

Weekly Bulletin



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24th May 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Half term

Next week: World Environment Day

This term has seen fantastic progress due to the incredible dedication of our students. We've witnessed an improvement in engagement across all year groups, with students actively participating in lessons with a strong desire to learn. This has blossomed alongside a positive shift in behaviour. Classrooms are focused on learning, and social time reflects a respectful and supportive school environment. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students. They consistently embody the REACH values:

- **Resilience:** Bouncing back from challenges and demonstrating grit
- **Engagement:** Actively participating and taking ownership of their learning
- **Achievement:** Striving for excellence and celebrating personal bests
- **Community:** Supporting one another and fostering a positive learning environment
- **Hard Work:** Dedicating themselves to their studies and personal development

We all play a vital role in nurturing these values in our young people. By working together, we can create a powerful bridge of support that empowers students to succeed. We are incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished this term both in and out of school, many have been shared through the bulletin. We encourage you to continue conversations with your children about their learning and celebrate their achievements, big or small. Together, we can ensure Moorside High remains a place where students can **REACH** their full potential.

Special Mentions

MotoX

Well done to Makenzie M who received his Motocross Trophy at Warmingham last weekend.



Swimming

Noah in Year 9 has qualified for the British Summer championships, only the top 25 swimmers of his age group receive an invitation. This is amazing and he will be up against swimmers from schools such as Millfield and Repton. Currently he stands 11th in Britain on 100m backstroke and 9th in Britain on 200m backstroke.



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

If you need support with your mental health and feel like you can't reach out to anyone at school or home, there are still people you might want to reach out to. You can find out more on the [MIND website](#).

SPARX Competition

We are running a competition with year 11 on who can spend the most active learning time on Sparx Independent Learning over the half term break. It opens on Friday 24th May at 3:30 and closes on Monday 3rd June at 8:00. Any independent learning completed outside of these times will not be counted. Use your QLA sheets your teacher gave you after the mocks and work on the skills that are red. Search these skills on Independent Learning and complete the questions in your Sparx books. This will help you close any gaps in your learning. There will be a prize for the person at the top of the leader board!



School of Rock

Following our box-office blockbuster and critically acclaimed smash hit production of We Will Rock You earlier this year, the Drama and Music Departments of Moorside are delighted to announce that three of our talented performers have been cast in Stoke Youth's upcoming interpretation of the same musical. Singing sensation Alice G (Y7), dramatic dynamo Jess W (Y10) and theatrical thunderbolt Oliver D (Y9) will tread the boards of Stoke Repertory Theatre later this summer. Break a leg!

Water Safety

As we approach the holidays and hopefully better weather, please be aware of water safety. There are some simple tips on the 'Drowning Prevention Week' poster. Drowning Prevention Week is 15 - 22 June 2024 and is targeted at families, carers, teachers, and instructors of children aged five to fifteen years old, with the aim to educate them about water safety. The campaign takes place annually in June, ahead of the school summer holidays when children naturally spend more time outdoors, and when vital water safety skills can help keep them safe.



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Engage

Duke of Edinburgh

Over the weekend 11 students Year 9 completed their Bronze practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition, walking a total of 22 kilometres around Alton, Oakamoor and Cauldon Low, over 2 days. They camped at the beautiful Rue Hill campsites where the students slept in tents and cooked their own dinner. Students had to battle warm temperatures, lots of brambles, and a few inquisitive cows. The team took the time to stop and learn of the local legend of the Talbots and the chained oak! Well Done!



Artwork

Well done to Molly F in Year 9 who has impressed the art department with her skill and talent during the identity project. Keep up the excellent work.



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Achieve

House

We are thrilled to announce that the house events for the next academic year have been confirmed! With over 45 activities and competitions across all subjects, there will be something to suit every student's interests. These events will be added to the website at the start of the new academic year.

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	162810
2 nd	Moorcroft	150387
3 rd	Bridgewater	136552
4 th	Doulton	133956
5 th	Wedgwood	115070

Netball Showdown

Well done the key stage 4 students who took part in the inter house netball showdown, Churchill took the year 9 crown and Wedgwood took the year 10 crown, giving them a much-needed boost in the overall leaderboard! Due to the weather year 8s tournament has been postponed until Wednesday 5th June.



High Achievers

Our Year 10 participants in the Higher Horizons+ 'High Achievers' programme was celebrated this week at an event hosted by Keele University. Aimee, Olivia, Henry, and Erin along with students from several other local schools took part in a master class led by the Sixth Form College, had a campus tour of Keele, and were presented with their participation certificate by Steve Rayner, Senior Tutor for Admissions at Somerville College, Oxford University. The students were congratulated on their exemplary behaviour and excellent participation by all. Well done!



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Cooking

It's been a busy term with all year groups making a wide variety of healthy and nutritious foods. Ranging from turkey burgers to chicken fajitas, burritos, vegetable stir fry, presentation challenges and home-made chocolate mousse with caramelized oranges



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Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Ben H	7H
Olivia Pa	7H
Faith A	7J
Freya M	7I
Sam S	7H

Year 7

Student	Class
Annabel H	8H
Jessica B	8H
Poppy S	8H
Max R	8I
Charlotte M	8K2

Year 8

Best Class: 8H Ms Stevenson

Student	Class
Sam L	9I
Molly F	9I
Olivia E	9M
Lois C	9L
Isla H	9M

Year 9

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
Caitlin G	10J
Bella W	10J
Alannah N	10K
Liam S	10K

Year 10

Student	Class
Billy S	11L
Holli W	11I
Logan C	11H
Ella C	11H
Alex L	11H

Year 11

Notice from Mr Goodwin

With the weather turning for the better Moorside High school would like to remind parents and students of the protocols around summer uniform. During periods of extreme hot weather, the school will make amendments to the uniform policy, this will either be the removal of blazer and tie or for students to attend in their PE kit. The decision will be at the discretion of the school and will be communicated to all families in plenty of notice. A reminder that the schools Uniform Policy is on the school website.