

# Weekly Bulletin



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## From the Head Teacher

### Coming Up

*This week:* DofE weekend

*Next week:* World Theatre Day

We are thrilled to kick off the new term on a high note here at Moorside! Assemblies have been brimming with enthusiasm as Mr. Goodwin sets the tone for the upcoming weeks, outlining our focus and expectations.

Our students are already earning raffle tickets for living our REACH values within the school community. More details on this will be featured in the bulletin.

On the academic front, Year 11 German speaking exams are in full swing, marking the beginning of the final stretch before the GCSEs begin in just a few weeks. Additionally, Year 11s did the annual end of year photograph, and we are really pleased to report that Tempest (our photography partners) were thoroughly impressed by the exemplary behaviour, manners, and conduct of our students. In fact, they described our students as the best they have ever seen!

Thank you for your continued support in fostering an environment where our students thrive both academically and personally. Together, we are shaping a bright future for our Moorside community.

## Special Mentions

### First Aid Achievement

Well done to Sophie F in Year 10, who over the Easter Break completed 32 voluntary hours to complete her COFA (Cadet Officer First Aid course). As a St John Ambulance cadet, she attended the course which was 4 full days of training at the St John Ambulance training centre in Hanley. She attended from Wednesday to Saturday, 9am until 4pm each day. The course included training in heart attacks, CPR and use of AED device, burns, asthma attacks, anaphylaxis, choking adults and children, seizures, diabetic emergencies, minor and severe bleeding and much, much more. Well done Sophie, this is an incredible achievement and such valuable and important knowledge to have.



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## School News

### Mental Health Tip:

Creating a regular routine for yourself can help you feel more in control of what is going on in your life and reduce stress levels. Set aside time for homework, meals, activities, socialising and rest so you get used to what you're expecting daily. You can ask your parents/carers to help you establish this.

## Shows

Frankie M and Kaci-Mae T in Year 8 are taking part in a dance show called Never Give Up in August at The Regent Theatre. We are sure the show will be a remarkable success. Additionally, Alice G in Year 7 is performing in a production of Bonnie and Clyde at Stoke Youth Rep during the last week of April. There are still tickets left, and you can purchase them [here](#). Finally, congratulations to Beth R in Year 7 who performed with Congleton Youth Orchestra last Saturday in their Spring Concert. She is the youngest member of the Senior Choir. We are immensely proud that our students are showcasing their talent across the city and beyond.



## Year 11 Photo

Our fantastic year 11s getting ready for their photo! Their behaviour was exemplary, and they were so mature and smart. Every student smiled for their photograph!



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## New Cohort Devices

The ordering portal for our Year 7 laptops is now open in preparation for our September 2024 intake. All Parents and carers with students joining us in September have received an email with details of the programme including specifics about the device, costs, and the ordering process. We are also holding Showcase Evenings to give parents and students an opportunity to ask questions and find out more from the staff and students about the device programme. **Orders must be placed by 10th June. Visit our [website for more information.](#)**



## House Silver Award

What an incredible start to the new term! Today, we honoured Connor D by awarding him the esteemed Silver house system accolade. Connor's steadfast commitment and remarkable diligence have propelled him to an impressive 1000 house points, marking him as the first student to achieve this remarkable feat. In acknowledgment of his outstanding accomplishments, Connor received a certificate of achievement and a £50 gift voucher from Mr. Robinson, our Headteacher, and Miss Fower, House of House.



## Staffordshire Walking Festival

Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival is back. Many free family-friendly guided walks around the local area, led by local and experienced leaders. Great practice for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, or even if you just want to make the most of the lovely weather and get out in the beautiful scenery. Dates, locations, and information found on the [here](#).



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## Change in School Times

We have received **150** responses regarding the possible change of school hours.

Please take the time to complete the survey below as it will help us make an informed decision that benefits the entire school community.

We would like to invite you to share your thoughts regarding the possible change of school hours. Your feedback is important to us, as it will help us make an informed decision that benefits the entire school community.

### The changes are as follows:

8:40 – 9:00	Tutor time
9:00 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 – 12:15	Period 3
12:15 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 13:20	Reading
13:20 – 14:15	Period 4
14:15 – 15:10	Period 5

### The Reason for Change

- An earlier start will support progress
- It will support families with students at Primary (that finish at 3.25)
- Allow more time to catch buses
- Allow greater flexibility for after school clubs

To help us gather your thoughts on the potential school hours reduction **please complete this form.**

Your responses will remain anonymous, and the information provided will be used solely for the purpose of understanding your perspective and considering the potential impact of this change. We appreciate your time and participation in this process.

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## Engage

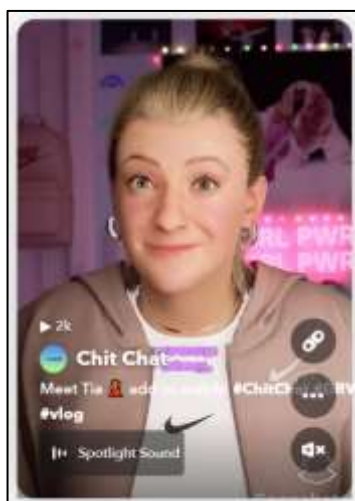
### Art Trip

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March a group of fifteen Year 9 students had the opportunity to complete artist led workshops at Unit 12 - a gallery and craft space owned and curated by local artist Jennifer Collier. Set in the heart of the Staffordshire countryside, students completed a sketch book in the morning exploring different making techniques and then in the afternoon they applied these techniques in the making of a hand-crafted pair of shoes and matching shoe box: techniques that they will be able to fully utilise back in the classroom as part of their studies for the GCSE course. The students produced some fantastic work and were an absolute credit to the school.



