

Weekly Bulletin



Curated by J Day

20th January 2023

From the Head Teacher

We will be launching options for Year 8 next week and are extremely excited to be increasing the number of options available to them. Additional subjects we hope to offer include Travel and Tourism, Film Studies, Psychology, Health and Social Care, Business Studies, and Engineering. At this point we are just testing the feasibility of the courses, final decisions on whether they run will depend on numbers and other logistical factors. ICT will no longer be a fixed option for all students.

There has also been a lot of work going on to secure a digital framework for the school to drive forward teaching and learning. With support from the Potteries Educational Trust, we will be linking our broadband to Stoke 6th Form which will increase the internet speed significantly (around 5 times faster). Contracts have also been secured to fit Wi-Fi throughout the school in the summer holiday meaning that from next September we will have connectivity throughout the school for the first time ever.

I would like to extend my thanks and praise to all students this week for their conduct and behaviour through the snow day. Due to the age and size of the building we face specific challenges around the site when faced with rain or snow. The student's behaviour was outstanding throughout. Thank you to all.

Special Mentions

Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Geographers had a wonderful time in a chilly Birmingham on Tuesday completing their Human Geography fieldwork. They visited Birmingham Library, Brindley Place and Grand Central to observe regeneration in the city. They also visited Edgbaston Street to compare the difference. The behaviour of students was impressive and a WH Smith cashier said we were the politest school group she had ever had pass through her shop – Miss McGeown was beaming!



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School News

Anti-Bullying

Miss English is looking for new anti-bullying ambassadors. The roles they will be expected to do as an Anti-Bullying Ambassador include leading an anti-bullying lunch club, delivering anti-bullying workshops to primary schools, offering support to students that experience bullying; planning and deliver events during Anti-Bullying week and designing and regularly updating an Anti-Bullying notice board.

If you are interested, please write a letter to Miss English explaining why, by January 27th.

Vaccinations

Years 7 – 9 having a Nasal Flu Vaccination on 31st January. A reminder for parents to complete the e-consent form if you have not already done so.

Boardgames and Chess

Mr Meakin, Ms Day, and Mr Milward are running a Boardgame and Chess Club every Wednesday lunch time for all year groups in the Music Room. There will be a variety of games to play for all different interests, so come along and have a go!

Zoos in Science

On Wednesday 1st February the Science Department have arranged for Zoolab to come into school and present a curriculum relevant, environmentally aware, live animal handling workshop. They will be covering topics such as The Rainforest, biodiversity, habitats, adaptations, and classification. (Your child will attend one, one hour session during the day). The cost is £4.00 through ParentPay. They will be bringing along animals that live in the rainforest, these may include snakes, tree frogs, giant land snails, African millipedes, rats, cockroaches, scorpion and many more.

The Year 10 trip to Chester Zoo is coming up on 2nd March. Letters out soon and the cost will be £22.50.

Book Corner

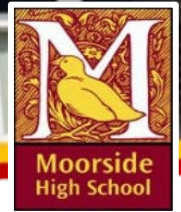


Charley J is reading '*The Girl on The Train*' by Paula Hawkins. It is about a woman who catches a train every day and enjoys looking at the gardens the train passes and looking at people's perfect lives. She becomes jealous of other people's happiness. So far, Charley has only read about Rachel's boring everyday life, but she is excited to get to the thrilling action.

She is enjoying it so far and reads it at every opportunity she gets. It has been adapted into film, which Charley is looking forward to watching and comparing to the book after she has read it.



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Engage

Les Alpes

PE took 41 students to Les Deux Alpes, France, last week and had an amazing time! By the end of the week all students had improved their skiing ability immensely and were enjoying blue and red routes along with the jump park! Whilst there, they took part in evening activities like bowling, shopping, crepes and hot chocolate, and a quiz night! They even celebrated a birthday whilst there and the kitchen made them a delicious birthday cake!

They held an awards ceremony at the end of the week, and the following light-hearted awards were presented:

- ☛ Most improved - Lucas R
- ☛ Best skier - Sam B
- ☛ Best dismount from a chair lift - Flo S, Ollie A, Ava W.
- ☛ Lost property award - Miss Goodfellow and Jess H
- ☛ Best hairdresser - Sophia H
- ☛ Best bowler - Oliver D
- ☛ Stars of the week - Noah H, Rhys C, Timneyt G, Evie J, Freddie C

Miss Goodfellow, Mr Faulkner, Mr Montifroy and Miss Harrison would like to say a big thank you to the students for the way they conducted themselves during the week, we received many a compliment on their behaviour and attitude!



Cooking Success

Ms Whiston has completed several practical lessons with Years 7-10. Ms Whiston is impressed with how great the attitude of students has been in lessons, developing preparation and cooking skills.

The classes have made Chicken Kiev, wedges with green vegetables, mini frittatas, Bolognese sauce, fruit salad and cous-cous salad.



Sparx Leader Board

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Katie G	7C
Ellie C	7C
Dylan J	7G
Callan G	7G
Poppy W	7D

Year 7

Student	Class
Lucy B	8A
Eden L	8B
Sebastian P	8D
Isobel K	8B
Mia P	8B

Year 8

Student	Class
Coby B	9C
Emma P	9B
Emma N	9D
Daniel C	9A
Erin D	9A

Year 9

Student	Class
Olivia H	10A
Louisa B	10A
Emily G	10B
Georgia H	10A
Alex L	10A

Year 10

Student	Class
Jess W	11A
Emily J	11A
Tilly S	11A
Anna A	11A
Shaunaugh L	11C

Year 11

Best Class: 7A Mr Coltman

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Achieve

Head Teacher Awards

Well done to the following students who upheld our REACH values last week and were nominated for a Head Teacher Award.

Kiera H	Attending the English masterclass
Will F	Attending the English masterclass
Maisie P	Fantastic work ethic and beautifully presented work
Henry R	Always has an awesome attitude in lessons and is willing to help others



Mock Results Day

The Year 11 Mock Results Day took place on Thursday 12th January 2023. During the day, all students in attendance were able to have a chat with Buxton & Leek College, Newcastle College, Stoke-on-Trent College, City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College or Mr Gordon, the school's Careers Adviser to discuss their aspirations in relation to their mock results. The Parents' Evening was supported by the same colleges along with NSEGTA (North Staffs Engineering Training) and Equality Training.

Buxton/Leek College stated that "the students were polite and friendly. It is clear some students have been pro-active in preparing for their next steps." The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form commented that "sharing mock results day with the students has been a fantastic way to further motivate and raise aspirations." Newcastle College added that "it's been fantastic to have the opportunity to sit with the Year 11s and aid them as they try to manage their expectations for the future." Stoke-on-Trent College finished by saying that "The students have some great ideas about what they want to do on leaving Moorside and understand the GCSEs they need to progress onto college, an apprenticeship and/or university."

A big thank you to all our visitors.

Fundraising

The amount raised for Save the Children for non-uniform day was £937.18. Well done to everyone who donated.

