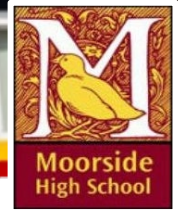


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## From the Head Teacher

We are talking to students this week about maintaining our pride in the site and looking after the school community. We have also reviewed our "wet-break" systems. We are limited on space and to ensure we can keep everyone safe students have historically spent wet break in classrooms supervised by their teacher. We would like to trial a change to this, giving students the opportunity to be able to move around the site freely indoors which would allow them to socialise better. Due to the restrictions on space, we are asking that students play their part in avoiding crowded areas and remaining calm and quiet throughout.

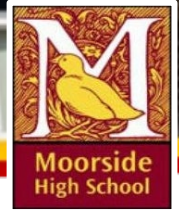
## Special Achievement

Chevrolet in Year 8 competed in the Santa pod raceway for the National Drag Racing Championship Finals at the weekend. Chevrolet qualified number one on her reaction time of 0.001s, in a 30-car field. She won a special award for her good sportsmanship throughout the year, competitive attitude, and the willingness to help others in the pits and racing. We are so proud of Chevrolet on her fantastic achievement and are excited to see where her racing career takes her in the future. Congratulations and well-done Chevrolet!





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## School News

### Y11 Parent Event

In preparation for the mock exams we were due to be holding a parent information evening from 6 – 7 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. However, this would clash with the Newcastle College open evening, so we are postponing this event for the time being. It will be arranged for a date soon, before October half term.

Parents and students will gain some key insights into how to prepare for their exams from their teachers and subject leaders.

### Arbor Top Tip

Arbor is a Management Information System (MIS) for schools. It is where we store your child's data from their name and address to their attainment and behaviour information. One of the reasons for our move was to merge several school systems into one, which makes a teacher's life easier and saves the school money. One benefit is that it has a built in App and Parent Portal so you can see information about your child

If you would like access to the App and Parent Portal make sure that you have registered your email address with the school who can then send out a link to get you started.

### Thank you

We would like to thank and acknowledge Kerry Whitehurst who has recently stepped down as a parent Governor. Thank you for your support and contribution to the school and best wishes for the future.

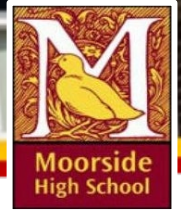
### House is back!

The new Moorside House System will be launched when we return from the half-term holiday. Students will have the opportunity to be part of the student leadership team and details will follow soon.

### Star of the Week

Teachers have nominated over 45 students as their Star of The Week in their lessons this week. The nominations this week focussed on Year 9 students for all subjects and nominations were earned by demonstrating our REACH values. Most of the nominations were for outstanding effort, making a phenomenal start to Year 9, and for contributing to lessons. A special well done to Poppy C and Kyra-Mae M, Aimee O and Chloe W who were nominated three times. Keep up the excellent work!

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## Prefects

Last week we appointed 27 Year 11 prefects to help around the school. They have a new tie and badge to make them easily identifiable for both staff and students.

They represent all that we are proud of at Moorside and we are looking forward to seeing them develop this important leadership role. They all look very smart!



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are hosting the annual MacMillan coffee morning in school on Monday 3rd October over lunchtime. For this to be a success, we are asking that staff and students kindly donate any cakes, tea, coffee, hot chocolate etc. and take them to Mr Marsh in DT4. There will be a competition across Year Groups to see which one can bring the most in, and house points will be awarded when the system is up and running. Please ensure that students bring in cash on Monday if they would like to support the coffee morning.

## Engage Events

### German Trip

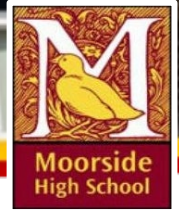
The MFL department will be sending out letters in the next few weeks regarding visits to the German Xmas Markets in Manchester for Y9 German pupils and to the beautiful city of Berlin in the summer term of 2023 for Y10 GCSE German pupils.



### European Day of Languages

On Monday, the school celebrated "European Day of Languages" during form time. Pupils learnt about the role languages play in Europe, and then completed a European based quiz featuring country outlines, flags, and songs. Prizes for winning forms will be handed out on Friday. Thank you, *danke*, *merci*, and *gracias* to everyone who took part!

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## Scarecrow Festival

The Art department was pleased to participate in the annual Werrington Scarecrow weekend. Postponed last year due to the impact of Covid it was nice to see the event reinstated and it is to be hoped it will now continue to flourish and gather a wider uptake. Our submission, "The Wild Wild-West", had been originally planned and designed in 2021 with students then in year 7 producing all the beautiful feathers for the head-dress in their art lessons in the summer term. We were really pleased with the overall result and hope that the students and parents enjoyed it too. It also brings attention to our wonderful new signage, which are part of the ongoing work to improve the look of the site.



