

# Weekly Bulletin



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19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## From the Head Teacher

### Coming Up

*This week: Holocaust Memorial Day, 6<sup>th</sup> form T Level Assembly  
Next week: LGBTQ+ History Month, PD Day 3, Y9 Battlefields and Somme trip.*

We hosted the Royal Marines and Sgt Mike Beaton this week to run a workshop with students centred on careers, wellbeing and motivation. The session was excellent and really well received by all, culminating in a giant 'cook out' in the main hall.

The student lockers have now nearly all been allocated. If this is something you want to access, please sign up before they all go. We are continuing to review spaces in the site to increase the provision, so that all students that would like a locker are able to access one.

Have a good and restful weekend.

## Special Mentions

### Royal Marine Visit

Thank you to the Royal Marines and the 'Commando Chef' Sgt Mike Beaton and Tom for providing a fun, engaging and motivational workshop for our students and staff on Thursday. They all really enjoyed watching the demonstration and making a healthy lunch and learning about the benefits of it. Alongside listening to key motivational messages relevant to their ages and learning about careers and opportunities available to them.



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## School News

### **Mental Health Tip:**

It's natural to feel worried every now and then, but our anxious thoughts can sometimes be unhelpful. It can be beneficial to step back, examine the evidence for your thoughts and explore other ways of looking at the situation.

## Moorside Manners

The latest student voice demonstrated the desire for a 'culture of kindness' at school, so at the start of this term we launched 'Moorside Manners,' inspired by our PET feeder school (Werrington Primary) and 'The Werrington Way'. It reinforces our commitment to the core REACH and contributes to cultivating a more compassionate environment within our school. Manners, respect, and kindness are virtues that extend far beyond the confines of school life and are key in the broader community and professional settings. 'Moorside Manners' has been developed with the intent of equipping our students with these essential life skills.

Well done to Sophia H-F who has already filled in 8 Kindness Cards.

## German Revision

The MFL faculty are running German revision drop-in sessions at lunchtime.  
Monday: 40-word writing (Miss Harrison)  
Tuesday: Opinion phrases (Mr Woolliscroft)  
Wednesday: Higher Club (Miss Harrison), Tenses (Mr Wooliscroft)  
Thursday: Pupil choice (Miss Crossley), 90-word writing (Miss Harrison)



## Lockers

We now have lockers in school. Students can access their lockers before and after school, at break time, during the first and last ten minutes of lunch time. Locker passes will be issued to students who have a locker so that they can access them. Students should ensure they are punctual and prepared for their lessons with all their equipment.



If there are any issues with opening lockers, students should contact the caretaker in the first instance for support. Remember locker codes should not be shared with others. If you have any queries about the lockers email [enquiries@locker.rentals](mailto:enquiries@locker.rentals) directly.

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## Engage

### Chef Visit

Before Christmas, the Year 10 and 11 Hospitality and Catering groups were given a chef demonstration by Paddy from Stoke on Trent College and took part in a cook along session. They focused on learning complex preparation and cooking skills that they need to demonstrate in their practical exam. The Year 10s focussed on laminating puff pastry and Year 11 perfected poaching an egg and serving it with a home-made tomato salsa. It was an enjoyable session. Thanks to Stephen Heaton for organizing it, and to the students for taking part.



### Castles Competition



Year 7 and 8: WE NEED YOU!

Create a castle at home using any materials you wish to use in order to win house points!

**Deadline: Thursday 8th February 2024**

Rewards:

1st Prize – 30 House Points

2nd Prize – 20 House Points

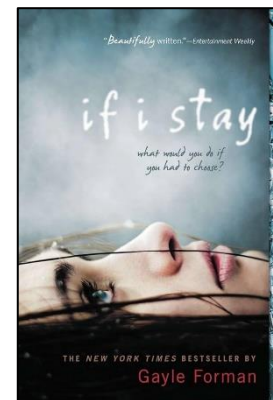
3rd Prize – 10 House Points



### Book Review

Danielle C has reviewed 'If I Stay' by Gayle Forman and has written this review:

*'If I Stay' is an emotional book and is about making choices and how they can impact your future. The main character Mia is thrown into making a horrible decision between choosing whether she should keep on living or go. The book shows how Mia's romantic love, family love and musical love changes her decisions. This book shows you how important your family and friends are, and you should not take them for granted because they could be gone tomorrow. Overall, I really enjoyed this book and would recommend to teens and above because of the heavy mature themes.*



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## Achieve

### Sparx

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Sparx Maths

| Student      | Class |
|--------------|-------|
| Ellie W      | 7M    |
| Tawana M     | 7M    |
| Olivia P     | 7H    |
| Dom S        | 7I    |
| Lillie-Mai P | 7M    |

Year 7

| Student     | Class |
|-------------|-------|
| Sophie P    | 8L    |
| Finley W    | 8J    |
| Ella-Rose B | 8J    |
| Ricci T     | 8I    |
| Oliver S    | 8H    |

Year 8

Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds

| Student     | Class |
|-------------|-------|
| Logan M     | 9I    |
| Lily-Rose J | 9H    |
| Mia P       | 9M    |
| Esmat P     | 9I    |
| Grace G     | 9M    |

Year 9

| Student   | Class |
|-----------|-------|
| Thomas M  | 10K   |
| Thomas S  | 10H   |
| Charlie B | 10H   |
| Liam H    | 10K   |
| Hope H    | 10H   |

Year 10

| Student   | Class |
|-----------|-------|
| Georgie E | 11H   |
| Frankie G | 11H   |
| Jayden B  | 11M   |
| Grace S   | 11I   |
| Katie B   | 11I   |

Year 11

### House

Preparations are in full swing for the House System Rewards Day. The winning house will receive an invitation to an on-site event at no cost, designed to recognise their accomplishments and offering us a chance to celebrate their success. We've already awarded over 350,000 house points this year.

| Rank            | House       | House Points |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Churchill   | 83564        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Moorcroft   | 76797        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Doulton     | 72141        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Bridgewater | 71932        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Wedgwood    | 59926        |

### We Will Rock You

Rehearsals are really coming together now in preparation for our upcoming school production of "We will Rock You"! Look out for more information over the next few weeks! The students and staff are working hard to put on another great show!



### EPL

Well done to all the Year 11 boys who have worked hard actively engaging in the EPL initiative. In response to all their efforts they were rewarded with an afternoon of football golf at Stafford Manor golf course. There were some great and interesting skills on display as they battled through the freezing conditions and a challenging course!

