

# Weekly Bulletin



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## From the Head Teacher

We have now launched our new website **Home - Moorside High School**. Here you will find all the information you need about school life, the curriculum and latest news. We have also opened a dedicated Year 11 space this week for students to use as a work room for revision at lunch times and after school. This came as a response to student voice, where Year 11 students asked for us to create a space for them to use and we have worked hard to make that a reality.

As a personal plea, can I ask that if you collect your child by car that you do so away from the school entrance. We have many cars that park just past the railings which is obstructing the view of other drivers and makes crossing the road more dangerous. I appreciate we do not have adequate space outside the school and ask for your support in this by finding alternatives away from the school.

## Star of The Week

This week, the stars of the week were nominated by staff for their Year 10 students. And a big “well done” to the following students who impressed their teachers this week!

Jayden B	Ella S	Lauren H
Gracie G-B	Olivia H	Grace B
Rhylea-May A	Carynna B	Demi P
Lexi H	Chloe C	Macey L
Olivia K	Georgie E	Tia R
Tyler R-C	Alex M	Lacey W
Tia R	Dylan M	Holli W
Katie B	Evie C	Summer P
Francesca B	Logan C	Maggie S

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## School News

### Choir

Mr Meakin and his choir are currently practising modern pop songs in preparation for a community charity gig that they are taking part in. The charity gig is in memory of a member of the local community who passed away and will take place at The Windmill pub on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Any students wishing to join choir and get involved with their highly active schedule should see Mr Meakin for details.



The choir will soon begin practising for the Christmas Concert which will be taking place at The Mitchell Arts Centre in Hanley on 5<sup>th</sup> December, as well as the annual Community Carol Concert.

### Arbor Top Tip

The App and Parent Portal are two versions of the same thing. Through both you can see and amend the details we hold about your child (and yourself), but you are also able to see:



- Attendance information
- Behaviour incidents (positive and negative)
- Detentions
- Student timetable
- In App messages
- School reports
- Book appointments for Parents Evening

Very soon you will also be able to pay online for:

- School Trips
- School Meals

## Health and Safety

Several parents have raised concerns about the number of cars parked close to the school during drop off and pick up times. Can we ask that all parents park away from the school and well away from the school barriers as this is restricting driver's views of the road and making it difficult for students that need to cross it to catch buses. We fully appreciate the challenges on finding suitable pick-up spaces and would appreciate your support in ensuring the road outside and leading away from the school remains clear.

## Book Corner

Matt A in Year 11, one of our newly appointed prefects, has been reading a dystopian future novel called *The War*. It is about inhabitants of other planets trying to invade Earth, and therefore every citizen on planet Earth is required to complete a mandatory two-years of military service to stop them. If the invaders reach Earth, then they are sent out to sea. Matt is enjoying this book because he enjoys the dystopia genre and the possibilities it lends.



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## Coming Up

### Year 7 Exams

Year 7 students will be sitting their first set of formal exams next week with assessments in Science, English and Mathematics. These exams will be sat in the hall.

### Year 11 Parent Event

We would encourage all Year 11 parents to attend the information evening on 13<sup>th</sup> October, where we will be sharing key information about the upcoming mocks and this year's GCSE papers.



### Year 11 Work Experience

Year 11 work experience is due to start in the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is a valuable experience for Year 11 and gives them an insight into the world of work. Students who have not been able to secure a placement will be completing activities in school, with workshops being delivered by external providers and businesses.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

A reminder that Year 11 mock exams will be taking place in December, starting on 5<sup>th</sup> December. The mock exams will inform our predictions and therefore inform the grades that we are able to supply to colleges.

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## Engage

### Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend, eleven Year 10 students took part in their Bronze DofE Expedition around the Staffordshire Moorlands. After Friday's torrential rain, the weekend was mostly dry and sunny for them. They all did very well, especially Ella C. who showed real resilience to finish the expedition and pass the assessment. The external assessor was incredibly pleased with the behaviour of our students, he said they were all very polite and well mannered. Thank you to Miss McGeown (and Winne, her dog) for coming along for the weekend.



