

# Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

This halfterm's REACH theme is **ENGAGE** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## From the Head Teacher

### Coming Up

*This week:* European Day of Languages. Personal Development Day  
*Next week:* Black History Month, Dougie Mac Coffee Morning

We welcome prospective parents this week in our Open Evening. It is a real privilege to be able to showcase the success of the school and our fantastic students.

We have had a whole school focus on raising awareness of Mental Health this week in school. All students have participated in dedicated assemblies and tasks built into the curriculum. Student engagement in this has been excellent.

We now have a dedicated welfare officer, Mrs Arnold, working within the school to support students with mental wellbeing. Students can drop into lunchtime sessions or refer themselves for support if this is something they would benefit from. Mrs Arnold is based in the Art corridor; your child's form tutor can support you with a referral if needed.

A final thankyou to all students for their outstanding behaviour this week during the wet break and lunchtimes, they have really demonstrated our value of Community by working together to ensure the site is safe and calm when the weather forces us all into the building.

## Special Mentions

### Charity Event

Oliver T in Year 7 is taking on the massive feat of climbing Mount Snowdon. At the age of 6, Oliver was diagnosed with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). SLE Lupus is an autoimmune disease and is rarely seen in children under 15 years old. There is no cure, but Oliver takes a combination of medications including weekly injections to manage his condition. Oliver is 5 years into his diagnosis, and he is still trying to find the right combination of treatment that can help him lead a 'normal' life. To support Lupus UK in their research, Oliver decided to begin raising money for them. Last year he raised £145 selling toys. This year he has decided to walk up Snowdon, which will be a major task as he suffers daily with chronic fatigue and pain in his joints; particularly his feet and ankles. His goal is to raise £250 for the charity and he has been walking lots of different terrains over the last few weeks in preparation.

If you would like to know more, or wish to donate to Oliver's cause, please visit his [JustGiving page](#).



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## School News

### RAF Careers

The RAF have organised an immersive, virtual event with an opportunity to discover information on key roles, as well as chat live with a specialist RAF recruiter. This will take place on Tuesday the 26th of September.



For more information and to book your free ticket, [visit the event page here](#).

### House

Students have applied for vacancies within the House system, including House Captains, Vice House Captains, and House Coordinators. The deadline for applications was on Wednesday, September 20th. The next step will be shortlisting the applications, and soon, the new House Leadership team will be announced.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Churchill	12094
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moorcroft	11943
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wedgwood	11885
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgewater	11845
5 <sup>th</sup>	Doulton	11662

Students have submitted name suggestions for the new school chickens. The Gardening Club have chosen the final names from the shortlist. These activities have engaged students in school leadership and helped to foster a sense of community. It is exciting to see what names the chickens will end up with and who will take on leadership roles within the House system.



**Mabel**



**Pearl**



**Jemima**



**Henrietta**

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## Engage

### Sports

On Tuesday, we hosted the Staffordshire Moorlands' first District Schools' Cross-Country Races, for Years 5-11! We welcomed 10 schools from our local area, racing between 1.5-3km. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Mr Montifroy for organising the event. A massive thank you to our Year 10 and 11 students who volunteered to be stewards, showing the runners where to go.



### Independent Learning

Homework is being replaced at Moorside High School by 'Independent Learning.' This is learning that takes place beyond the classroom. This learning plays a vital role in achieving educational goals. It helps to build motivated learners with valuable critical thinking skills.

Independent learning can be completed anywhere and can include lots of diverse types tasks including pre-reading to prepare for a lesson, doing a quiz on Teams, making revision resources, or working on a creative project. Sparx will continue to be an important part of independent learning for core subjects.

The expectations for independent learning to be completed in each year group have been clearly set out on the guidance sheets provided via Form Tutors so that everyone knows exactly how much time should be spent on independent tasks each week. Tasks will be set via TEAMS and should also be recorded in planners by Y8 – 11 students. All deadlines will be at least 7 days ahead to help everyone to maintain a healthy work life balance.

The policy and guidance can be **found on the school website**.



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## Achieve

### Sparx

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Ava J	7I
Scarlett C	7H
Charlie S	7M
Sophia B	7I
Faith A	7J

**Year 7**

Student	Class
Evie W	8K
Ricci T	8I
Ava H	8K
Harrison B	8H
Charlie B	8I

**Year 8**

**Best Class: 7J Mr Coltman**

Student	Class
Lucie V	9L
Brooke B	9H
Molly F	9I
Noah B	9J
Dylan L	9K

**Year 9**

Student	Class
Daniel C	10H
Erin D	10H
Chloe A	10I
Caitlin G	10J
Lexi-Jay M	10M

**Year 10**

Student	Class
Keeley F-S	11L
Millie L	11I
Evie C	11J
Emily G	11I
Logan C	11H

**Year 11**

### Out of School Pursuits

Rhys C has this weekend completed a charity mountain climb, and Isabelle C will be performing at the Rep theatre this weekend. Well done to both, we are immensely proud to have students represented in many different fields.



## Development Opportunities

Our new 'Development Opportunities' menu with a vast variety of clubs been launched via assembly this week as part of our focus on mental health. Maintaining a healthy work life balance is crucial for positive mental health and the ambition is for all students to engage with a club and develop their personal interests and passions. You can sign up for clubs via Arbor or by letting the teacher in charge know that you wish to join. Everyone who attends a club will receive House Points, so it is a wonderful way to help your House on its way towards winning the House competition this year. The menu can be found **on the school website**.

