

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

A huge thank you to parents that were able to attend our parent forum on Tuesday, this is a real opportunity to test our thinking about how the school is moving forward and gives a real insight into our decision making.

From September we will move from Heads of Key Stage to Heads of Year. We aim to put a greater focus on student attainment and progress. We are also changing the number of faculties, these will be:

English:	Language and Literature
Maths:	Maths and Further Maths
Science:	Physics, Chemistry, Biology
Technology and Futures:	Computing, ICT, Business Studies
Art and Innovation:	Art, Food Technology, Design Technology, Health and Social Care
Performance:	P.E, Music, Drama, Film Studies
Culture and Communities:	German, French, Travel and Tourism
Humanities:	Geography, History, Religious Studies, Psychology, Citizenship

To achieve this, we are appointing three new Directors of Teaching and Learning, and three new Heads of Year. There will also be two temporary appointments to our leadership team as Associate Assistant Headteachers with the responsibility of Student Experience and Leading Technology for Learning. I am looking forward to sharing these appointments with you over the coming weeks.

Special Mentions

Freya W. in Year 8 enjoys competing in banger car racing at Buxton Raceway in the formula Junior Micra Rods. Her car is a Nissan Micra K11 with manual gears with many racing modifications including a full roll-cage and safety harness. In her racing formula she races with 10- to 16-year-olds. In her first season she was the youngest racer, but many others have since joined. She has now done two full seasons and has managed to achieve a 1st and 2nd place on the podium, as well as many other good finishes. Racing has taught her a lot including how to drive and repair her car, as well as how to handle tricky situations with split second decisions. She has really enjoyed her time racing so far and is really looking forward to this coming season, hopefully she will see the podium some more!



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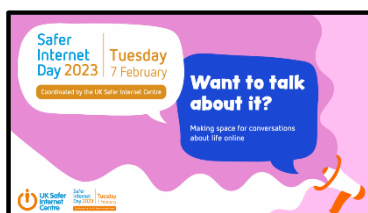
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School News

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.**'



At Moorside, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

That is why we are asking parents, carers to take time to listen to children and young people and make positive change together.

This year we are hoping to answer the following questions:

- What issues really matter to children and young people?
- What changes do they want to see?
- How can we all work together to advocate for them moving forward?

With your help, Safer Internet Day 2023 can be a springboard for conversations that shape how we talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day, but throughout the full year.

VIPERS

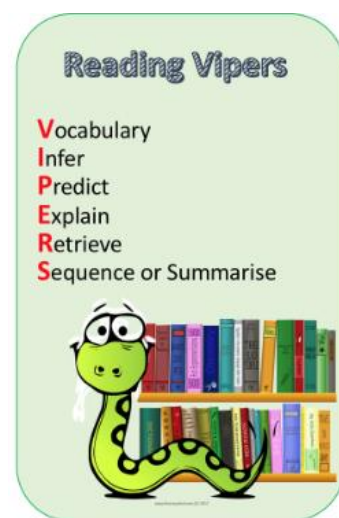
VIPERS is an acronym for the six reading comprehension strategies. These strategies help students to better understand and remember what they read. By using VIPERS, students can break down a text into smaller parts, which makes it easier to comprehend. Additionally, the strategies can help students to make connections between the text and their own experiences.

VIPERS stands for:

Vocabulary
Inference
Prediction
Explanation
Retrieval
Summarise

The six domains focus on the comprehension aspect of reading and not the mechanics: decoding, fluency, prosody etc.

As such, VIPERS is not a reading scheme but rather a method of ensuring that teachers ask, and students are familiar with, a range of questions. They allow the teacher to track the type of questions asked and the children's responses to these which allows for targeted questioning afterwards.



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Parent Forum

Our third parent forum meeting was held this week, thank you to those attended. This week we reviewed the proposed laptops for next year's Year 7 and the curriculum aims of the school. It is an opportunity to be part of the strategic direction of the school. Those parents that attend hold us to account and challenge our thinking as critical friends.

The input is highly valued and leads to an action plan that we fulfil by the following meeting. If you would like to be part of the parent forum, please email calcock@moorside.staff.sch.uk; meetings are held from 5 – 6pm and the next forum is Tuesday 14th March.

Book Corner

Poppy W is reading 'Rat Burger' by David Walliams. She is enjoying it because she likes other David Walliams books as he is comical and



descriptive. The story is about a girl who has a horrible stepmother who sneaks a rat into the house, and she tries to teach it breakdancing. She would recommend it to other Year 7 and Year 8 but thinks even Year 11 might enjoy the light relief!

Engage

Y7 Enterprise

Miss Crossley was really impressed with the effort from the Year 7 classes she taught on Challenge Day. During the Knife Crime session, 7A made an outstanding impression and showed themselves to be fantastic members of the Moorside family. Their behaviour was immaculate, they were respectful throughout the session when discussing quite an emotional and important topic, and lots of students gave thoughtful and considered contributions.

7B worked on reviews with Miss Crossley and Kai B, Connor D, Jensen H and Ricci T created informative, detailed reviews. All students joined in well with discussions about what should be in a review and where they might have encountered reviews before.

There were lots of potential entrepreneurs in 7C during the Packaging Lesson and plenty of fantastic, colourful designs for their drink packaging. A special mention for Henry F for excellent enthusiasm, super engagement and having a positive attitude throughout the lesson. 7D engaged well in the Packaging Session, but a special mention for Harrison B and Jayden B for their answers to questions and for Jonah B, Archie H, Frankie M, Mellissa O and Finley W for their creative designs.

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Challenge Day

During this important day, all pupils covered sessions on knife crime and its impact. Additionally, Year 7 completed enterprise activities to build team skills and employability skills.

Year 8 completed a full day of sessions preparing for their option choices. Pupils did workshops on decision making, labour market figures in the local region and various levels of qualifications. They also completed a session on UNIFROG, a brilliant online forum which helps pupils research varying careers and qualifications to help guide their career choices.

Year 9 spent half of their Challenge Day looking at helpful ways to revise and how to cope with the pressures of exams, all in preparation for the next two GCSE years ahead. The second half of their day linked to the government required Health curriculum with a focus on gender issues.

Year 10 completed work on mental health strategies, how to identify unhealthy relationships, road safety awareness with Paul Cope and a session on awareness of STI's and reproduction.

Year 11 completed essential citizenship work, including focusing on how laws are made, the difference between democracy and dictatorships, how elections are run and the voting system.

Basketball Trip

On Sunday, the PE department took 30 students to the Utilita Arena Birmingham to watch the British Basketball Finals. They watched both the women's and men's finals including a half-time Slam Dunk competition and freestyle displays.



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Achieve

Head Teacher Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 11s who were nominated for a Head Teacher Award by Mrs Stokes and Mrs Bell for their outstanding performance in their mock exams. Well done.

Olivia S	Aiden C	Joe B	Jessica J
Mamie C	Jenna H	Alana B	Tilly S
Ruby P	Maisie L	Sam S	George B
Matthew A	Josh N	Lakisha Y	Stanley B
Olivia A	Alexia B	Tyler E	



Football

After qualifying for the final of the 7-a-side district girls football competition, Moorside Y10/Y11 unfortunately lost 12-1. Congratulations to Westwood who were crowned champions in the final. Moorside Y8/Y9 beat Endon 11-4 to be crowned champions of their age group! Well done to both teams. Players of the match: Olivia BD, Sydney S, Evie J.

