

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

We have had many visitors to the school this week, with Year 5 Science lessons, workshops for Year 11 work experience, various recruitment days, interschool competitions and visiting Rock Stars. It has been a busy week! What we have consistently heard from all our visitors is how fantastic our students – your children – are. Visitors constantly praise the manners, hard work, and presentation of our students. We are very proud of them, and rightly so.

One of the highlights of the week has been the opportunity to welcome Jeff Rich to the school. The former Status Quo drummer led percussion workshops with our students; culminating in a 200-strong percussion session. You can see photos and clips on our Facebook page as well as our website. It was a fantastic day.

I would like to congratulate Mr Morley on being appointed Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour, Attendance and Community, from January onwards. We have made two new appointments with a new Mathematics teacher and a Food Technology teacher also starting in January.

I wish everyone a good and restful break for the half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 1st November**.

Special Mentions

Jeff Rich



On Tuesday 18th October we welcomed Jeff Rich, the legendary drummer with the bands Status Quo and Def Leppard into our school. Jeff worked with students from all year groups, introducing them to the world of percussion. The drumming sessions incorporated details of his life and career and how drums have developed over the last 5000 years. Jeff then showed us his skills before equipping 200 students with percussion instruments for a drum along. It was an experience many will hopefully never forget!



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School News

Sparx Maths

From 31st October, students will be completing their mathematics homework with Sparx Maths. Sparx is an exciting online platform that offers every student a personalised mathematics homework.

Sparx personalises each child's homework, creating a weekly set of questions tailored to their level of understanding and learning pace. The questions are designed to be achievable whilst offering the stretch that learners need to make progress. Sparx homework is designed to help students get to grips with, and understand, the concepts and skills they are learning by ensuring they cover the essential building blocks needed to make progress in Maths. Sparx research has shown that an average of 60-minutes a week of this type of personalised mathematics home learning leads to clear progress.

There are also some tips on how you can support your child in completing their Sparx homework on the school website. We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and significant role in helping your child's understanding, success, and confidence in mathematics to grow. If you have any questions, please contact perskine@moorside.staffs.sch.uk



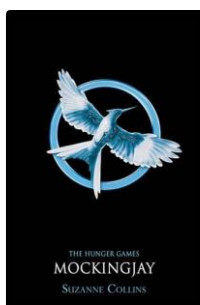
Medical Careers

On Friday 4th November, Year 10 classes will have an hour in the hall for a medical career and first aid session. This will be led by an external speaker and students will be learning about the different medical careers, pathways into them, local opportunities, and followed up with basic first aid training.

The itinerary with groups and times will be released shortly.

Book Corner

Faith E in Year 8 has been reading *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins. She is enjoying this dystopian book, as it is full of suspense and fighting. She started reading



The Hunger Games series after reading extracts from other dystopian novels in her English lessons last year. She would recommend the book to anyone looking for an action packed and thrilling read.



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Covid Vaccinations for Children

The CYP Covid Vaccination Team are carrying out walk in clinics to include first dose, second dose, and Autumn boosters to those children between the ages of 5 and 17, if eligible. If your child is aged between 12 and 17, they can administer first and second doses, and Autumn boosters to those children that are eligible for a booster.

Your child is eligible if:

- They are aged between 5 years and 17 years (had to be 5 years old on or before 31st August 2022)
- Have not received a Covid vaccination before
- If had a first dose needs to be 12 weeks before 2nd dose (8 weeks if clinically vulnerable)
- They live with someone who is immunosuppressed
- Had second vaccine 12 weeks prior and now require an Autumn booster – only clinically vulnerable or living with someone immunosuppressed or someone age 16 or 17 years who are carers.
- Have not had Covid-19 infection within last 12 weeks (28 days if clinically vulnerable)

Consent needs to be given by a parent or guardian with parental responsibility or delegated authority.

Where	When	Time
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Saturday, 22nd October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Monday, 24 th October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs
Holy Trinity Church, Meir, ST3 5PY	Wednesday, 26 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs
Tamworth Rugby Club, B79 8ED	Thursday, 27 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs
Cheadle Hospital, ST10 1NS	Friday, 28 th October 2022	1000 – 1445 hrs
Tunstall Vaccination Centre, ST6 4JU	Sunday, 30 th October 2022	0900 – 1600 hrs

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Foodbank Donations

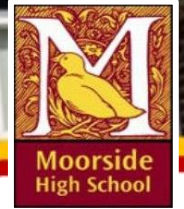
As a school, we are going to hold a foodbank donation day on Monday November 14th, 2022. This will form part of our commitment to supporting our local community and people in need. From now until November 14th, our students will be encouraged to bring an item from the list below which will be donated to the Stoke on Trent Foodbank. We are also collecting tins of dog food for the local dogs' home, which does an invaluable job in caring for, and finding homes for, neglected and abandoned dogs.



Our previous donation days were a wonderful success and testament to the kindness and generosity of students, parents, and staff. It is always an enormously proud and emotional moment watching crate, after crate, of food and household products being taken by the Stoke Foodbank staff, knowing that what we have done will help so many people – and now there are more families than ever who need our help. Should you wish to take part, please provide your child with an item from the list and/or a tin of dog food to bring to school between now and November 14th.

