



# Weekly Bulletin



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## From the Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone that was able to respond to the parent voice, we do listen to the feedback, and it helps direct our thinking on how we continue to improve the school.

As part of the listening process, our parent forum meets once a half-term. This half-term the meeting is to complete a SWOT analysis for the school. This is a process of identifying what we do well, what we need to do to improve further and set the agenda for the next year and beyond.

The session will take place on Tuesday 14th March 16:30 – 18:30, refreshments will be available.

We would like to reach out to you to participate if that is feasible. Places will be limited, if you would like to attend, please email [calcock@moorside.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:calcock@moorside.staffs.sch.uk) to confirm a place.

During the session, you will work alongside other parents to identify the school's strengths and areas for development, the opportunities we might be able to build on, and what you see as potential issues we need to avoid.

## Special Mentions

### Have Your Say

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## School News

### House Leadership Team Appointments

It is with immense pride and pleasure that we officially introduce our House Leadership Team. Each student participated in an interview, thereby gaining valuable experience which will stand them in good stead for the world of work in future years. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were exemplary. We are extremely proud of our House Leadership Team.

CHURCHILL	BRIDGEWATER	MOORCROFT	DOULTON	WEDGWOOD
<b>Captains:</b> Georgie E (10) Frankie G (10)	<b>Captains:</b> Olivia K (10) Grace S (10)	<b>Captains:</b> James L-H (10) Maisey J (10)	<b>Captains:</b> Eva-Jayne P (10) Ella C (10)	<b>Captains:</b> Riley T (10) Maisie P (10)
<b>Vice Captains:</b> Jessica C (9) Leah Rose W (9)	<b>Vice Captains:</b> Wes J-S (9) Holly E (9)	<b>Vice Captains:</b> Charlotte K (10) Jack Randall (9)	<b>Vice Captains:</b> Holly R (10) Evie P (10)	<b>Vice Captains:</b> Freddie C (10) Evie C (10)
<b>Coordinators:</b> Isla T (8) Eden L (8) Caleb R (7) Esme H-F (7)	<b>Coordinators:</b> Isaac G W (8) Taya-Rose P (8) Faith R (7) Amelia S (7)	<b>Coordinators:</b> Isobel K (8) Lucie V (8) Logan M (8) Callan G (7)	<b>Coordinators:</b> Chevrolet C (8) Isabel P (7) Scarlett M (7) Niamh C (7) Oliver S (7)	<b>Coordinators:</b> Brook B (8) Noah W (7) Finley W (7) Rumer B (7)

### House Leadership Meet and Greet

The House Leadership Team had an opportunity to meet Mr Robinson and the Head of House, Miss Fower. Discussions have begun and the team are currently organising their first event. We will update you in due course.

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## House Names

We have five Houses within our system:

- Churchill
- Bridgewater
- Moorcroft
- Doulton
- Wedgwood



Each House is structured vertically to include form groups from all Years 7 to 11, giving our students the opportunity to work closely with people from different age groups. Form Tutors are placed in the same House as their form group. Stoke on Trent has a rich cultural heritage and is lucky to have had many innovative and inspirational men and women who have had the courage and determination to see their ideas through to fruition. It is with this fearless dedication to what they believe in that our Houses are born. We want our students to have the courage of their own convictions and to become the cheerleaders for innovation and thought. Like their forebears, we want our students to look to the future and to be confident of their place within it. Who knows? Is there a new Josiah Wedgwood in Year 9? A new Emma Bridgewater in Year 8? The future is theirs and we hope that the inspiration of these famous and talented Stokies will help them to achieve their full potential.

## House Points

House points have started to be awarded and the league table is shown above.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1	Churchill	58
2	Bridgewater	53
=3	Doulton	51
=3	Wedgwood	51
5	Moorcroft	31

## House Signage

We are currently working with a design company and local potters to create our House boards and emblems, which will be displayed proudly in our main reception and the canteen.

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## Screen Time

Spending time online and on devices can be a positive thing, but high levels of screen time can put your child more at risk of:

- Being bullied online
- Abuse and grooming (*when someone builds a relationship with a child to exploit or abuse them*)
- Seeing inappropriate content
- Not getting enough sleep and exercise

Please [click here](#) to download a helpful guide to help you manage your child's screen time.

