

Weekly Bulletin



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26th April 2024

From the Head Teacher

Coming Up

This week: Earth Day

Next week: Y7 Tutbury Castle

We have had some fantastic personal and team achievements over the last week. A huge well done to Lara for her success in the London mini marathon with the West Midlands team; Congratulations to all that completed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award practice weekend; All the very best to Jasmine who is currently in Florida competing in the Cheer Leader nationals (for the second year running!); a big congratulations to Phoebe who has been offered a place on the prestigious Yorkshire Ballet seminars; and all the very best of luck to our girls football team who are competing in the Staffordshire Schools County Cup final on Monday.

This is just a slice of some of the fantastic achievements being made by our students, we are immensely proud of them all!

We have also been launching our devices scheme with new parents this week, holding events at St Johns, Werrington Primary, and here at Moorside. Our current year 7 students have been sharing their experiences with devices, and we have welcomed the conversations with new and existing parents on how the strategy is progressing.

Have a good and restful weekend.

Special Mentions

Lara's Mini-Marathon

Lara has had the experience of a lifetime by going down to London with the West Midlands Running Team to compete in the London Mini Marathon. She came 55th out of 204 competitors and got a brilliant time of 9 minutes and 28 seconds.

It was perfect weather conditions and a very memorable experience.



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School News

Mental Health Tip:

Creating a regular routine for yourself can help you feel more in control of what is going on in your life and reduce stress levels. Set aside time for homework, meals, activities, socialising and rest so you get used to what you're expecting daily. You can ask your parents/carers to help you establish this.

NSEG

Year 11 are invited to go along to NSEG's Engineering Enrolment Day. They will be provided with information, advice, and guidance on their engineering apprenticeships. They can have a go at being a virtual welder and other interactive engineering equipment in the careers van. They can complete initial assessments and interview on the day. To register your interest please email enquiries@nsegta.co.uk or call 01782 213485



Y10 Work Experience

This week we have launched work experience with our Year 10 students. All students have taken part in an assembly to explain the purpose and processes of work experience and we will be building their skills to support them in finding their own placements via form time activities during the next few weeks. Students must find themselves work experience placements for the week commencing 14th October 2024. We will also be launching the use of Unifrog to manage work experience this year. If any parents are willing and able to offer work experience places to our students, you can contact Mrs Lowe at school via telephone or email Jlowe@mhs.potteries.ac.uk to discuss this.

Y11 Virtual Work Experience

Y11 can sign up for free Virtual Work Experience via Unifrog (login reminders have been sent to students' school email addresses). Taking place from 1-5 July, a different employer (some of the biggest name employers including the NHS, Tesco, and the BBC) will set a workplace task that helps them to develop **key transferable skills to boost their CVs**. Students can sign up for all sessions or just the ones they are interested in. Live webinars will happen at 9am and 2pm each day, with students completing the task independently in between via the Courses tool.

Devices

We had a great turn out for our Devices launch for next year's intake of year 7's. Our current year 7 students presented their own views and shared experiences of using the devices.



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Engage

Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend was our training weekend for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Pupils camped and walked routes in teams, learning: navigation, camping, cooking, and teamwork skills. We had a fantastic weekend of pupils working together, learning new skills, helping one another, and really getting stuck in (we even had beautiful weather!) Staff were really impressed with pupils' willingness to learn and their wonderful attitudes, despite a chilly night. Thank you to all staff, parents, and pupils for making the weekend as good as it was. Next Bronze DofE weekend is 18th-19th May, we look forward to another fabulous weekend.



Oxford University

Just before Easter, five of our Year 10 students attended a residential trip to Oxford University organised through Higher Horizons+ and Stoke 6th Form College. The trip was hosted by Somerville College. The students completed a series of activities about university life and study. They explored Oxford and visited the Oxford Natural History Museum. They also tackled tasks such as creating an earthquake proof structure, analysing Romantic Poetry, and exploring big issues through a taster of the Oxplore programme. This programme poses questions to students such as 'Would you want to live forever?' and guides them through the process of exploring and responding in an analytical way. A fantastic and inspirational visit was enjoyed by all!



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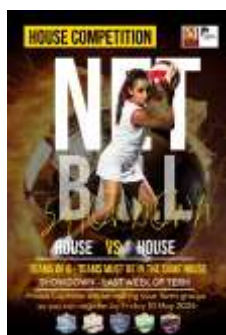
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Achieve

House



After the remarkable triumph of the Football Showdown contest, we are thrilled to announce the launch of our Netball Showdown. Scheduled for the 20th to the 24th of May, this event invites students from all year groups to register their interest. It is an excellent chance for students to collaborate within their houses and accumulate valuable house points. Our house captains have been actively promoting the event by visiting form groups every morning. The Netball Showdown is designed to be fully inclusive, welcoming all students from years 7 to 11 to participate.

Rank	House	House Points
1 st	Churchill	141499
2 nd	Moorcroft	130335
3 rd	Bridgewater	119055
4 th	Doulton	116905
5 th	Wedgwood	101699

St. George's Attendance Competition

Well done to 8EGR who won the St George's Day attendance competition. We hope you enjoyed your brownies, supplied by Mrs Ball from the attendance team. Thank you to the attendance team for organising this competition.



Kurling

9 pupils from year 7 took part in an indoor Kurling event against Cicely Haughton school today. Despite not having played before they quickly picked up the skills and there were a lot of keenly contested games. Well done to Isabelle C, Ollie-Joe D, Sophia H-F, Blake H-W, Freya M, Sophie P, Nevaeh R, Melody S and Dom S who showed enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and continued dedication to improve.



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Ballet

A huge congratulations to Phoebe E in Year 9 who has been offered a place at the prestigious Yorkshire Ballet Seminars for a week in July for a week of intensive training. Well done Phoebe.



Art Winner

Thank you for the entries to the Village Life art competition, which was run by Mrs Stones. The winner has now been selected. Well done to Olivia H in Year 11 who has created this beautiful painting of a hedgehog. Well done to all who participated, house points have been added.



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SPARX

Date: 22nd April 2024

Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Aisha B	7K
Beth R	7J
Tyler-Jake BM	7M
Faith A	7J
Tyler H	7M

Year 7

Student	Class
Rumer B	8J
Simona L	8K1
Jasmine D	8J
George L	8L
Layla M	8K2

Year 8

Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds

Student	Class
Lily-Rose J	9H
Archie E	9I
Samuel L	9I
Bobby P	9J
Thomas H	9L

Year 9

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
Thomas S	10H
Emma P	10I
Maisie A	10K
Caiden S	10K

Year 10

Student	Class
Keeley FS	11L
Leona S	11J
Billy S	11L
Evie C	11J
Sophia C	11I

Year 11