

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

Coming Up This week: World Children's Day, Pupil Voice, Y8&9 Theatre Trip, Y10 Music trip.
Next week: International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Mock Exams

We welcomed Chris Brownsword from the Parish Council into the school this week. He completed a tour around the school and met with staff and student leaders. This is the start of some exciting work we will be doing with the Parish Council to identify and reward positive behaviours in the community. More to follow on this.

For Year 11, the focus is now starting to shift onto the mock exam period which starts on the 27th of November. There is a collective focus now amongst the year group with many now well into their revision timetables. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes students achieve from these as they are working hard to get the results they want.

Special Mentions

Remembrance

On Sunday, our students and staff attended the local services of Remembrance at both Wetley Rocks and Werrington to lay wreaths on behalf of our school community. Our lead students Freddie, Charlotte, Olivia, Millie, and Sam represented the school to the highest standards. They were kindly accompanied by Mr Hughes and Mrs Burke. All students took part in a Remembrance assembly and form time activity during the week and observed a two-minute silence. Thank you to Miss Wright for producing a thoughtful assembly.



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School News

Mental Health Tip of The Week: Build options for navigating tough times now, they'll come in handy now and into the future. Use art to express yourself, get out in nature, research apps and websites that can help, listen to music, start journalising and talk kindly to yourself.

Parent Forum

This week we held our Half Termly Parent Forum meeting. Our focus was on communication, and we were also joined by Mr Morley, at our members' request, to discuss behaviour. Our parent forum meets once per half term on a Tuesday evening (5-6pm). This is an opportunity for parents to raise issues, give their views and be a part of the school consultation on policies. All parents and carers are invited to come along. If you would be interested in joining our Parent Forum, please email **Mrs Alcock**. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th January.

Learning Journey

Our recent parent voice survey revealed that parents and carers would like to know more about what their students are learning. The way in which we share this information is through our learning journey documents. You can find the full range of learning journeys on our website **curriculum page**.

Each week we will feature a subject learning journey in this bulletin. This week we are showcasing our English Department's Learning Journey. You can see a more detailed Learning Journey for each year group **here**.



PD Day

Thanks to all the staff and visitors who made our second Personal Development Day of the year so successful. We had visitors from the National Careers Service and Everpool Recruitment in to support Y11 with their careers focus. Year 9 looked at the justice system and took part in a mock trial to consolidate their learning. Year 7 were learning about healthy relationships and personal hygiene and Year 8 looked at the issue of bullying. We are also incredibly grateful to Stoke-on-Trent 6th Form college for hosting our Year 10 students for the day. They completed engaging sessions on subjects including criminology, business, ICT and much more.



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Engage

Sports Leaders

Thank you to our year 8 sports leaders who attended a workshop at St John's primary school, delivering sports hall athletics practice to their year 4 and 5 pupils. Our Year 8s represented Moorside brilliantly!



Box 2 Box

Wednesday saw the first of our boxing intervention sessions that is being run with a selection of Year 9 students. Students who attended the trip had met the required standards and have set bar high. Students can be seen taking part in cardio session before putting on the pads and gloves to work on combinations. Andy at Guerrilla Training highlighted the importance of discipline and self-control throughout the session. Hopefully, next time we can have more students that meet the required expectations and are able to attend the session.



Anti-bullying

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors produced and delivered a fantastic assembly this week which led into a form time activity where all students will contribute to the new pupil friendly anti-bullying charter. Thank you to Miss English and well done to Isobel, Isabel, Millie, Taya, Isaac, Halliday, Niamh, Gabriella, and Lexi. If you are interested in joining the anti-bullying ambassadors' team, please see Miss English or go to Hut 5 on Thursday lunch time (1st half). Everyone is welcome! Today was the House competition led by the ambassadors, the 'Kindness Spelling Bee.' Results next week!

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Achieve

House

It has been a bustling week in the House system. The star pin badges have arrived and are ready for presentation to the first group of students reaching the initial milestone of 500 house points. Ms Fower had the joy of witnessing some of the MHS football showdown matches. It was truly exhilarating to observe numerous students cheering for their house teams. Currently, Ms Fower is in the process of completing arrangements for a Christmas Bake Off with Mrs. Whiston and am excited about unveiling the next House competition for our students shortly.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 st	Churchill	48978
2 nd	Moorcroft	44459
3 rd	Bridgewater	42027
4 th	Doulton	41213
5 th	Wedgwood	35025

Sparx

Date: 19th November 2023

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Tayana M	7M
Ebony-Eliza W	7I
Olivia P	7H
Dominik S	7I
Faith A	7I

Year 7

Student	Class
Dylan J	8L
Connor J	8H
Owen W	8H
Anabel H	8I
Reuben P	8I

Year 8

Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds

Student	Class
Grace G	9M
Lewis P	9K
Emaj P	9J
Lily-Rose J	9H
Phoebe L	9J

Year 9

Student	Class
Abbie C	10H
Thomas M	10K
Teigan T	10H
Jack R	10H
Henry H	10H

Year 10

Student	Class
Jenna T	11K
Olivia H	11H
Froya T	11H
Nicole L	11H
Summer S	11M

Year 11

Foodbank

The Stoke on Trent Foodbank were delighted with our donations of food from generous staff and students.



Running

Congratulations to Tjay L, who stepped in for his grandad in a race to raise money for the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. He completed the 5km race in 35 minutes and 36 seconds after his grandad had to drop out for health reasons. Well done, Tjay! The full story can be found on [JustGiving](#).



Non-Uniform Day

On the 10th of November we held a non-uniform day to raise money for **Brain Tumour Research** in memory of Emma, the parent of one of our students. Through excellent participation and your generous donations, we were able to raise £686.05 for an excellent cause.