## Year 7 Fundraising

Year 7 are taking part in a table tennis tournament today (Challenge Day) to raise money to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

If you would like to donate to support the students fundraising, please [click here](#) to visit JustGiving.

## Year 10 Exams

Good luck to Year 10 students who will be commencing their mock examinations for all subjects on Monday. For reference, the order of exams is shown opposite. Students have been completing retrieval and revision tasks in lessons over the last few weeks in preparation for these exams, and it will be many of the students first 'real' exam experience. We are confident that they will all give it their best shot and we are looking forward to celebrating their achievements soon!

If any exams are missed due to absence, there will be catchup sessions to allow the missed exams to be sat. This will ensure that we have accurate data for all subjects.

Day / period	1	2	3	4	5
Monday A 06.03.23		Biology 1hr 45 Trilogy 1 hr 15			Geography 50 mins
Tuesday A 07.03.23		Maths 1 hr 30			German Reading F – 45 mins H – 1 hr
Wednesday A 08.03.23		History 1 hr			English Language 1 hr
Thursday A 09.03.23		Careers Convention			Careers Convention
Friday A 10.03.23		Chemistry 1 hr 45 Trilogy 1 hr 15			R. E. 1 hr
Monday B 13.03.23		Art P. E. 1 hr Computer Science 1 hr	Art		English Literature 1 hr
Tuesday B 14.03.23		German Writing F – 1 hr H – 1 hr 15			Catch up session
Wednesday B 15.03.23		Physics 1 hr 45 Trilogy 1 hr 15			Geography 1 hr
Thursday B 16.03.23		Maths 1 hr 30			German Listening F – 40 mins H – 45 mins
Friday B 17.03.23		Music 1 hr 30			History 1 hr
Monday A 20.03.23		Product Design 2 hrs Hospitality & Catering 1 hr 30 Drama 1 hr 30			Catch up session

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## Book Corner



Nevaeh B in Year 8 is reading 'Check Mate' by Malorie Blackman. She is finding it a challenging read, as it discusses complex issues. The main characters are Kelly, Rose, Sephy, and Callum.

It is the final book of the 'Noughts and Crosses' trilogy, following the book 'Knives Edge'. She says that it is a terrific book, even though she has not read the previous two. She would recommend it to other young adults, because it discusses complex themes in a dystopian world.



## Sponsorship

We are looking for sponsors!





We would like to offer the opportunity to local businesses to advertise their business on our football strips.



To raise the profile of our successful football teams, we are looking to raise £300 per strip. If you would like to sponsor our strips and have your business logo advertised locally, please get in touch with [lgoodfellow@moorside.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:lgoodfellow@moorside.staffs.sch.uk)  
Thank you!

## Extra-Curricular

Please see below for a variety of sports clubs that are available for students to participate in at lunchtime and after school.

	DAY	LUNCH TIME 12.45-1:15 Club is second half of lunch – get a lunch pass if you need to for the first half (TRAINERS REQUIRED)	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 - 4.30 (FULL PE KIT REQUIRED)	
	MONDAY	Y7-9 dodgeball – MF Y10-11 Fitness suite- MF	No clubs – Staff meeting night	
	TUESDAY	Y7-9 dodgeball – CJ Y10-11 Fitness suite - LG	Girls football (All years) – Astro LG Y8/9 rugby – Grass (MMo)	
	WEDNESDAY	Y7/8 Basketball - MMo	BTEC / GCSE PE Catch up – IT4/IT2 - PE staff	
	THURSDAY	All years - Girls only boxing / fitness - KH	Netball (All years) KS4 yard LG / CJ Y7/8 boys football – Astro - MF	
	FRIDAY	Y7-9 dodgeball – LG Y10-11 Fitness suite – LG/MF	No Clubs	



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## Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate. Below show the comparisons from November of last year to February of this. The number of responses received are in brackets, and we would love to get that figure much closer to 700 on the next survey.

