

Weekly Bulletin



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14th June 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Pride Month, Thank A Teacher Day, Y10 Birmingham Trip

Next week: Sports week, Sports Day, Y9 DofE weekend

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we want to share the exciting work that has been happening behind the scenes. Our Directors of Teaching and Learning (DTLs) and Heads of Year (HoYs) have completed their end of year conferences.

They have been reflecting on our current position and developing key action plans that will drive us forward next year and beyond. Their input and dedication are crucial in raising standards and achieving our shared vision.

At the core of our vision is the belief that we are not only making students better learners but also better people. We recognise that our students are already excellent, well-rounded young individuals, and our aim is to continue nurturing and supporting them to reach their full potential and beyond.

Wishing you all a good and restful weekend.

Important Notice: Remote Learning on 4th July

School is a designated voting centre so will be used in the upcoming general election on 4th July. This is a decision that was made by the local government. To safeguard the students, they will participate in off-site learning on 4th of July. Lessons will run online, at normal lesson times, throughout the day. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this.

Special Mentions

Stroud v Olympia Cannock

Maisie J and Jess C were both part of the Olympia Cannock team on Saturday. Stroud were an evenly matched side for Olympia Cannock - both teams having won all games leading to the final.

Although Olympia Cannock maintained a lead for most of the game, the result was close. The result was 19-21 to Olympia Cannock making them the 2023/24 under 16 Girls National Final winners



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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](#).

Book Fair

A Book Fair will take place from 28th June to 3rd July in the main hall. This event is a wonderful opportunity to encourage our students to develop a love for reading and to explore a wide variety of books that cater to all interests and reading levels. Students will visit the Book Fair during English lessons, but parents are welcome to see the Book Fair from 3.30pm-4.00pm each day.



Students can pay for books online while they are at the Fair. Miss English will send a QR code the week of the Book Fair. Students can scan the code on their phones to easily access online payment. They will also be given wish lists that they can bring home to you, and you will be able to pay via the QR code.

Miss English is also running a house competition. The prize is house points and books. Students should submit a review of their favourite book to Miss English by 21st June.

DofE Volunteering

This certificate shows the number of hours our DofE participants have put into their volunteering over the course of the last 12 months. Volunteer work is such an affirming experience and has wonderful benefits for our community. Keep up the good work everyone!

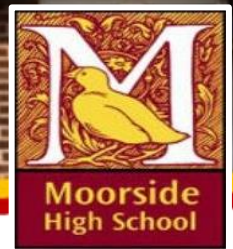


Readathon

From 8th July, some students in school will be completing a Readathon to raise money for children in hospital. Miss English has launched this with the students who attend Book Club and others have asked to join since.

If any students would like to join after gaining more information [from this video](#), please see Miss English on a Tuesday lunch in Hut 5.

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Lockers

As the new academic year approaches, we are informing you about the locker availability for students. The portal is now open, and you can book your locker. They will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. There are 226 lockers available, and the portal is now open for you to book your child's locker. The cost is £ 27.00 for the academic year.

You can sign up for a locker by visiting the website. Please see details on the letter sent home.

We would encourage you to apply early to increase your chances of securing a locker.

Visit www.locker.rentals or Scan this QR code



Once on the web app do the following:

- Enter your **location**
- Choose your **preferred locker area** from the drop down menu (if available)
- Click on **check availability**
- Where prompted enter your details and read and agree to the terms and conditions
- Click on **rent locker** and follow the instructions for entering your payment details
- You will then be emailed a locker code and the number of your locker compartment.

How to Access your Locker:

- Go to the locker number detailed on your confirmation email
- Enter the **4 digit code** detailed on your confirmation email and open the lock
- Should you forget your code it can be reissued by visiting www.locker.rentals and clicking on the re-issue my locker code link.



Auditions

Calling all Revolting Children! Moorside's Drama and Music departments are excited to announce that next year's school production will be Matilda. Auditions for the parts below will be held on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th of June. Students who are interested in these roles should register their interest with either Mr Milward or Mr Meakin before Friday 21st June. Candidates should prepare a 30 second monologue of their choice and sing a verse or a chorus from a song from any musical. Auditions for smaller roles, non-singing parts, dancers, designers, and crew will be held in September to allow for the new cohort of Y7s to also apply. Roles open for auditions in June:

- Matilda x 2
- Ms Trunchbull
- Miss Honey x 2
- Bruce
- Mr and Mrs Wormwood
- Lavender
- Mrs Phelps

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Parent & Carer Voice Feedback



Thank you to all those who completed the recent Parent & Carer Voice questionnaire. The responses from this are a vital part of our development process and we respond to all named comments requiring actions within two working weeks of the completion of the survey. Comments of thanks submitted by the questionnaire have been passed on to staff and gratefully received.

