

Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

6th December 2022

From the Head Teacher

It has been fantastic to see the number of Year 11s participating in our 'Breakfast with a Boost' morning sessions. The example and work ethic they are setting for younger years are brilliant to see. We are very proud of the way they continue to conduct themselves through the exams and I am confident we will see real progress when we report outcomes in January.

Looking forward to January, we have made some changes to the timetable and school day. One key change is the introduction of a daily reading session. We fully believe in the importance of reading. We want our children to be confident readers who read widely and for pleasure, which use reading to become lifelong learners and who can unlock the potential found in books.

Our next step towards this will be for students to read a book of their choice for twenty minutes each day. All students will be expected to have a reading book with them each day, this will become part of the uniform expectation. Year 11 will have the time set aside for revision. Their focus will rightly be on their exams in June. Year 11 tutors will work with the classes with that specific focus.

We are very excited about this step forward and the opportunities it will open up for us, including the return of a school library!

Special Mentions

Charity Event

Dylan and Ethan S, along with their parents, hosted a charity ball for Autism Aware which was held at Alton Towers. The aim was to raise awareness of Autism. Dylan and Ethan both made speeches to the attendees which shows the confidence of both boys and how far they have come. We are immensely proud of them.



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School News

Rocking Rehearsals

School of Rock rehearsals are gaining momentum now, and last Thursday the cast practised their rendition of "*Stick it to the Man*". They really put some gusto into this performance, and it's looking very entertaining and very promising. Mr Milward is undoubtedly excited about the upcoming performance!



Music News

We had our Christmas Concert at the Mitchell Arts Centre in Hanley last night. It was a huge success, and we are proud of all the students who performed.

The Year 11 BTEC music class is putting on a Christmas concert for Year 7 on the 15th of December in the afternoon. We are looking forward to this, even more so after the musical talent that was demonstrated by students in their last performance.

Book Corner



Lacey A in Year 7 has been reading "*Heartstopper: Volume 4*" by Alice Oseman. She is reading them in reverse and has read Volume 3 and will be reading Volumes 1 and 2 after

she gets them for Christmas! It's about two boys; one is a rugby player, and one is very shy. They fall in love with each other, and the story documents their blossoming love story.

She is enjoying it because it is in a graphic novel style, and it helps her to imagine the plot and characters better.



Donations

We have a diverse student body at Moorside who have many different interests and hobbies. If you have any motocross, sport, fashion, interior design, fishing, car or, other interest magazines or newspapers at home, please consider donating them to school. They will be used in January when we start our afternoon reading and will enable us to offer a range of reading material to our students.



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Engage

Manchester Christmas Markets

The festive season kicked off to a great start this month, with an MFL trip to Manchester Christmas Markets. Students completed a photo treasure hunt, sampled some authentic dishes, and enjoyed the Germanic Christmas atmosphere. Pupils were a credit to the school in how they conducted themselves. Thank you to the staff who supported especially Miss Wood for the last-minute call up!



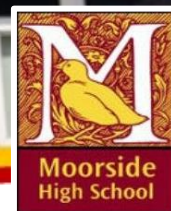
Remembrance Day

Throughout the remembrance period, a group of twelve Year 7 students diligently sold a range of items from the Royal British Legion in support of their fundraising activities. Reuben T, Charlotte M, Esme HF, Summer S, Evie B, Jack B, Noah W, Reuben P, Archie H, Finley W, Poppy S and Vinnie L all worked incredibly hard to cover the entire school numerous times. Their efforts really did pay off, with us selling all out of stock twice and the money box becoming so full that it simply could not be carried any more.



Although this was clearly a fantastic effort, Mr Philips was even more impressed by the reasons each student gave for wanting to volunteer their time. All twelve students gave reasons, which ranged from "family members having survived in the forces" to "losing loved ones" as motivations for 'wanting to do their bit'. They really are a credit to the school.

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Sports

PE Leadership

This week in PE, some of our Year 7 girls took on leadership roles and led a lesson on football skills to their peers. Miss Goodfellow and Mrs Jones were so impressed with all the leaders; they had creative ideas and were proactive in giving feedback to other pupils.

We certainly have some PE teachers and coaches in the making! Well done to Lily C, Ava H, Gracie B, Annaleigh H, Ellie C, Emilia E, Amelia S, and Tilly T!



Adaptive Cheer



A huge congratulations to Jasmine D, who has been offered a place on the roster for ICU Team England Adaptive Abilities Cheer for the 2022/23 season!

She will be taking part in the competition in Florida next year, and everyone at Moorside wishes her and her team the best of luck.



Football Academy



Congratulations to Logan B, who after a successful trial at Macclesfield FC has been offered a place to train with their Junior Academy.

Maybe we will be seeing him on the pitch at a future World Cup!





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Achieve

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following students who received a Head Teacher award on Friday for upholding our REACH values.

James S Always going above and beyond and upholding REACH values

Scarlett A Your persistent excellent effort and commitment to revision

Oliver H Giving a fantastic, detailed and well thought answer when evaluating the impact Britain had on India

Riley P Exceptional work in ICT

Ethan S Raising awareness of Autism and making speeches at the recent Autism Aware UK fundraising ball

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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 8.45 am. 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 it to jkindergarten@moorside.staffs.sch.uk to cover any appointments. A 90% attendance is the equivalent of four weeks lost learning, 80% is equivalent to eight weeks and 70% is equivalent to almost twelve weeks.

Being late to school adds up to lost learning too. Arriving 30-minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days of the school year.