

Weekly Bulletin



1 July 2022

From the Head Teacher

It has been great to see our transition programme back up and running with year 6 students back in the building and the return of our Rollercoasters Day. The school is incredibly busy, and we have a lot of trips and activities supporting the curriculum; you will see a flavour of these many activities in our bulletin this week.

It was great to meet parents over the last two days – and having had the opportunity to share our school vision. I appreciate the timings restricted some people from attending, therefore I will send out an overview of what was covered in next week's bulletin.

During the sessions, parents asked for clear guidance on the uniform for next year. We do have the policy on the website, in addition, please refer to the attached document ([or click here](#)) which should give some clear guidance and examples. A question was raised about pleated skirts, so to clarify – pleats are not essential. Our local supplier is selling plain skirts which are perfectly acceptable.

Next week we have Challenge Day on Monday – students will be taking part in a wide range of additional activities. We will also be welcoming our new year 7's in on Wednesday and Thursday. I look forward to sharing that with you next week as well. Have a good weekend.



Governors

I am pleased to announce that Clare Mayer has been elected as our new Chair of Governors, also Rachel Taylor has been appointed as Vice Chair. Both Clare and Rachel have a real passion and drive to support us moving forward as a school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both on their appointments.

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Celebrating Success

Headteacher's Awards



This week's Headteacher awards are celebrating the fantastic Science department. The Key Stage 3 winners are from the recent Science Fayre, organised by Dr Temple.

Year 10 pupils represented us at the STEM Olympics at Stoke-on-Trent 6th Form College, accompanied by Mr Keen, bringing us glory in the mathematics category, and a strong fourth place finish overall.

Well done to all our wonderful winners, and a big thank you to the Science Department for giving the students such wonderful opportunities to develop and demonstrate their excellence.

Year 7

Lucas B
Lucie V
Daniel S
Max W
Eden L
Lewis P

Year 8

Evie J
James C
Sophie F
Holly E
Leo K
Keira H

Year 10

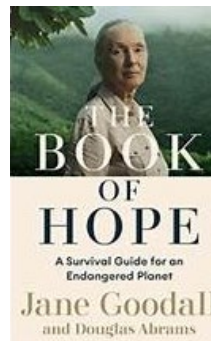
STEM Olympics team
Jenna H
Josh N
Madison A-L
Matthew A
Jessica W

Special Achievement



Congratulations to Oliver for winning ten gold medals in his local swimming club competition. And a big well-done to Erin and Summer who picked up medals in the same competition.

Book Corner



"I am reading *The Book of Hope* by Jane Goodall. I like this book as it touches on topics I am very interested in such as the environment and climate change. It is a fantastic read and I would thoroughly recommend it."

Daniel C - Year 8

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Trips and Events

Upcoming Trip

Tutbury Castle



Year 7 are off to Tutbury Castle on Wednesday 13th July! We have taken students to Tutbury Castle many times. This

unique experience will provide a rare opportunity for pupils to try new skills, look at and handle historical artefacts, as well as "meet" some historically prominent figures.

If your child would like to come on this the trip, please complete the parental consent form (sent out digitally) and pay via ParentPay ASAP.

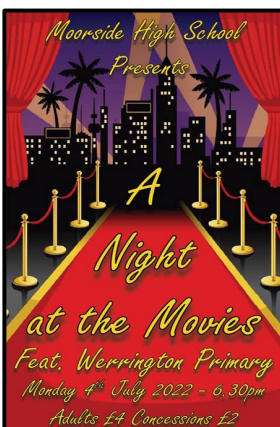
School of Rock: The Musical

Spring 2023

We are incredibly pleased to announce that we are back running school productions!



Auditions for next year's Musical, School of Rock will take place in September 2022. To sign up and for more information, students need to see Mr. Meakin or Mr. Milward.



A Night at the Movies

Summer Arts Evening 2022

It is not too late to get your tickets for this year's Summer Arts Evening - *A Night at the Movies*.

Tickets are available from reception at break and lunchtime:

£4 Adults

£2 concessions

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School News

Music trip to Liverpool

Last week, the year 9 and 10 music students had the opportunity to go to Liverpool to visit the birthplace of one of the world's greatest bands, The Beatles. Pupils walked around The Beatles Story, learning about their early life, how their careers progressed, leading up to their breakup. Following this, they were able to enter the British Music Experience, walking through time – seeing instruments, costumes, and historical artefacts from the last 80-years of British popular music.



A great day was had by all and was a trip we shall certainly be running again!

Sports Roundup

Rounders



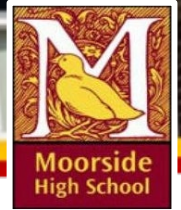
On Friday, the year 8 rounders team played in the county competition.

Keele Trip

And some of our year 10 students got to try out different sports with the Staffordshire School Games at Keele University! Students had a fantastic time and a successful day.



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Science Roundup

Science and Rollercoaster Day

28th June 2022



It was great to welcome our soon to be year 7 pupils from Werrington and Kingsland primary schools. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their engineering skills and application of physics in the construction of rollercoasters.

Pupils from other primary schools will also get the opportunity to take part when we re-run the activity day in July.

The year 6's rose to the challenge with some amazing pieces of work that included structures that had death defying jumps and loops.

Pupils also participated in three science lessons. In biology they prepared slides to view onion cells under a microscope, in chemistry they investigated fruity batteries and in the physics lesson they investigated the extension of springs and rubber bands.

