

Weekly Bulletin



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17th May 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Feedback from student forum

Next week: Half term

We are constantly looking for ways to improve how we communicate with families and provide opportunities to listen to your views about how we are performing as a school. Our parent voice survey **found here** is currently live, please take the time to complete it so that we can get as much feedback as possible. Currently, we have had just over 100 responses, it would be fantastic to get that figure closer to the 750 plus families that we work with. All feedback is welcomed, and we have processes in place to act on.

The parent forum that is run every half term is important to us as a school and gives critical insight into our strengths and areas to develop. All parents are welcome to attend, please contact calcock@mhs.potteries.ac.uk if you would like to be notified of the next meeting. Thank you to those who were able to attend this time, it has given us real clarity on some key issues and strategies. Please do feel welcome to join if you can.

Have a good and restful weekend

Special Mentions

Litter Picking

Thank you to Finley M and Dawson B who volunteered to litter pick the field during their lunch time on Friday



Aerospace Residency

Congratulations to Faith E for making a successful application for the Summer Time Advanced Aerospace Residency hosted by the RAF museum, Cosford. There were over 180 applications but only 40 places available, so competition was tough! Faith will spend a week at the residential program, gaining experience in engineering and aerospace.

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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](#).

Business & IT Alton Towers Visit

Year 9 pupils visited Alton Towers on Monday to carry out research on the different Promotional and Pricing Strategies that are used to attract and maintain customers. They explored the Unique Selling Points of the theme park and discussed the Product Life Cycle of some of the best rides in the world. The pupils represented the school in a very professional manner and made the most of testing the rides on a quiet sunny day.



Y11 Work Experience Opportunity

We have been told about a week's work experience at Bentley in Crewe for Year 11s only. It takes place in July so is after the exams and students must be 16. For more information including how to apply and the deadline, go to the [Bentley Motors Work Experience Programme](#)



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Year 7 Device Ordering

If you have a student joining us in Year 7 in September 2024 do not forget to order your child's device by **10th June**. Over two-thirds of our new intake have now placed an order and we are busy planning our new digital skills curriculum to support them in making the most of their new devices including working on their typing skills, awareness of internet and digital safety and making effective use of online programmes and software. You can find out more about our programme on the school website **on the 1-2-1 devices section** or by emailing **devices@mhs.potteries.ac.uk**.



Y11 Girls Work Experience with BAE Systems

To support Women in Engineering Day, BAE Systems are providing a week of virtual work experience for Year 11 girls from June 24th until 28th. All exams are over by then. To find out more and apply if interested, go to **their website**.

Preloved PE Kit

If you are leaving us this year or have outgrown your PE kit, please consider donating it to the PE department. We are looking for all parts of the Moorside kit in addition to trainers and football boots to restock the spare kit cupboard. It will be borrowed by students who require it and be kept and washed in school.

Thank you for your support.

Tea and Toast

A reminder that Year 11s can come to the canteen for free tea and toast in the morning before their exam! Their subject teachers are on hand to give specialist advice and last-minute encouragement and are equipped with last minute revision resources.

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Engage

Duke of Edinburgh

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice expedition was off to a flying start last week. Pupils navigated in groups from their start point to the campsite. They then cooked and camped together as a team. A fantastic effort despite the hot sun! The second day of the Silver expedition went well. Pupils were in high spirits as they cooked and ate dinner en-route, while enjoying the beautiful Peak District scenery. They again spent the night camping and completed another hike to bring the practice expedition to an end.



Careers Visit

10H had a visit from a surgical sales representative who enriched their learning of the eye with real world applications. The lenses are tiny - you can see them on the hands/ trays.

"The experience was very educational but also, we were able to interact with the lesson and see what it is like to set up and perform eye surgery. It was not just teaching us about biology but also gave us an insight into a career choice, Miss Mansell from Bausch and Lomb explained her own career and how interesting her job is and different opportunities she gets going to different areas for work."

Leah W



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Achieve

House

The house teams are nearing final confirmation for the upcoming netball showdown set for next week. This event promises to unite our school community, providing a fantastic opportunity for collaboration. With fingers crossed for favourable weather, we eagerly await the crowning of the netball champions of 2024.

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	156294
2 nd	Moorcroft	143901
3 rd	Bridgewater	131611
4 th	Doulton	129097
5 th	Wedgwood	112249

Year 7 Eurovision House Competition

Year 7 pupils were challenged to rank 6 Eurovision entries following watching clips of their performances in lessons. The 6 songs that students listened to were Germany, Croatia, UK, France, Ukraine, and Italy. Well done to Sophie P who ranked 4 countries in the correct order and Jackson B who ranked 3 correctly. House points were also awarded to 10 students who ranked 2 countries correctly and to the 8 students who predicted Croatia would achieve the highest position out of the 6 options.



Athletics

Well done to our Y8, 9 and 10 athletes who competed in the first Athletics meet of the year at Denstone College on Wednesday. The weather was not on their side, but they saw some great individual results including Isla H 1st in 100m, Noah B 2nd in 800m, Max R 1st in 800m, Emma P 2nd in 300m, Leah W 1st in Javelin and 3rd in Discus, Jess C 2nd in shot put, Y10 girl's 2nd in Relay. Well done to all who took part.

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Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Olivia Pa	7H
Alfie B	7H
Isaac M	7I
Luke P	7I
Evie D	7J

Year 7

Student	Class
Kai B	8H
Oliver C	8H
Oliver S	8H
George W	8H
Dan M	8J

Year 8

Best Class: 8H Ms Stevenson

Student	Class
Seb P	9M
Logan M	9I
Hope C	9I
Isobel K	9I
Bobby P	9J

Year 9

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
T-Jay L	10H
Liam S	10K
Abbie C	10H
Daniel C	10H

Year 10

Student	Class
Ella C	11H
Sophia C	11I
Shania B	11L
Evie C	11J
Sam B	11K

Year 11

Attendance

Well done to 8KHA who won our Eurovision quiz on Friday, we hope you enjoyed the delicious cupcakes. The next attendance competition is the Euro's quiz, on the 16th of June.

Thank you for your support with the reintroduction of the Late Gate procedure, which has seen punctuality to school improve dramatically.

