

Weekly Bulletin



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27th January 2023

From the Head Teacher

We are facing the first day of teacher strikes on Wednesday 1st February 2023. I would like to thank all staff at the school who have worked collectively to navigate this challenge. We will not be able to provide on-site education for all students on the day and so will make the following changes. Year 11 and Year 7 will be in school, lessons will follow the normal curriculum. All students from years 7 and 11 need to attend.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will learn from home. Students will complete tasks either set through Teams or the Sparx platform. Guidance on how to use Sparx is on the school website. This will allow students to work at a level that is appropriate for them.

Options

It has come to light that Citizenship was not listed as an option for Year 8 students to select during the options day. Citizenship is a valued qualification in the school and will be available for students to choose if they so wish.

Special Mentions

Sports Leaders

Last week several of our Year 9 and 10 sports leaders attended a city-wide sports leadership conference at Keele University. They spent the day moving around a variety of leadership workshops and designing ideas for sessions they could lead.

Leah and Maisey (pictured) were taking part in an interview to discuss their leadership experience and ideas!



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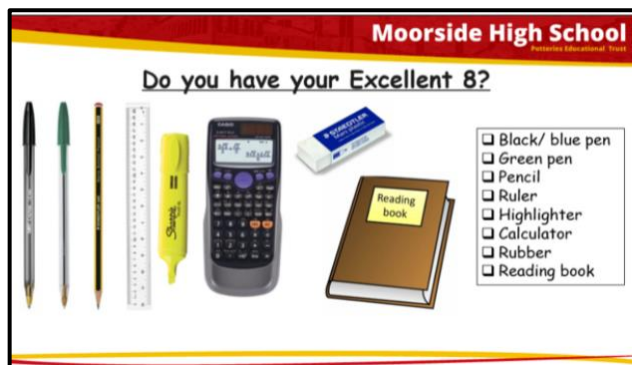
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School News

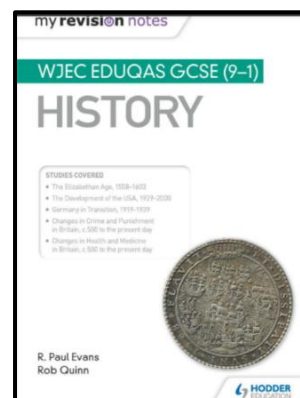
Expectations

Form Tutors will be focussing on making sure all students are meeting our expectations in the mornings. Please ensure that all students have their Excellent Eight each day so that they are set up to learn in the day ahead.



History Revision

History revision guides for Year 10 are now in school. You can purchase these via ParentPay for £9 and collect your copy from Mrs Bell in Room 8.



Prom Shop

Do you have any fancy dresses or smart suits that have not seen a dancefloor for quite some time? Do you have any bags and shoes lying in the bottom of your wardrobe? Send them to us so that we can give them a new lease of life! We are looking for donations of evening/prom dresses, suits, shoes, bags, jewellery, tiaras and ties to hire out to students. We will ask the student who hires it for a small contribution towards dry cleaning, but it will ensure that students who are worried about the cost of prom can still attend.

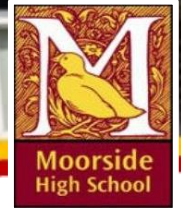


Boardgames and Chess

The first Boardgame and Chess Club was well attended and represented by most year groups. Mr Meakin has also secured a Game Drop from Big Potato Games to use when the club is in session. The club is every Wednesday lunch time in the Music rooms with Mr Meakin, Ms Day and Mr Milward. Come along!



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Engage

Student Leaders

On Monday afternoon, Student Leaders visited St. Johns. They designed and delivered a workshop for Year 5 students, introducing them to the life and ethos of Moorside High School. Miss English was incredibly impressed with their hard work and dedication in creating these activities and their ability to deliver the session to a group of students. A huge congratulations to Freya W, Joe H, George M, Sophie F, Abbie C and Olivia J. Well done for being outstanding representatives of Moorside High School!



Geography Masterclass

Last Wednesday, 7 students from Moorside attended the 5+ masterclass at Stoke Sixth Form College. They spent the evening focusing on problem solving question and percentage work to help them in their Maths exam.

A huge thank you to Martin Whalley for leading the sessions and Mrs Stokes and Ms Erskine for organising.

