 or 999 if they are at risk of immediate harm.
- Report any images or videos that have been shared: help your child to remove images that are online or prevent images being shared online by following the steps above.