

# 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

# From the Head Teacher

Year 11 are now fully immersed in the exam season. I want to share with all parents the huge pride we have in the year group and the way they have approached these exams.

They have been outstanding throughout the year, really led by example, and engaged with us to ensure they get their best outcomes. Attendance to the morning revision sessions is fantastic and their approach to the restructured timetable is exemplary.

Very well done to all!

I would also like to congratulate Craig Hughes on his appointment as Director of Teaching and Learning for Humanities, Samantha Plant appointed as Associate Assistant Headteacher for Student Experience and Nicola Bell as Assistant Headteacher for Creativity, Curriculum, Careers and Community. These are strong appointments that build on those already made through the year.

# **Special Mentions**

# Swimming

Noah swims for Biddulph Amateur Swim Club and competed at the West Midlands regional Summer Championships 2023. He achieved all personal bests and is now in the national ranking for 200m backstroke for 13/14-year-olds.

- Silver in 200m backstroke
- Silver in 800m freestyle
- Silver in 100m backstroke
- Gold in 50m backstroke





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# School News

## **Revision Opportunities**

Revision opportunities for English on Teams:

English Literature Component 2 revision on Tuesday 23rd of May at 7 - 8pm

English Language Component 1 revision on Thursday 1st of June at 2 - 3pm

English Language Component 2 revision on Sunday 11th of June at 3 - 4pm

Year 11 students have received invitations to attend.

## **Book Corner**

Darcy P in Year 7 is reading *"The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas"* and is enjoying it very much. She enjoys the



narrative which she finds unusual, because the situation that the character is in is not ideal, but he has no clue. The reader wants to find out what Bruno gets up to, but at the same time they are apprehensive about it. She would recommend it very much to anyone and everyone because the message that it teaches us is important.

## Gardening

Thursday's Gardening Club was well attended, and it was lovely to see such a variety of students. Joey T and Cera T did an excellent job of preparing and sowing a wildflower bed, with some help from Leighton T and careful instruction from Mr Alcock. Connie M-P and

Chelsea B planted out some of the vegetables that were set in the previous club meeting with the help of Scarlett M and Harry H-R, and we look forward to entering some produce into local shows.



## **Moorside's Got Talent**

Does your child have a talent that they are eager to highlight? Whether it is singing, dancing, playing an instrument, magic tricks, comedy, or any other extraordinary skill, this is their chance to shine!

A talent show will be held on Thursday the 22nd of June 2023, at 7pm in the main hall at Moorside High School. Tickets are £3 each and are available on Parent Pay. All proceeds raised will go towards House Rewards Celebrations.

If your child is interested, they should speak to their form tutor to register their interest by Friday 26th May 2023, ready for auditions on the 5th – 9th of June 2023.

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# Engage

# **Baking Competition**

We are excited to announce an event that will surely satisfy your sweet tooth and unleash your creativity in the kitchen. Our school is hosting a baking competition, and we cordially invite all passionate bakers to display their culinary skills and take part in this event.

Whether students are seasoned bakers or a newbie in the kitchen, this competition is an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their skills and put their talents to the test. The event will take place on Monday 12th June and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

# Writing Competition

Miss English in inviting you to create a new speech for a character in a Shakespeare play, as part of Shakespeare Schools' *What You Will* competition.

'Speech' does not have to mean written, spoken or even word-based – you choose how your character communicates. It could be with a song or spoken word piece, with movement, or via a visual message.

Successful shortlisted entries will be showcased in a gala event at the Criterion Theatre in Piccadilly Circus in November. Shakespeare Schools will also be creating The Forgotten Folio – a digital legacy of the speeches that Shakespeare 'forgot' to write. We will also be awarding House Points for first, second and third place. Competition closes for entries on 31 July 2023!

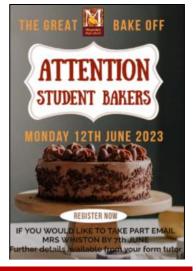
We will be designing entries for the competition during 'Book Club' in Hut 5 on Tuesday lunch times. Feel free to join! Or you can complete the entry independently and hand it in to Miss English.

Good luck!

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# Achieve

# **Cross Country**

A huge well done to Lara and Lewis, who competed in the county championships for athletics last weekend. Lara came 1st in 1500m, and Lewis came 2nd in 800m!





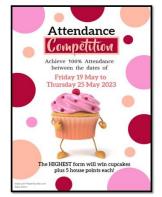
## House

This week has seen quite a bit of change in the house leaderboard, with Moorcroft rising the ranks. Doulton seem to be unstoppable though and are in the lead by 300 points. Students can earn house points by taking part in house competitions and events. A reminder too that the winning house will receive a House Reward at the end of term!

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1	Doulton	1629
2	Bridgewater	1327
3	Moorcroft	1138
4	Wedgwood	1057
5	Churchill	1015

## **Attendance Competition**

Lots of house points are up for grabs in the next attendance competition! We are inviting all form groups to try and achieve 100% attendance between the dates of the 19<sup>th</sup> of May (today) and next Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. The form with 100% (or closest) will win cupcakes and 5 house points per student.



Good luck!

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