

Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

This halfterm's REACH theme is **ENGAGE**

15th September 2023

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Mental health awareness week

Next week: Personal Development Day and European Day of Languages

Our Year 7s are now using their devices in lessons and the impact is already evident. We are on a steep learning curve together. Staff have prepared well, and students have really engaged with us to ensure the roll out has been a success. It has been a real pleasure to see lessons where the learning is targeted so well at the specific starting points of students.

We are continuing to invest in the site. Key Stage 4 now have a new seated area outside that we will develop through the year, lockers have now been ordered following the parent consultation and new dining room furniture is coming soon to continue to improve the lunch time service.

A thank you to those parents that were able to attend the parent forum; this group has a real impact on the direction of the school and is highly valued as a critical friend. If any parents would like to join, please email **Claire Alcock**.

Special Mentions

Children's Commissioner

Today, the Children's Commissioner has launched **'The Big Ambition'** to hear directly from children, young people, and parents from across the country:



"As we approach the General Election, I am clear that it is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why, through The Big Ambition survey I want to hear from children and young people about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I will also be asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 6, up to 18. It is critical that I take the voice of children from all backgrounds, all settings, and every part of the country to policy makers – to make sure their needs are heard.

I would appreciate your support and help in this, please share **this survey** with all children, parents, and carers within your network, so that their views are included. The findings will be used to advocate for children."

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School News

Wellbeing

Mental Wellbeing drop-in sessions with our School Wellbeing Worker, Debbie Arnold, are available every Tuesday lunchtime in the meeting room (next to the girls' toilets in the old block).

Additionally, LGBTQ+ meetings are held every Wednesday lunchtime in the meeting room with Debbie.

DfE Illness at School

This week, the Department for Education has encouraged schools to share the NHS guidance on illness and attendance, helping guardians answer the question 'Is my child too ill for school?' Please click [here](#) to access this guidance.

House

This week our Head of House (Ms Fower) met with the House Leadership team; there will be upcoming vacancies for roles within the leadership team and information will be issued to form tutors next week.

In the meeting, they reflected on the school's House system for the last academic year and discussed exciting new plans for the year ahead.

Our first House competition is well underway, students are submitting name suggestions for our school chickens and their coop! Our amazing gardening club will be helping to select the winning names.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Wedgwood	6909
2 nd	Doulton	6908
3 rd	Moorcroft	6906
4 th	Churchill	6867
5 th	Bridgewater	6833

Careers

There is a free online/virtual 'Parent Event' called 'Making it into Medical School.' Applications to university/medical school are always extremely high. The event will include 'What can you expect from a career in medicine?', 'How students can get a head start?' and 'The application process.' It takes place on Wednesday 27th September and runs from 7pm until 8pm. To find out more/register, go to [visit InvestIN Education](#).



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Leicester Tigers

Continuing our good relationship with Leicester Tigers this half term, the P.E Department will continue to see the Rugby delivered by one of their coaches. Creating working links with external clubs helps to build lifelong participation and opportunities to perform the sport outside of school. The coaches have been working with Year 8.

Thanks to Leicester Tigers for the continued hard work.



School Production

The Performance Faculty are delighted to announce that our next production will be the hit musical *We Will Rock You*. Students expressing an interest should seek out Mr Meakin or Mr Milward. This will help to plan audition sessions, which will start on the week commencing the 25th of September.



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Personal Development

There are some exciting changes to the way students can engage in Personal Development at Moorside High School. Personal Development goes beyond learning traditional subjects in the classroom. It is about gaining the knowledge and skills needed to become a healthy, happy, and well-rounded individual, prepared for life beyond high school.

The personal development planner for the year can be **accessed through the school website**, mapping out the extensive opportunities on offer including assemblies, themed weeks, charity events, Personal Development Days (formerly 'Challenge Days') and trips.

The new 'Development Opportunities' timetable will be available next week. This outlines the wide variety of new lunch time and after school clubs which students can join to pursue their interests including all the usual sporting opportunities on offer from the PE Department as well as new craft, gardening, and coding clubs plus many more. Which opportunities will you engage with?



European Day of Languages

It is European Day of Languages 26th September, and the MFL team are running activities throughout the week. One of these activities is a Staff Duolingo challenge. The aim is to get as much XP on the app as possible between Thursday 21st and Thursday 28th of September. Forms will vote for which staff member they think will get the most XP. The correct forms will gain House Points, and the winning member of staff will also get a prize. Taking part so far is: Miss K Harrison (French), Miss K Crossley (French), Miss C McGeown (German), Ms J Day (German), Mr M Montifroy (French), Mrs S Plant (Spanish), Miss P Erskine (Spanish), Mrs J Malbon (Greek), Mr D Robinson (German), Mrs G Grant (French), Mrs L Stones (French) and Mr K Hammonds and Mr L Coltman who are yet to decide on a language.



duolingo

The eagle-eyed may have noticed that Mrs Grant has updated her reading poster to 'Short Stories in French' in preparation!