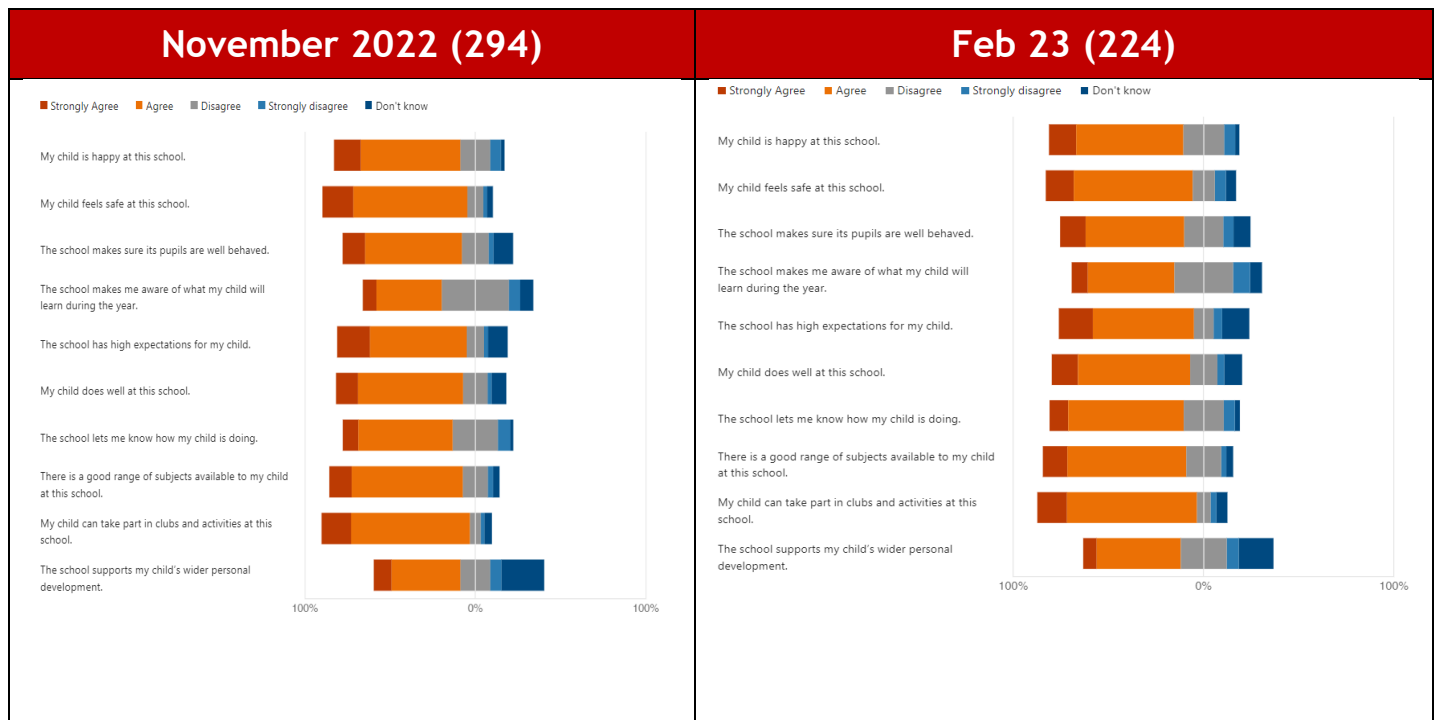
There are positives and areas that we need to continue to focus on.

There are plans in place to address how we better support children's wider development, which I will share with you through the year. The first step towards this is the restructure of the pastoral teams and widening of the curriculum.

We have also appointed a senior leader (Mrs Plant) with the core responsibility of 'Student Experience'.

Thank you to everyone that left comments on the survey form, these are appreciated and helped to guide our thinking further.

## Results



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## New Appointments

Next year we will be changing from 'Head of Key Stages' to 'Heads of Year.' We believe this will give us greater oversight of students and gives middle leaders greater capacity to work for your children.

We are pleased to announce that from next year Phil Yeomans, Mackenzie Faulkner and Craig Hughes will be joining our strong pastoral team. The structure for next year will be as follows:

- Head of Year 7 – Mr Phillips
- Head of Year 8 – Mr Hughes
- Head of Year 9 – Mr Faulkner
- Head of Year 10 – Mr Yeomans
- Head of Year 11 – Mrs Stokes

We have also increased the number of departments to support the wider curriculum offer (as shown below). We have also made some extremely exciting appointments to these areas.

