

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

It is great to welcome everyone back. Attendance last week was 94.1%. While we are above the current national average, we are still aiming for our school target of 96%. Well done to Year 7, who currently have the highest attendance as a year group with 95.6%.

Assemblies for last week and this week have focused on Remembrance. We will come together on Friday for two minutes of silence as a show of respect and for us all to reflect on what Armistice Day means to us individually, and collectively.

Please can I ask that you complete the parent questionnaire **found here**. It will only take a couple of minutes. Your views are crucial in assessing the impact we are having as a school. Our last survey returned 105 responses, which equates to 13% of our families. We make decisions based on the outcomes of these surveys and would really welcome your feedback.

Special Mentions

Year 9 Artists

The work of five students from Year 9 has been selected to feature in this year's Halls Young Artist of the Year Exhibition at The Granary Art Gallery at Weston Park. The theme this year was 'Celebration' - the exhibition will run from the 1st of December 2022 until the 26th of January 2023, with the judging day yet to be confirmed.

We are incredibly pleased and proud of the artistic achievements of our students.





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School News

Attendance

At Moorside High School, we recognise that attendance and punctuality are vital components to the success of our students. Good attendance raises achievement; it helps to establish good patterns of behaviour and provides a routine in preparation for life beyond school. Our standard for good attendance is 96% which enables your child to reach their full potential. This means your child needs to attend school for at least 183 out of 190 days.

- School starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school complete with their equipment so they are ready to learn
- Please send medical evidence to school or email to jkinder@moorside.staffs.sch.uk to cover any appointments
- If you have not already done so, please download the Arbor App to track your child's attendance, behaviour, and progress. Please see previous bulletins for our Arbor Top Tips.
- All correspondence is communicated via emails, so please check your inbox frequently
- Request for leave during the school term will not be authorised. Leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, then please treat this as a normal illness - pupils no longer need to isolate.

An attendance figure of 90% is the equivalent of 4-weeks lost learning, 80% is equivalent to 8-weeks and 70% is equivalent to 11.5-weeks.

Being late to school adds up to lost learning. Arriving 30-minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days of the school year. Pupils who arrive after the registers have closed at 8.50am will be given an L (late) code. If pupils arrive after 9.25am then they will be given a U (unauthorised absence) code.

Unfortunately, pupils will receive a lunchtime detention if they do not have a valid reason for being late.

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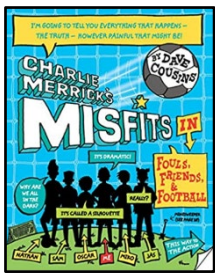
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Book Corner

Korie S in Year 11 has been reading Dave Cousin's "*Charlie Merrick's Misfits*". He says it is a particularly enjoyable book and would encourage people to read



it. He enjoyed reading this book because the central plot revolves around football, which is something that he is passionate about. It tells the story of a dreadful football team who improve over time, showing how hard work and resilience pay off.



Remembrance

Last week, all year groups were delivered an assembly by Mrs Morley about war poets. Students listened to poems that were written on the battlefields and in trenches by World War One soldiers. This week, students will receive a remembrance assembly, and will reflect on the importance of the day. In addition to these assemblies, we will be holding two-minute silence on Friday, witnessed as a whole school. School will also be selling poppies throughout the week for a small donation.

Changes to The School Day

We have been consulting as a staff on how we might change the school day to improve the provision we offer.

For clarity, there is no proposed change to the timings of the day.

We are only reviewing the timings of the sessions within it and how we can utilise form time more effectively. There will be more details in following bulletins where I will be asking for your views before we agree to any final changes.

Coffee Morning

For the fourth year running, Niamh C has held a Macmillan coffee morning. She planned and organised it herself and did all the baking for it.

She raised a brilliant £230. We are immensely proud of her achievement.



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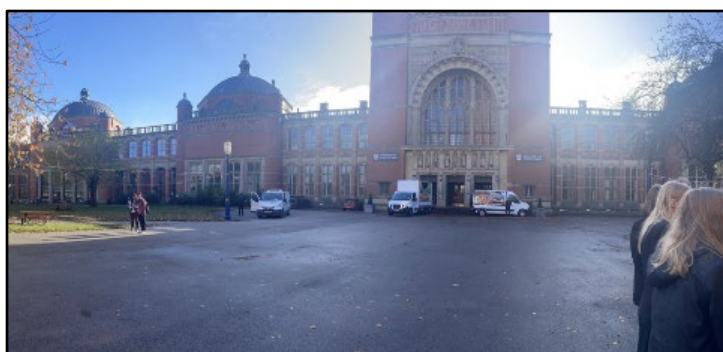
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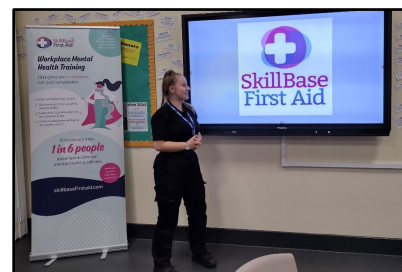
Birmingham University

Year 10 visited Birmingham University to get a taste of university life. They received lectures on what to expect at university, courses, social life, accommodation and then finished with a tour of the university. The students showed impeccable behaviour and were a credit to the school.



Medical Careers

Year 10 had a first aid and medical careers day with a first aid trainer and EMT from Skillbase First Aid Training on Tuesday. They learnt about the wide range of medical careers available and explored some different routes into them, including possible next steps in the local area. They then learnt BLS skills including CPR and the recovery position. Well done to all pupils who took part, any medical careers questions please see Mr Gordon.



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Achieve

Swimming Success

Summer P has competed in the West Midlands Winter Regionals this weekend, and she had 11 qualifying times. Over the weekend, she swam nine races, and she achieved a personal best in six of them, and in the other three races she stayed on her times. She competed in the under-15s category. Summer has done extremely well this weekend and with the good swims, she has progressed further up in her age group in the region.



Food Technology Stars

Our Food Technology students in Years 7, 8 and 10 have been remarkably busy in our school kitchen. Year 7 perfected their knife skills by making a healthy crudité platter, whilst the Year 8 students created amazing and colourful fruit designs and creatures. Year 10 accepted the challenge of a Halloween bake-off, and their final bakes were outstanding. Students throughout the year groups worked incredibly hard and it was a pleasure for Miss Fower to watch their cooking skills develop. Special mentions go to the following students who were awarded a chocolate prize for their efforts Alfie P and Rumer B in Year 7, Ruby S in Year 8, and Skye-Rose M, Caitlin S, Lacey W and Macey L in Year 10.



Head Teacher Awards

A big congratulations to the following students, who received a Head Teacher Award last week and celebrated with Mr Robinson on Friday breaktime with hot chocolate and cakes. Keep up the excellent work.

Will F	Tyler PJ	Eva-Jayne P	Georgie E	Niamh C
Alex K	Ashton W	Maizie J	Evie J	Olivia K
Kacey B	Maisie A	Demi B	Grace B	Esme M
Grace H	Dillion K			