

Weekly Bulletin



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12th May 2023

From the Head Teacher

The exam season is now fully upon us, with Year 11 starting their new timetables and formal exams in full swing next week. To ensure we can make these run as smoothly as possible, we have moved the times of the day around slightly so that the afternoon session starts earlier. These can be seen in the table opposite.

The absolute best of luck to all our students taking part in the exams. They have worked extremely hard over the last 5 years, and over these last 12 months they have set the standard across the school with their focus and engagement.

During this time, we will be asking that all students are aware that exams are taking place and maintain the calm atmosphere we have come to expect around the school.

Good luck Year 11! We all believe in you.

TIMES OF THE SCHOOL DAY DURING EXAMS

PERIOD	TIME
Tutor Time	8.45 – 8.55 am
P1 1	8.55 – 9.55 am
P2 2	9.55 – 10.55 am
BREAK	10.55 – 11.10am
P3	11.10 – 12.10 pm
LUNCH	12.10 – 1.00 pm
Reading	1.00 – 1.25 pm
P4 4	1.25 – 2.25pm
P5 5	2.25 – 3.25pm

Special Mentions

Premier League Kicks

Ten Year 9 students got a true footballing experience on Thursday, when they were invited with 6 other local high schools to take part in a tournament on the pitch at the Bet365 Stadium! The mixed team of Junior, Leyton, Addison, James, Ashton H, Ashton W, Aiden, Leah, Evie, and Jess drew in 3 of their games and, lost 2. The results really didn't matter as playing in a professional stadium was the true prize!



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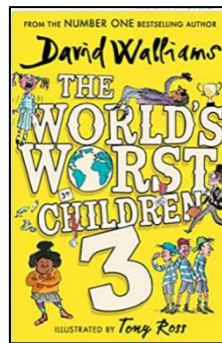
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School News

Book Corner

Logan K in Year 10 is reading "World's Worst Children 3" by David Walliams. He finds it a good, easy read but thinks that it might be more suited for younger readers and thinks he might be a bit advanced for it. His favourite part so far is about Boastful Barnabus because he is very gassy and Logan said, "it's very amusing if you want a good laugh."



Year 8 Exams

Year 8 exams start soon, please see the timetable below. Good luck to all Year 8 students!

Thursday 18 May	Tuesday 23 May	Wednesday 24 May	Friday 26 May
Period 4	Period 1	Period 4	Period 4
Maths (Non-calc)	English Language	Maths (Calc)	English Literature
1 hr	1 hr	1 hr	1 hr

Eurovision

This week, the MFL department are running a Eurovision House Competition for Year 7s within lessons. Students will listen to 10 songs, including the UK, Germany, and Austria entries, and then assign the countries points from 12 to 1, with 12 points going to their favourite entry. After the Grand Final has taken place on Saturday, scores will be compared, and House Points will be given to the students who come closest to predicting the correct ranking of the final scoreboard.

There is also a tie break question. We are asking students to predict how many points Germany will receive in the live show (from both the judges and the public vote). They received 3 in 2021 and 6 in 2022, can they do better in 2023?

Moorside, start voting now!

Scorecard Predictions

You are going to listen to the songs that will represent the following countries. Your task is to assign the following points; 12 points to your favourite entry.

Name: _____
Form: _____
House: _____

	Punkte / Points	Das Land / Country
12		
10		
8		
7		
6		
5		
4		
3		
2		
1		

BONUS CHALLENGE: How many points will Deutschland score in the Eurovision 2023 Final? _____ Punkte

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Engage

German Careers

The German careers and further study trip to the 6th Form College trip took place on Tuesday and saw ten Year 10 pupils attend a Year 12 German lesson. They saw a selection of the topics studied in 6th Form, joined in some lesson activities, had a Q&A with pupils, and finished with a tour of the college. All pupils were a credit to the school and held their own in the Kahoot quiz final!

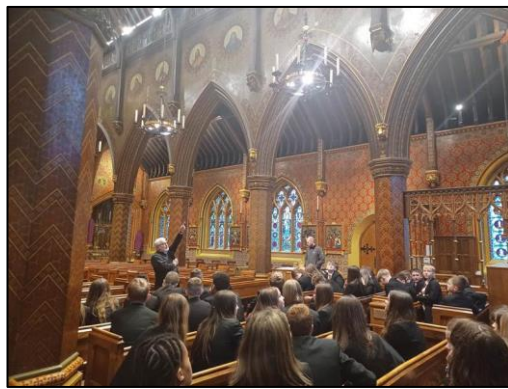


Sacred Buildings

Well done to Year 8 who have been on the sacred buildings trip this term, demonstrating profound respect whilst learning about others.

Pupils visited Masjid Abi Hurairah, Breathe New Life Church, Stoke-on-Trent Synagogue and St Giles' Catholic Church. Pupils were able to explore a range of different sacred buildings on this trip, and developed an understanding of why these places mean so much to religious people.

Mrs Williams would like to thank all of Year 8 for their fantastic behaviour and amazing questions!



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Achieve

Dodgeball

Congratulations to the year 8 Dodgeball team that competed in the district moorlands competition. They managed to beat Churnet View in a final after being all square in the league table!

Well done to: Finlay T, George M, Sam B (Captain), Isaac W, Oliver N.



House

Things are heating up in the House system, and the stakes have been raised! The winning house will receive a special treat at the end of term, the details of which are still top secret (it will however involve an afternoon off timetable). This new incentive has certainly pushed Moorcroft to increase their efforts, and they have earned over 230 points in the last week.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1	Doulton	1376
2	Bridgewater	1025
3	Churchill	946
4	Moorcroft	945
5	Wedgwood	928

Attendance

Well done to Year 7 who are overall making excellent efforts to improve their attendance. Attendance for Year 7 today is 94.4%, which is their highest this year. House points can be awarded for good attendance, so let us see if the other Year groups can beat Year 7 on their attendance record.