## Sports

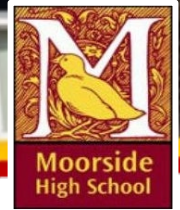
### Cross Country

Congratulations to the cross-country team who have competed in two races this year so far at Westwood and Birchall. All students performed exceptionally well in some challenging conditions - with commendable performances were from: Lucas R (y8), Annaleigh H (y7) and Tianah M (y7).

### Netball

Both the Year 8 netball teams participated in their first tournament. Huge credit to the girls for their effort and attitude throughout the tournament. Securing themselves a mixture of wins, draws and losses but proving a great foundation to build upon in the future. A special well done to Isla H and Lola S for winning "player of the tournament" for their teams. Also, a huge thank you to Jess C, Evie J and Lara S for their excellent jobs as team coaches, demonstrating huge levels of maturity.

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## Five Star Performance

This football team are the gift that keeps on giving... the year 8 football team started their season off with a fixture in the English Schools FA Cup at home to Sir Graham Balfour.

After a slow start to the game Moorside found themselves 2-0 down at half time. A good finish from Elliot P got Moorside back in the game but the opposition hit twice in quick succession to gain a 4-1 lead with 10 minutes to play. After dominating the game for large spells Moorside got their rewards in the last 7 minutes as goals from Harry J and Kaelem M brought the scores back level.

The team now buzzing with confidence and playing scintillating football, we entered the last few seconds. Kaelem collected the ball dribbled past several players and smashed the ball into the bottom corner leaving the goalkeeper with no chance. 5-4 to Moorside.

Cue mass celebrations, from players, parents, and staff. Well-done lads!



## Achieve

### Sports Stars

Leo J (year 11) has been selected for Staffordshire County Under 16s football squad after a 2-part trial. Congratulations to Leo who will now represent the county along with a select XI from all over Staffordshire!

A big well done also to Olivia B-D (Y11) who qualified as a football referee recently and has started to referee local youth football at the weekend!

### Post 16

Some fantastic post-16 options have been secured by our Year 11 leavers. Students have moved on to Stoke 6th Form, Newcastle College, Leek College, Stoke-on-Trent College, Reaseheath College, Painsley 6th Form, Westwood College, Harrogate Army Foundation College, LIPA 6th Form (Liverpool) for Performing, Shockout Academy in Manchester (Performing) & Jill Clewes Academy. Apprenticeships have been started with Knight's Solicitors, T-IPS Washrooms, Onura Foods, Goodwins Engineering, Bickerton's, James Barr Electrics and Crewe Alex FC.

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## Head Teacher's Awards

Last week's Head teacher awards focussed on Year 7, and the positive start that they have made to their High School life. They were rewarded with hot chocolate with Mr Robinson. Well done to the following:

Gracie-Mai B	Isabel P	Layla M
Jaimee Y	Finlay M	Sophie P
Jessica B	Ericka-Jo M	Alfie P
Ava H	Toby B	Layla M
Emilia E	Finlay M	Lacey T
Evie B	Daisy G	Reuben T
Connor J		



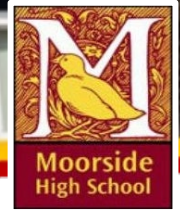
## The Brilliant Club

Next week, Miss Hough-Clewes will be officially launching "The Brilliant Club", which aims to raise the aspirations of our learners. Please see the timetable of sessions below, and encourage your child to get involved!

HALF TERM	TOPIC	WHEN AND WHERE
7 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Adaptations	Lunch time Hut 6 <b>Year 7-9</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> November – 16 <sup>th</sup> December	The Development of Stoke-on-Trent from the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Onwards	Lunch time Room 9 <b>Year 8</b>
February – March (to be confirmed)	Sociolinguistics – the study of language in relation to social factors	Lunch time Hut 3 <b>all years</b>



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## Prospective Parents Evening

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we opened our doors to Year 6 students for our Prospective Parents evening. The wet weather could not dampen the fantastic atmosphere around the site with around 400 parents and students experiencing all that Moorside has to offer. From cutting up hearts, to setting Magnesium on fire. From baking brownies to creating and music. From writing poems to dressing in religious artefacts, parents and students alike were part of a full experience of what we can offer in high school.

Mr Philips would personally like to thank the army of current students who helped us on the night and behaved as excellent role models. Over 100 students from every year supported teaching staff and acted as tour guides throughout the night and were a credit to us all.