Cereal	Tinned Soup	Tinned Tomato	Jar Pasta Sauce
Tinned Vegetables	Tinned Meat	Tinned Fish	Rice Pudding
Tinned fruit	Tinned Sponge Pudding	Biscuits	Dried Pasta/Rice
Tea Bags	UHT Fruit Juice	UHT Milk	Savoury Treats /
Sweet Treats / Chocolate etc	Hygiene Products	Tea Bags	UHT Fruit juice

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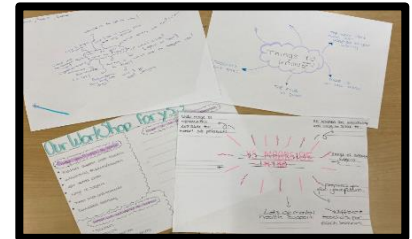
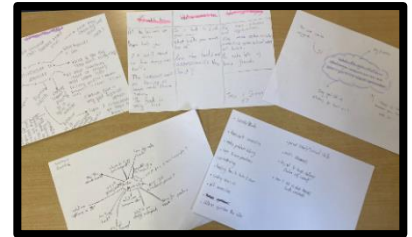
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Engage

Student Leadership

Our new Transition Leaders have met for the first time this week. They were nominated by staff for their hard work and dedication and for being positive representatives in the school community.

The purpose of the Transition Leaders is to provide support, both socially and academically, during the transition from primary to secondary. Miss English is proud of their motivation to be involved and the impressive ideas that you have contributed so far. To all those involved... keep up the excellent work!



Careers Convention

On Tuesday 18th October, a group of Year 11 students attended a careers fair at Brough Park Leisure Centre, Leek. They were able to speak to a range of local colleges, universities, training providers and employers. This will help them make informed decisions about their futures and help them understand their post-16 pathways better.



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Sports

Swimming

The junior boys swimming team has qualified for the English School's Swimming Association National finals in London on 19th November. They qualified for both the medley and freestyle relays after having a time in the top 15 schools nationally for both events. Congratulations and good luck to Will H, Tom H, Finn S and Noah C!



Year 8 Football

The Year 8 boys' football team continued their impressive start to the season on Tuesday in the county cup away at Blessed William Howard. Again, after a slow start, the boys found themselves trailing 2-0. However, a much-improved performance in the second half saw two quality goals from Harry J and Kaelem M.

Entering the last 5-minutes, a goal-mouth scramble led to Kaelem M slotting the ball past the goalkeeper to make it 3-2, sending Moorside through to the next round.

Netball

Excellent teamwork and attitude saw the 7A and 7B netball team successful, as they played their last outdoor tournament on Tuesday. 7A won 2 and lost 1 game and 7B won 1 and lost 2 games.

Star shooters were Ellie C (8), Tianah M (5), Ava J (1), Imogen L (4), Annabel L (1). Our next tournament will be indoor at Fenton Manor in November.

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Table Tennis

We took part in the county championships for under 13s table tennis on Wednesday evening at Clayton. The girls came third and the boys came an impressive second!

We are immensely proud of the following students for their teamwork and effort: Jude, Oliver, Rueben, George, Lucy, Lucie, Lily, and Isla.



Year 10 County Cup

Moorside took the lead with a headed goal from Riley T from Will M's cross, Thomas Boughey equalised from a great free kick. Kyle S then headed Moorside back in front from a Riley T cross, the referee then waved away Moorside's penalty cries and instead gave a corner to Moorside. Jack F took the corner and Tom H headed goal gave Moorside a 3-1 lead.

Moorside were not done yet in the first half though, and Jack F scored the goal of the game a long-range lob shot from a Kyle S assist. Great performances all-round and a big thank you to Year 9's Logan B & Addison H for playing for the Year 10s.

Man of the match was Riley T for his goal, assist and for a host of the best and fastest turns the PE department have ever witnessed.

Year 8 & 9 Girls' Football

Well done to the under-14s girls' football team for winning their first-round cup tie against Westwood in a keenly contested game – finishing on 4-3.

Well done to Lily (3) and Leah (1) for scoring the goals!



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Achieve

Brilliant Club

A massive congratulations to Jude, Brooke, Lois, Charlie, and James for completing their German Brilliant Club and delivering presentations about the Berlin Wall and notable escape attempts. Pupils undertook the university style club and completed an independent research project, which they performed in front of the rest of the group. A brilliant effort by all, some insightful research, and confident presentations. Keep up the great effort.



Head Teacher Awards

We are extremely impressed with the students who received a Headteacher Award last week for an array of reasons from the creative, academic, and social spectra. Congratulations on achieving your award – and we hope that you keep up the good effort.

Isaac W	Lakisha Y	Emily J	Matthew A
Zach D	Emily F	Jenna H	Rowan T
Dylan J	Molly Anne M	Paige D	Robyn A-L
Emma B	Kiera H	Alana B	Dean J
Jaydon C	Dean J	Jasmine D	



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English Revision

We have published a list of revision links that Year 11 students will find useful when revising for their English Literature and Language exams. You can find all these links on the school's [revision page](#).

REVISION CHECKLISTS

- English Language
- Romeo and Juliet | Themes
- Romeo and Juliet | Characters

REVISION LINKS

English Language

- Paper 1
- Paper 1 Writing
- Paper 2
- Paper 2 Writing | Articles 1
- Paper 2 Writing | Articles 2
- Paper 2 Writing | Speeches 1
- Paper 2 Writing | Speeches 2
- Paper 2 Writing | Letters 1
- Paper 2 Writing | Letters 2
- Paper 2 Writing | Reviews

English Language | Paper 2

- Reading | Non-Fiction Text Types
- Reading | Responding to Non-Fiction Texts
- Reading | Sample Exam Question and Answer
- Writing | Non-Fiction
- Writing | Non-Fiction – Planning
- Writing | Non-Fiction – Organising Ideas
- Writing | Non-Fiction – Using Language Effectively

English Literature | Romeo and Juliet

- Plot Outline
- Key Quotes
- Key Theme | Love
- Key Theme | Fate
- Key Theme | Hate
- Key Theme | Death
- Characters

English Literature Videos (YouTube)

- Plot Revision
- Characters
- Themes
- Form, Structure and Language
- Sample Question