Well-done to the following students:

- Carynna B
- Katie B
- Ella C
- Nicole L
- Jonah G
- Katie J
- Samuel K
- Georgia H
- Alexander M
- James R
- Grace S

### An Inspector Calls

On Wednesday, Year 11 went to the Regent Theatre to see Steven Daldry's adaptation of J.B. Priestley's "*An Inspector Calls*". It is a set text for their GCSE Literature exam, and the experience will put them in good stead for their summer exam. The students were an absolute credit to the school, the English Department were so proud of their attitude.



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## Brilliant Club

Miss Hough-Clewes has launched The Brilliant Club in assemblies. Students discussed university data, shared stories of past students who set their sights high and went to Oxford and Cambridge (2021/22) and were introduced to The Brilliant Club.

Examples of an existing Brilliant Club were shown to students, and dates of when different clubs are happening were shared.

The aim of The Brilliant Club is to set aspirations high and introduce students to interesting topics and subjects that are in addition to the curriculum expectations.

## School of Rock

For those about to rock, we salute you! Get those air-guitars tuned and your moshing boots on as School of Rock comes tearing its way to Moorside High School.

Upper-school auditions for acting and singing roles took place last night, while lower-school auditions are set to take place next Tuesday.

That is not all, though! These gargantuan productions need so much more than only actors and singers! If you have what it takes to be a key player in lighting, sound, costume, or make-up design, in set and staging, backstage, dance or marketing, see Mr Milward or Mr Meakin today!

## Year 11 Revision Room

Work has continued to improve the site this week with the creation of a Year 11 study room. This is a dedicated space for Year 11 students to use at lunchtime or after school. It was requested by students in the year group at the start of the year and Mr Robinson is pleased to say that we have found a solution.

Students can come along and be supported by staff, use the resources that are there to aid their revision and study hard in the run up to their exams.



**MHS**  
**YEAR 11**  
**REVISION**  
**HUB**

**WHEN**  
Every Lunch time  
12.15pm – 12.55pm

**WHERE**  
Construction classroom  
Access from the old canteen

REVISION MATERIALS FOR ALL SUBJECTS • a quiet place to study • Revision resources to use • Advice and support •

REVISION MATERIALS AVAILABLE

BRING YOUR LUNCH WITH YOU

HELP GETTING ORGANISED

ALL REVISION TECHNIQUES CATERED FOR

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## Sports

The Year 7 football team got off to a great start with a very convincing 9-0 win in their opening league game against Cheadle on Tuesday. Moorside dominated most of the play in the first half with several attempts at goal, unfortunately they could only muster a 1-0 lead.

However, in the second half they relentlessly applied the pressure to score a further eight goals! It was clearly a night for the midfield who all chipped in with some fantastic goals. Lewis M (2) George W (1) Kai B (1) Max R (2). Man of the match went to Will Jenkinson who scored a fantastic hat trick!



## Y8 Football

Year 8 continued their winning ways on Tuesday night in their first football district league game against Cheadle. The boys made hard work of the first half, going in front twice thanks to goals from Noah H and Elliot P, for Cheadle to peg us back both times. However, the second half proved to be much more dominant for Moorside, they got the ball down and played some great football resulting in two goals from Joe C and Lucas R. Cheadle scored a late consolation goal to give a final score of Cheadle 3 - 4 Moorside.

## Netball

Year 9 and Year 11 both played their first netball matches of the year last Thursday. Both teams got off to a good start against some strong teams. Year 9 won 2, and lost 1 match, whilst Year 11 won 1 and lost 2. The rest of the league games will be played over the next term.

Star players: Year 11 - Hattie H and Year 9 - Jess C.

## Cross Country

Congratulations to Lara S who came second in both inter school district cross country races!

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## Achieve

### Head Teacher's Awards

Our last headteacher awards were given to students who helped show how our school shines during the Prospective Parents' Evening last week. They were treated to a breakfast, served by Mr Robinson. We are so proud of them all and are very thankful for their contribution to the evening. A special well done goes to Alex K (a newly appointed Year 11 prefect) who was highly commended by parents for the tour he gave his group, with one parent saying, *'he has really put my son at ease with his humour and good nature'*.



### Effort Premier League

Congratulations to Chelsea, who were the winning team in the first Effort Premier League season. Here are the students presenting a few teachers with a little gift for supporting them in this first season. It is great to see how the students have risen to this challenge and we are looking forward to the next season! The prizes that have been awarded this season have been sports shop vouchers, a meal delivered to school and a training session with Hanley Town FC.

