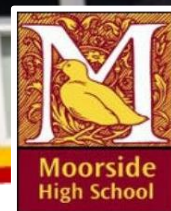


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From the Head Teacher

It was fantastic to see so many families at the Year 11 evening last night. We shared information about the upcoming mocks and some key insights into how to best prepare and structure revision. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. For those that could not, we will be sharing all the information through the website shortly and there are also some links at the bottom of this bulletin. I would also like to recognise and applaud all our Year 11s for the work and effort they have put into this half term. They have collectively raised their game and the way they present themselves at school and their collective attitude to learning, is just outstanding. We are enormously proud of them and wish them all the absolute best of luck next week as they embark on their work placements.

We will be ending the term as we started, with a lot going on through the school. The Science department are working with Year 5 students from across our feeder schools to complete some exciting experiments and get a flavour of life at Moorside. On Tuesday we will be welcoming Jeff Rich (drummer for Status Quo) who will be leading drumming workshops for our students, including a 200 strong percussion ensemble. And finally, well done to Year 7 who completed their first set of formal exams this week. They approached them with a fantastic attitude – good luck on all your results which will be coming soon.

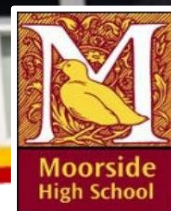
Special Mentions

Archery

Nicole L has won a Gold Medal in the Women's Under 18 Team event (at just 14 years old) at the Archery Youth Festival. This was a match with the full Olympic setup including commentary. To get an idea of the level of the event you can watch the [recording on YouTube](#) (Nicole is seen from about 42 minutes in). She is classed as a Junior Master Bowman which is the highest level of archer you can be at her age, and for 2021 she was ranked 14th in the UK for Under 18s.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mr Marsh and his team of bakers raised £71.50 for Macmillan Hospice care by participating in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Some of the Headteacher's awards last week were awarded to students who helped him make the morning a success. Isaac W has also received an award this week for the beautiful cake he baked. Well-done to all involved in this worthy cause.



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Book Corner

Oliver P and Lewis B in Year 9 have both been reading the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz. They have read *Eagle Strike*, and have both enjoyed the action element of the story. Oliver said that he enjoyed the thrilling element



of it, and constantly being on the edge of his seat whilst reading it. Lewis enjoyed the constant action. He did however find it quite violent in parts. This has not stopped him from reading others in the series though! The book

contains an exciting plot full of MI6, planes, nukes, and family truths.

Arbor Top Tip

Soon, we will no longer be using ParentPay to take payments for school meals or trips. Instead, we will be using the Arbor App/Parent Portal.



Click [here](#) to see how you can sign your child up for an upcoming trip.

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Auditions

All auditions have now taken place to cast the roles for our upcoming production of School of Rock. Mr Milward (director), Mr Meakin (director of music), and Ms Day (backstage manager) will be making their final casting decisions shortly. Watch this space! They were extremely impressed by the calibre of the students' talent during the auditions, especially from KS3 – it certainly bodes well for our future productions!

Year 7 Exams

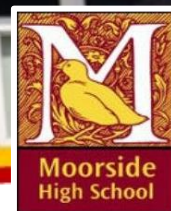
Year 7 exams are now complete and are with class teachers for grading and moderation. We were impressed with the attitude of the students towards their exams and their behaviour was exemplary.



School Ties

There have been a few instances over the last few weeks in which students are taking each other's ties, resulting in them getting broken, soiled, or lost. If any student is caught taking another student's tie, then they will be issued with a 25-minute after school detention for the following day.

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Engage

Alex Scott Interview

During a Year 10 PE BTEC lesson last week, students watched a live Question and Answer session, with ex-professional footballer and well-known TV broadcaster, Alex Scott.

The students heard about the difficulties Alex has faced during her time in sport and the media. Key topics such as discrimination, racism, economic status, and gender were all hurdles that she had to overcome.

This has tied in brilliantly with their BTEC course, as students are currently looking at barriers that stop people from participating in sport and the consequences it has upon different people.



Virtual NHS Work Experience



Springpod 

Charlotte K in Year 10 and Jenna H in Year 11 have completed a virtual work experience session with Springpod, exploring careers in the NHS. Charlotte said that the best part was witnessing a live heart operation because it was remarkably interesting to see how an operation is completed and the different members of staff that are involved. It took place at Royal Stoke Hospital, and they gained an insight into a potential future career in the medical field. They received information on the different roles in healthcare, and valuable advice on how to work towards these jobs.

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Sports

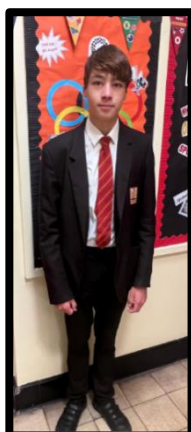
Swimming

A huge well done to our junior and intermediate swimming teams. We entered the Newcastle Under Lyme school swimming competition for the first time and achieved some amazing results:

- Junior Girls Free - 1st in heat
- Inter Girls Free - 2nd in heat
- Junior Boys Medley - 1st in heat
- Inter Boys Medley - 2nd in heat
- Junior Girls Medley - 2nd in heat
- Inter Girls Medley - 2nd in heat
- Junior Boys Free - 1st in heat
- Inter Boys Free - 3rd in heat

Final times and results will be sent to us soon, with the fastest 30 nationally going through to the next round. A huge well done to:

Noah.C	Fin.S	Maddie.P
Tom.H	Oliver.R	Erin.D
Will.H	Summer.P	Ava.J



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Basketball Trip

The PE department are running a trip to watch the British Basketball League cup finals on Sunday 29th January in Birmingham. We took 40 students last year and it was an enjoyable day out watching the best of British live basketball! If you are interested in going on this trip, please see Mr Montifroy in the PE office for a letter.

Year 5 Football

On Wednesday we hosted local primary schools for a girls' football tournament on our Astro Turf! The drizzle and the dull skies did not dampen the spirits of the girls who were having a thoroughly fun time and were supported by their teachers and parents. We must give a huge thanks to Chloe and Olivia in Year 11, who refereed all the matches and were great role models to the aspiring lionesses!



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Achieve

Star of The Week

Congratulations to the following Year 11s who have impressed their teachers this week with their outstanding effort. Especially to Christian A and Olivia B-D who were nominated twice. Keep up the excellent work in the run up to your mock exams!

Corey-Jay W	Chevy K	Charlie W	Jacob R
Jessica J	Christian A	Elise L	Matthew A
Olivia B-D	Dylan S	Olivia J	Phoebe F
Summer P	Carra L	Emily F	Alanya M
Chloe C	George B	Jack J	Noe H
Lyla B	Hattie H	Joshua A	Ruby P
Molly M	Henry R	Anna A	Stanley B
Olivia S	Isabel T	Michal K	Tilly S
Toby P			

Head Teacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Head Teacher award last week. We are so proud to have so many nominations from teachers each week, keep up the good work.

Ruby S	Emma B	William E	Oliver L
James C	Emily J	Harrison B	Amelia B
Ella C	Hollie G	Jessica C	James S
Carynna B	Grace B	Frankie G	Jasmine S
Katie B	Vinny B	Will F	Macey L
Georgia H	Beatrice T	Owen M	Aimee O

