



Weekly Bulletin

Curated by J Day

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12th July 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Rewards

Next week: Summer Holidays

As part of our core REACH value of Community, we have placed a strong emphasis on kindness—taking responsibility for ourselves and caring for one another. We celebrate our differences and treat each other with respect and compassion.

This week, I witnessed a fantastic example of these values in action. A group of our Year 10 girls going out of their way to support younger students, particularly showing exceptional care for a Year 7 girl, making sure she felt welcomed and valued in our school community. This was not asked for, it was not guided, it was just something done because they are kind. A heartfelt thank you and well done to Olivia S, Jess H, Ruby E, Sophia H, Charley J, Miley E, Maisie A, Emily R, and Chloe A. Additionally, a special thanks to Sophie F for assisting one of the Year 6 students during a challenging transition day. These acts of kindness are just a glimpse of the daily compassion and consideration our students demonstrate. I have listed a few here but have examples of this right across the school from a vast number of students.

Visitors to our school consistently recognise this as one of our greatest strengths. Our students, your children, are fantastic. They lead by example, take care of one another and we are exceptionally proud of them all.

Have a good and restful weekend

Special Mentions

JCA Adventure

Students who took part in the JCA Adventure trip had a brilliant time. They took part in various activities including football and netball tournaments, archery, zip lining, climbing, and caving.





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School News

Mental Health Tip:

If you need support with your mental health and feel like you can't reach out to anyone at school or home, there are still people you might want to reach out to. You can find out more on the [MIND website](#).

Lockers

All lockers need to be emptied by the end of the week as the company is coming in over the summer to clean and repair them. Anything left in them will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation.

First Day of Term

Due to an error on the school website, we would like to clarify that the **start of the term is Wednesday the 4th of September for all students.**

Uniform Swap Shop

Our uniform swap shop has proven popular with our families this year, but we are running low of smaller sizes. If your child has outgrown their current blazer, shirt and/or trousers and you would like to donate them to the school it would be much appreciated. Donated items of any sizes to reception are always welcome.

Policy Updates

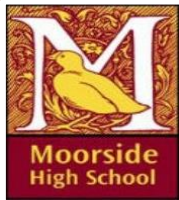
All parents/careers will be receiving a letter with some updates in terms of behaviour, rewards, attendance, and detentions for the next academic year. This letter will be sent via Arbor, and it is vital you read this letter ready for September.

Last Day

Smart Card detentions reduced to 132 from 168, earning a non-school uniform day. The school day will also finish at 1.15pm and the site will be closed at 1.30. We ask that students do not wear:

- piercings other than those that are accepted by the current academy uniform policy (this is for health and safety reasons).
- revealing clothing (I.E crop tops, short shorts).
- any clothing with images or slogans that may be deemed as offensive.

If your child does not follow these standards, you will be contacted, and your child may be put into isolation. We do not want this to happen, as it could spoil what is going to be a fantastic day.



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School Uniform

In April we launched our new uniform policy, [found here](#). As many of our parents/careers will be purchasing new uniform we encourage you to read the policy in detail to make sure all students are dressed correctly for the next academic year. If students are not dressed correctly, they may be isolated until this is sorted. If you have any questions with regards to uniform, please contact your child's form tutor. All uniform can be purchased from just for kids. However, we also allow you to purchase it from other providers.

School Uniform Sale Dates 2024

- TESCO -25% off School Uniform - Tuesday 23rd July
- M&S - 20% off school uniform – from Tuesday 2nd July
- ASDA - selected items currently reduced
- SAINSBURYS - 25% off school uniform – from Wednesday 19th June

Staffordshire County Council

Book Now

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Holiday Activities and Food

Funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

SCAN ME!



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Engage

RHS Garden Success

The gardening team at Moorside High School are over the moon to have received recognition from the Royal Horticultural Society. The garden has been recognised and given the highest accolade of Level 5 by the RHS, certified gold standard. We will receive £150, a certificate and a plaque from the RHS. The gardening team had to prove that they were worthy of Level 5 by demonstrating how they garden through the year, garden with members of the community and keep gardening at the heart of your school.

The garden has come a long way in the last two years – it was not long ago that it was a muddy hole surrounded by patchy grass. The gardening club have transformed it into a haven for wildlife and a hub of activity. This has been done under the guidance of Mr and Mrs Buckley, Ms Day, and Mr Alcock. It could not have been done without the help of Dave the caretaker. An extra special mention goes to Archie H and Fin W, who have lived and breathed the garden project since they joined in Year 7. A lot of the projects that have been undertaken have been their vision and required them to pitch their ideas to SLT, design and build hatched by hand from scratch, and muck out chickens. Faith E has also attended every gardening session without fail and has harvested her own seeds to bring in and grow for the benefit of everyone. Their dedication, along with the rest of the club, has been phenomenal.

Watch this space for the results of our local show entries!





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House Celebration

The winning house for this year was announced to the school community on Monday: Moorcroft are the house winners for 2024. Students from Moorcroft attended a house rewards afternoon hosted by our Head of House, Miss Roberts. They celebrated their achievements and played bingo, with over £500 worth of prizes awarded to the winners. Students enjoyed complimentary sweets at the pick 'n' mix area and munched on popcorn during cinema time. Their behaviour was exemplary. Mrs. Ball, the bingo caller, certainly kept the students entertained. It was another memorable experience for our house system.



A massive well done to all the students for collectively earning over 675,000 house points. As a school, our objective was to offer a range of activities and events to suit all needs and requirements across the entire curriculum. After reviewing the last academic year, we have certainly achieved that. Next year's house calendar is bursting with events and competitions, and we look forward to witnessing our students engaging and achieving.

