

# Weekly Bulletin



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## From the Head Teacher

Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you have all been able to spend time with your families and friends over the festive period.

It has been wonderful to welcome students back this week; standards of uniform have been excellent and everyone has made an incredibly positive start to the term.

The changes to the school day have gone well. The whole school is reading together, form tutors have been given a new and valuable insight into students' interests and choice of books. We will share more of this with you as the term goes on.

Next week is mock results week for Year 11, this is a pivotal point in the term where we stop to reflect on where we are, and what steps we need to take to secure the best outcomes in the summer. We have also started Period 6 for the Year 11s and the turnout was fantastic for the first sessions this week.

I do want to acknowledge how hard the year groups are working, and have done consistently through the year, we are rightfully very proud of them. Well done to all.

We will also be sending our first trip of the year off to Ski in the Alps next week, we wish them all the best on what will be a very exciting and rewarding trip.

## Special Mentions

### Halls Young Artist

Well done to Demi in Year 9, who has won the accolade of Halls Young Artist of the Year in the Secondary age group.

Congratulations Demi, we are all so proud of you!



### Bite Back 2030 campaign

The youth-led movement BiteBack2030 is currently petitioning the government to extend the eligibility criteria to 800,000 children in need.



Their petition is [here](#), and more information about BiteBack2030 can be found [here](#).

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## School News

### Rehearsals

School of Rock rehearsals will be continuing this term on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Year 11 students will attend Period 6 unless they are asked to attend rehearsal instead.

### Hello and Goodbye

We wished Miss H Hough-Clewes, Mr M Colquhoun and Mrs J Dargan bon voyage and good luck at the end of last term, as their time at Moorside came to an end. We extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff who join us this term: Mr P Yeomans in the Maths departments and Ms N Whiston in the Design and Technology department

### Mock Results Day

Next Thursday will see Year 11 experience their Mock Results Day. Students will receive their grades from the exams they sat before Christmas, now that they have been marked and moderated by their teachers.

This is an important experience for Year 11, as it sets them up for their final weeks at Moorside before they sit their final exams in the summer.

Support will be available throughout the day from their form teachers, subject teachers, and Mr Gordon (our careers advisor). We will also have representatives from local colleges and other post-16 providers on hand to offer advice and guidance on next steps to take.

Good luck to all Year 11 students.

### Donations and Reading

This term we will begin with our afternoon reading initiative, with everyone in the building spending 20 minutes every afternoon reading. Please ensure that students come to school with a book to read, as it is part of their uniform and equipment expectation.

Please continue to donate any motocross, sport, fashion, interior design, fishing, car, or other interest magazines or newspapers at home to school.

They will be used in our afternoon reading and will enable us to offer a range of reading material to our students.



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## Achieve

### Rewards Assemblies

On the last day of the Autumn term, all year groups attended their rewards assembly – a fantastic coming together of students and teachers to celebrate individual successes across all subjects. It was fantastic to see so many students get the recognition they deserve for continuously upholding our REACH values in specific subjects, and to see the areas in which they really shine. Teachers nominate students for a variety of reasons, such as excellent work ethic, resilience, quality of work or a positive attitude. The students also got to enjoy the annual Moorside Staff Track, which is always a big hit as students get to see the more festive side of their teachers singing a Christmas song.



### Year 11 Music Concert

Huge thanks for a job well done to the following students, who organised a Winter Concert for our Year 7 students at the end of last term. They organised everything from finding performers from other year groups (who were excellent!), presenting the show and taking control of the lights and sound. They also raised over £100 for charity by selling refreshments during the interval.

**Lyla B**

**Olivia S**

**Christian A**

**Jack J**

**Yasmin S**

**Rowan T**

**Marc W**