Sparx Leader Board

Date: 23rd January

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Frankie M	7D
Amelia S	7C
Kayne H	7D
Erin T	7A
Daniel S	7B

Year 7

Student	Class
Emma P	9B
Macie O	9B
Kamil K	9B
Thomas B	9D
Leah-Rose W	9B

Year 9

Student	Class
Rhys M	10C
Sophia C	10B
Tallulah J	10C
Alex L	10A
Olivia H	10A

Year 10

Student	Class
Tilly S	11A
Isobel B	11B
Dylan S	11E
Shaunaugh, L	11C
Emily J	11A

Year 11

Best Class: 7A Mr Coltman

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Achieve

RE Stars

During the last two weeks, Mr Philips has been really impressed by the work and attitude of seven students across his teaching groups. They have shown a real interest in the topics they have covered, shared in discussions and responded well to written tasks. Merits have been awarded for this and each student has also enjoyed time in the Star of the Lesson Chair. Well done to you all.

Year 7 Harry D, Connor J and Jakob L.

Year 8 Oliver J.

Year 9 Tom M and Kien P

Year 10 Keeley F.

Head Teacher Awards

Well done to the following students who were nominated for a Head Teacher Award last week. They were nominated by Mr Bennett, who was impressed with their demonstration of REACH values in Computer Science and ICT.

Madison A Outstanding performance in both Computing Science and ICT

Finley G Outstanding performance in ICT

Matthew A Outstanding performance in ICT

Joshua A Outstanding performance in Computing Science - significantly above target and considerable progress

Tyler E Outstanding performance in Computing Science - significantly above target

Daniel G Outstanding progress made



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House System

Over the coming weeks we will be presenting our new Moorside High School House System. We cannot wait for the students to get involved.

Collaboration

Our new House system will give students of all ages the opportunity to work together, creating a cohesive environment and ensuring that age is not a barrier to friendship and collaboration. This reflects the life we are preparing our students for outside of school. Our house system develops a school culture through embedding our **REACH** values and will be inclusive for ALL students regardless of their needs and backgrounds. It's not only students who will be allocated a House, staff will also be involved. Giving a sense of community that pervades throughout our school would be incomplete if students were not given the opportunity to interact with teachers beyond the ways they normally see and experience in the classroom – encouraging stronger relationships between adults and students.

Benefits

The attachment to a house gives the students a real sense of belonging and community, with the support of their fellow housemates. The system provides an opportunity for students to become heroes and shine in all areas of school life. There will be a wide range of cross-curriculum activities available for all abilities. Our aim is to promote curiosity and creativity in our students, through a range of activities and also small roles within the Houses that they can contribute towards. A successful House membership, and the opportunity to enter into competitions with their peers, can have numerous academic benefits as well as social-emotional benefits. A spirit of adventure is a must! Hopefully with the chance of contributing to their House, students will try new things and compete in areas they may not have thought about before, thus promoting confidence also.

House Leadership Opportunities

Students will have the opportunity to be part of the House Leadership system team. Within each house will be the following roles:

- House Captain
- Vice House Captain
- Student House Co-ordinators

We cannot wait to keep you updated over the coming months. **Watch this space!**

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Sports

EPL Stoke City Trip

Nineteen Year 11 students were taken to Stoke City Football Club for a day of activities. The students are part of an intervention to increase engagement across the school. The selected students have shown a brilliant attitude and effort in the build up to their mock exams so fully deserved this reward.

The day started off with a practical session ran by the community and academy staff. Following this, students took part in a workshop which included information on jobs and apprenticeships that are available at the football club. In addition, they had guest speakers from people in the club who work in sales, finance, marketing and the education programme that is offered to the students.

The afternoon consisted of a stadium tour where students were exposed to what a match day experience is like, learning the dark arts of what the home team do to gain the advantage over the opposition, then also finding out what it is like to dine out in the corporate hospitality suite.

The staff then held a quiz for the students about careers at the club. The winning duo were Henry and Lewis, who both received a football that has been signed by the Stoke City first team and manager.



Rugby

The PE department is currently developing links with Leicester Tigers Community Coaching Programme. On Tuesday, boys from Year 7 to Year 9 experienced some first class coaching in their lessons. The students' effort and attitude were fantastic.

We are now looking forward to having some coaching delivered to the Year 8 and Year 9 rugby teams in preparation for our forthcoming tournaments and festivals planned for later in the term.



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Holocaust Memorial Day

Today, the 27th of January, is Holocaust Memorial Day. It is a time when the world reflects on genocides and mass killings throughout the world by remembering the victims and ensuring that these catastrophes do not happen again. All students have been delivered an assembly on the importance of Holocaust Memorial Day and how their voices are important in standing up for what they believe in. All KS3 classes have created a personal response to poetry about the holocaust and survivor's stories. Holocaust Memorial Day can be observed by lighting a candle during the evening, in remembrance of all victims of genocide.