Our survey this time has revealed that we have some work to do in terms of communication with home about the curriculum; what students are learning and when, with just over 40% of respondents stating that they were not aware of this. Over 25% of respondents also felt that more information on student progress would be helpful. Finally, bullying was also raised as an increasing issue of concern.

Our careers provision came out very positively with over 70% of responses stating that this was relevant and supportive for their student and parents and carers remain happy with the clubs and trip opportunities offered by the school for their students.

Our survey competition prize, a £15 voucher kindly donated by Carolyn's Creations, was won by the parent of Louis M in Y9. Enjoy!

New Timings

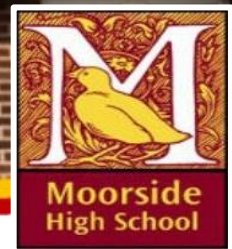
Following consultation with families, staff we can now confirm the timings of the school day for 2024 – 2025. The changes are subject to final Trust approval.

Rationale for Changing the School Day Schedule

- Optimising Learning Time:** students are most alert and receptive to learning during the early parts of the day.
- Balanced Midday Schedule:** The schedule is designed to maintain academic rigor while ensuring students do not experience extended periods of uninterrupted instruction, which can lead to cognitive fatigue.
- Dedicated Reading Time:** 20 minutes for reading emphasises the importance of literacy and provides a structured time for all students to engage in reading.
- Evidence from Best Practices:** educational institutions implementing similar schedules have shown improvements in student engagement, academic performance, and overall well-being.
- Supporting families** allows families flexibility with our main feeder primaries finishing at 3:25.

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Tutor 8:40-9:00 | |
| P1 | 9:00-10:00 |
| P2 | 10:00-11:00 |
| Break 11:00-11:15 | |
| P3 | 11:15-12:10 |
| P4 | 12:10-13:10 |
| Lunch 13:10-13:50 | |
| Reading | 13:50-14:10 |
| P5 | 14:10-15:10 |

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Engage

Letters to Germany

8I and 8H have responded (in German) to letters sent by pupils from Realschule Erbach. We received 3 sets of letters: from the 5th class (equivalent age to Year 6), 6th Class (Year 7), and 7th Class (Year 8). Pupils in 8I and 8H were given a letter and were asked to write an answer to that pupil introducing themselves and discussing their interests. The letters are now on their way to Germany, and we will hopefully receive replies before the end of the half term.



Sports

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 athletics team who attended the first athletics meet of the year at Woodhouse middle school. We had some notable performances, as seen below:

Ruben S 1st in 100m and 300m

Halia R 1st in 100m

Max R 1st in 1500m

Oliver N 2nd in 200m



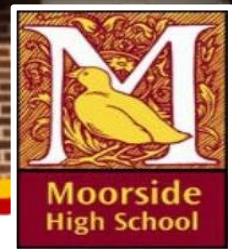
Rounders

The year 7/8 rounders team competed in the district competition on Tuesday, after topping their group with 2 wins, we went through to the final, where we thought we were in with a chance, fielding first, we only let 3.5 rounders slip! Unfortunately, we lost to a great Churnet View side, who limited us to 1.5 rounders in return. Overall, we placed 2nd in the district! Well done girls.

Player of the tournament goes to Jasmine who took some amazing catches at 2nd base and kept the oppositions scores low.



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Achieve

House

Next week, we are excited to launch a new house competition in English, centred around reading. Students can submit a review of their favourite book, and the winners will receive a book of their choice from the Book Fair, along with house points! A review template has been provided to guide the students. Miss English and Miss Fower are eager to read the reviews and select the winners. Good luck to all participants!

| Rank | House | House Points |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Churchill | 168574 |
| 2 nd | Moorcroft | 154897 |
| 3 rd | Bridgewater | 143737 |
| 4 th | Doulton | 141242 |
| 5 th | Wedgwood | 121221 |

SPARX Leader Board

Date: 10th June 2024

Sparx Maths

| Student | Class |
|--------------|-------|
| Lillie-Mai P | 7M |
| Aisha B | 7K |
| Olivia Pa | 7H |
| Ellie W | 7K |
| Jack H | 7H |

Year 7

| Student | Class |
|-----------|-------|
| Saphron L | 9L |
| Timneyt G | 9M |
| Layton M | 9L |
| Mia P | 9M |
| Isla H | 9M |

Year 9

| Student | Class |
|------------|-------|
| Megan M | 8K1 |
| Halleday G | 8I |
| Noah C | 8J |
| Layla M | 8K2 |
| Kai B | 8H |

Year 8

| Student | Class |
|----------|-------|
| Emma P | 10I |
| Macy W | 10I |
| Demi D | 10K |
| Taylor T | 10I |
| Amy M | 10I |

Year 10

Best Class:
7H Mr Hammonds