- Miss Goodfellow has been appointed as Director of Teaching and Learning for Performance
- Mrs Morley has been appointed as Director of Teaching and Learning for English
- Mr Qayyum has been appointed Director of Teaching and Learning for Technology and Futures

## Departments



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## Engage

### Gymnastics

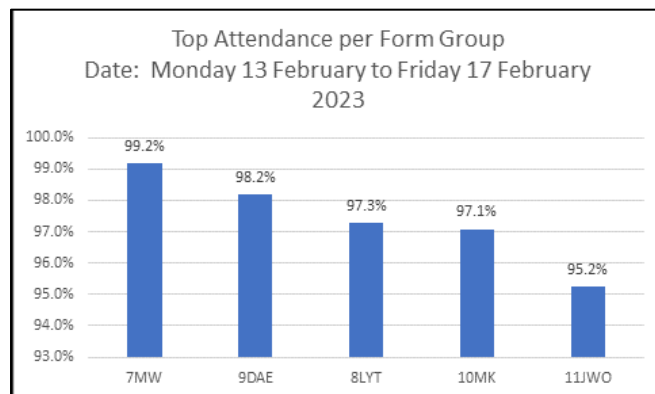
Year 8 boys have been studying gymnastics in their PE lessons. They have worked so hard to create interesting routines and have demonstrated determination and creativity.

Mr Montifroy was extremely impressed and Mrs Plant commented how great it was to witness their efforts during a lesson drop-in.



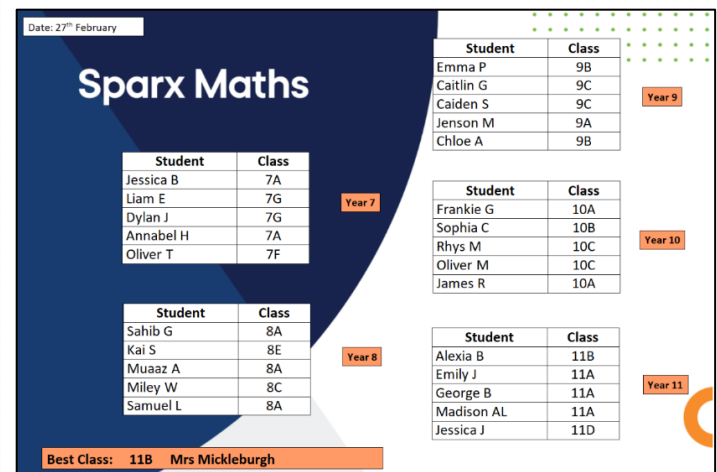
### Attendance

Well done to the following forms for their excellent attendance rates this week – keep it up!



### SPARX

Well done to the following classes for making it onto the SPARX leader board this week.





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## Achieve

### Exams

At the start of this half-term Year 11 have nine school weeks until the exams start (42 school days). The vast majority are revising hard and using their time well. Many are now bringing in independent work that they have done at home for staff to check and help them to improve. By this point in their revision programme, students should be focussing on past questions and papers to familiarise themselves with the style of questions, as well as using the strategies that their form tutors have been teaching them in the Motivate, Organise and Revise sessions.

This is also the time when some students begin to struggle with exam pressure. It is normal for students to become anxious in the run up to exams and to feel overwhelmed by the amount of work that they still need to do. It is also normal to feel wobbly or nauseous on exam days, but for some students this can become a bigger problem. **This link** will take you to an OFQUAL guide for identifying and managing exam pressure. Please also encourage your child to chat to their form tutor (or email them yourselves) about any concerns that they have, and we can help them to form a plan.

### Cross Country

Congratulations to our fantastic Moorside runners who recently represented the Moorlands District Cross Country team in the Staffordshire Schools' Championships.

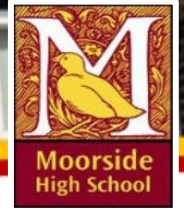
Braving the harsh winter elements, they showed great determination and character to overcome a very gruelling course with some exceptional results:

Annaleigh H (2nd), Lara S (4th), Max R (6th), Lewis S (6th), Lucas R (32nd).

Additionally, well done to the following students who have qualified to represent Staffordshire in the English Schools Cross Country Championships; Annaleigh H, Lara S, Max R, Lewis S.



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## Girls' Football

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, the under-14s girls football team played in a tournament hosted by Stoke City in the Academy Dome. As winners of the tournament (a close 1-0 against Thistley Hough in the final), they were presented with the trophy pitch-side at the Bet 365 stadium before watching the men's game against Huddersfield! Well done to all! Player of the tournament – Leah W for her thunderbolt strike to secure the win in the final.

