From the Head Teacher

We said our formal farewell to year 11 last week. They have had to show real resilience over the last few years to get to this point. I have been continually impressed with the way they have approached their exams under particularly challenging circumstances. The whole staff wish them the absolute best for their future.



This week, the whole school has taken part in the 'Don't Face It Alone' campaign day to raise awareness about bullying issues. Students have completed a wide range of activities focusing on: Positive Interactions; Cyberbullying; Kindness; and Bullying vs Banter. Staff and students have worked hard over the day to challenge our thinking and raise awareness.

Further information can be found by click on the following link: **Don't Face It Alone (antibullyingpro.com)**

One outcome will be the election and appointment of anti-bullying ambassadors within the school, giving students the leadership roles they need to make positive changes within the school. The school student parliament have also voted for the toilets in school to be more open plan. This has been achieved by removing the exterior doors to the toilet blocks, thereby ensuring the toilets are safer and more accessible to all students.



Celebrating...

Best Wishes to year 11

Year 11 had a wonderful farewell assembly. We have the final set of exams this week and are looking forward to celebrating their time at Moorside at the year 11 prom.

On behalf of all the staff at Moorside, we wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



STEM

Over the last several weeks, pupils in year 7 and 8 have participated in the 2022 STEM Fair. They presented the results of independent research projects carried out over the course of the year. It has been wonderful to see the quality and variety of projects, and pupils conquering their nerves to present their amazing work to their classes.





Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations to all this week's very deserving recipients of the Head Teacher Award.

Once again, it was fantastic to see such a wide range of reasons for the nominations – showing how our pupils embody the **REACH** values of the school.

School News

Table Tennis Tables



Students have really enjoyed being able to use the reopened table tennis area. We have equipment for

them to use or they can bring their own if they prefer.

GCSE PE



Y10 GCSE PE have been learning about diet, nutrition, and sports supplements recently. Last

Friday they had a go at making their very own "sports drink" and assessed whether it would provide any benefits whilst taking part in sport.

Year 7 Parents Evening

It was great to have parents in the school last week for the year 7 parents evening. We had a turnout of 68%, with some last-minute cancellations due to COVID.

Coming up

We have two parent events on the 29th and 30th June from 4:30 to 5:15, and 5:15 to 6:00pm. There will be a short talk to share the future vision of the school followed by a dropin session to meet myself and the new Chair of Governors. All parents are welcome to join if they wish. You can visit us at any point during the evening if you have questions.

Sports Leaders

Moorside sports leaders ran an archery competition with local primary schools last week. Working hard to develop leadership skills. Well done.



Sports Roundup

We have a fantastic number of sports going on through the school, and this is just a flavour of the last week.

Football



They did it! After a tight and intense game, the year 7 footballers won their double-headed final against Painsley. The boys were 2-0 down after 10 minutes but showed fantastic character to bring it back to 2-2. As we entered the final minute of extra time, some fantastic play between the team led to Kaelem Mayer putting the ball into the top corner which sent the boys delirious!

Well done to a group of excellent students who have carried themselves in a brilliant manner throughout the year.

Cricket



The year 8 boys took part in their first cricket fixture, unfortunately, coming out with a loss. Nonetheless, a great experience of "proper cricket". Endon hit 128 for 3 off 15 overs, we could only manage 73 runs for 6. Well done!

Rounders



The year 8 girls competed in their first rounders tournament and won all four games! They now go through to the county championships. Special mention to Leah who hit the winning rounders in two of the games!