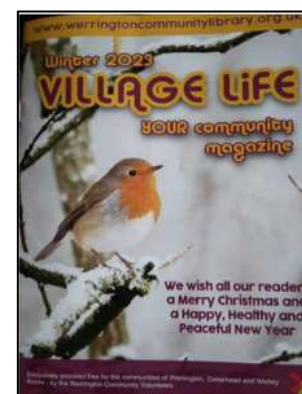
### Nike ChitChat

Well done to Georgie E for landing a role in a new Nike advertising initiative called ChitChat, starring in the role of Tia. The series is available on **Snapchat**.



### Art Competition

Mrs Stones is running a competition in conjunction with Werrington Village Life. Werrington Community Library have asked students to design the front cover for their summer edition of the community magazine. You can design the cover in any media(s) you wish. It should reflect the community that our school serves. Text can be superimposed over the image in the font and style of your choice, as well as a welcome quote or message to the readers. The only content that it must contain is the text "Summer 2024" and "Village Life Your Community Magazine.". The deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



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## Achieve

### House

Bridgewater is climbing the leader board in 3<sup>rd</sup> place this week. With 13 weeks remaining until the end of the academic year, who will emerge as the House Winner of 2024?

Rank	House	House Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Churchill	13028
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moorcroft	120106
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bridgewater	109647
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doulton	108081
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wedgwood	93751

## Under-15 Girls' Football

The Under-15 Girls' Football team played Rawlett High School in the semi-final of the County Cup on Thursday 11th April. The game was remarkably close and although we had majority of the possession, we went into half time with a score of 0-0. We started brightly again after half time; Lily W put us 1-0 up with a great turn and finish from outside the box. 10 minutes later, Rawlett were through one on one with our keeper Taya, who stood tall and closed the angle forcing the Rawlett player to rattle the post with her shot. Soon after, Rawlett's pressure paid off and a good cross through the box found their player back post who finished neatly. Into the last 10 minutes it was all to play for. There were a few competitive challenges from both teams; Moorside won a free kick around 20 yards out. Leah W took the free kick and drove it low into the corner of the goal past several defenders. 2-1 up with 5 minutes to go! Rawlett did not give up and had plenty of possession in the final minutes but could not find the equaliser. The girls now go on to play in the Staffordshire Schools' County Cup final which is currently scheduled to be played at Stafford Town FC on 29th April, 5pm kick off. Well done girls, and good luck in the final!

## Dance

Well done to Phoebe E in Year 9 who has won the Artistic Interpretation Award at Bbo Dance Days. She will get her name engraved on a statue and she has also won a scholarship to next year's Dance Days. Well done for your hard work, commitment, and skill Phoebe.



## Year 11 Special Reward

Year 11's last rewards assembly was on the last day of term. Mrs Stokes was particularly proud of 17 students who have not received a single referral in their 5 years at Moorside. They have not missed some homework, worn incorrect uniform or been late to their lessons, and they are a shining example to the rest of the school. We hope that they enjoy spending their shopping vouchers.

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## Standards and Expectations

Mr Goodwin has introduced himself to all students this week through assemblies and being active on the corridors. He has set very clear expectations and reiterated the standards that all students should strive for in order to achieve, as well as introducing some new initiatives.

### He has introduced the MOORSIDE standards for all students:

- Move around the building calmly with purpose
- On time for all lessons
- Organised and prepared for learning
- Respect my peers and staff at all times
- Show ability to make positive choices
- I actively listen
- Do not say no to any member of staff
- Engage with all learning

### He has reminded students of the uniform expectations:

- All students have the Necessary Nine/ PE Kit.
- Shirts always tucked in.
- Blazer on, always.
- Correct shoes.
- Ties on at all times.
- Sleeves rolled down.
- No jewellery apart from one plain stud per ear and a watch.
- No false eye lashes.
- No false nails.
- No mobile phones. If we see them, they will be confiscated.
- No abstract colours or shaved lines in hair.
- Smart Card on your person always.

### He has explained the conduct he expects to see from students:

- Move with purpose to your next lesson if you are more than 5 minutes late, you will be sanctioned.
- Move on the left-hand side at all times.
- Students do not go to the toilet in between lessons.
- Students should carry a pass if they are out of lesson, otherwise it is truancy and will be sanctioned.
- Line up in a straight line and wait for your teacher in a calm manner.



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**He has clarified what sanctions are in place at Moorside to ensure standards and expectations are met:**

- Phone calls home from staff.
- Incorrect uniform (such as jewellery or hoodies) will be confiscated.
- Meetings with parents/carers.
- Break, lunch and afterschool detentions.
- Periods of isolation from classmates and peers.
- Behaviour reports monitored by either Form Tutors, Head of Year or SLT.
- RESET placements.
- Fixed term suspensions.
- Managed Moves.
- Permanent Exclusions.

**He has also set all students a challenge:**

Go and introduce yourself in a professional manner to Mr Goodwin and tell him the Moorside Standards. If you do this, he will give you a REACH Raffle Ticket.

**What does professional manner mean?**

- Handshake
- Introduce yourself and tell him what year you are in.
- Try to name the Moorside Standards.

Good luck.