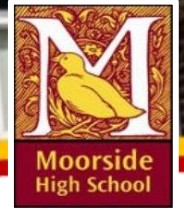


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## From the Head Teacher

I am really pleased to share that the change in our catering service to Mellor's, has had a positive impact on uptake of food from the canteen. We have seen a significant increase in the quality and choice. As a result, a lot more students are now using school food as an option. We continue to work with Mellor's and listen to student voice to continue to refine the choices. We are planning a student panel to meet with our Mellor's representative so they can get direct feedback from them and have a say in how we move forward.



### Coming Up

*This Week:* Black History Month, Dougie Mac Coffee Morning  
*Next week:* World Mental Health Day, Y9 DofE Assembly

## Special Mentions

### Running

Tom M in has challenged himself to take part in a sponsored run for Great Ormond Street Hospital. He has been running at least 3km every day throughout September. Well done, Tom!



### Coffee Morning

We will be holding out Macmillan cake sale on Thursday and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please send in any cake donations for the sale by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and remember to bring £1 donation to school on Thursday and Friday for a cake voucher available from form tutors.

**£1**

Macmillan cake sale 2023

- Bring in cake donations before 4<sup>th</sup> October
- On 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> October bring in your £1 donation
- Hand in your £1 at AM form time to your Form Tutor in return for a cake voucher
- Exchange your voucher for cake at break time

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## School News

### Scarecrow

The Art Department was pleased to participate with the Werrington Scarecrow Trail this weekend. It is a good way to celebrate being part of the local community.



### Careers

The September edition of Careermag for parents, carers and guardians can be read for free [here](#).

Parents and Guardians can also download for free a copy of 'Our University Guide 2023 to 24' produced by Success at School by [clicking here](#).

## Mental Health Awareness

In addition to a fabulous assembly by Mrs Plant and a linked personal development form time activity, teachers included a range of short tasks in their lessons to raise the profile of positive mental health. There was '1 minute mindfulness' in science, meditation in RE and the opportunity to talk about feelings and emotions in Languages. Miss Crossley has a challenge for you all...Can you translate the titles of these well-known songs? They are all connected to feelings and emotions.

### Y9, 10 and 11 Starter

#### Mental Health Awareness Week

#### Guess the song translation (all related to feelings)

1. Ich bin so aufgeregt – The Pointer Sisters
2. Glücklich - Pharrell Williams
3. Einsam - Justin Bieber & Benny Blanco
4. Schlechter Tag – Daniel Powter
5. Ich bin nicht besorgt - OneRepublic
6. Ich habe ein Gefühl - Black Eyed Peas
7. Sommerzeit Traurigkeit – Lana Del Rey
8. Ich mache mir Sorgen um Ray – The Hoosiers
9. Ich fühle mich gut – James Brown
10. Mach keine Sorgen, sei glücklich - Bobby McFerrin



## IT Masterclass

There's a parent event to focus on how to support pupils at home with their new device. The 45-minute session on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October (at 4pm and again at 5pm) will cover; an overview of the new devices, how to access Teams and classwork and independent learning tasks (including Sparx) and a chance to ask any questions you may have.

## Y11 Parent Event

Year 11 Exam Preparation evening is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of October, in the school hall from 5.30 - 6.30pm. The evening will cover how and how often should your child be revising for their different subjects, hints, and tips to help survive Y11 and manage stress, a shop to buy the appropriate revision guides (pay by card or cash on the night)

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## Engage

### European Day of Languages

The MFL department have been impressed with the efforts of the pupils and staff alike in their quest to improve their foreign language skills as we enter the European Day of Languages (EDOL) on the 26th of September. Pupils have been taking part in quizzes and holding staff to account on the staff Duolingo competition. All students attended an assembly delivered by Mr. Wooliscroft, where he shared the journey that his love of language has taken him on.



### Careers Personal Development

During our first Personal Development Day, Year 9 focussed on Higher Education options. The challenge was to work in a team to create an ideal University and market it effectively. The teams had to produce resources including a campus design, a course list, a motto, and a logo and then present their designs to their peers. The best teams from each group went on to the grand final where they presented in front of visitors from Higher Horizons and Leek and Buxton College. Our visitors were really impressed with the standard of work produced by Year 9. The winning team was 'Valiants University' created and presented by Ruby S, Jacob L, Isaac W, Logan M and Noah W. Well done!



### Enterprise

On Personal Development Day Year 8 were involved in a full day of team building activities and different challenges. In the morning they worked in teams to build a spaghetti and marshmallow tower, using a design mindset and basic engineering principles, group communication, leadership skills, collaboration, innovation, and problem-solving strategies.

In the afternoon pupils took part in the egg drop challenge where they had to build a parachute for their egg and drop it from the balcony (hoping the egg survived the drop!) This challenge further developed communication, listening, leadership and delegation skills.



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## Achieve

### Sparx

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Tyler-Jake BM	7M
Ben M	7M
Eden L	7K
Faith A	7J
Robyn C	7M

**Year 7**

Student	Class
Evie W	8K
Megan M	8K
Gabriella Z	8H
Oscar M	8M
Amelia H	8J

**Year 8**

**Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds**

Student	Class
Lucy W	9I
Danielle C	9I
Sebastian P	9M
Lois M	9H
Immy T	9OI

**Year 9**

Student	Class
Keeley L	10L
Lily E	10K
Daniel C	10H
Chloe A	10I
Thomas M	10K

**Year 10**

Student	Class
Keeley F-S	11L
Evie C	11J
Grace B	11I
Olivia H	11H
Jamie K	11H

**Year 11**






### House

Here is this week's house leader board! Well done to Moorcroft for taking the top spot this week.

RANK	HOUSE	POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Moorcroft	16388
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Churchill	16301
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wedgwood	16017
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doulton	15908
5 <sup>th</sup>	Bridgewater	15833

## House Leadership

We received an overwhelming response to the vacancies, and it has been inspiring to see so many students eager to take on responsibilities within our school's House system. Applications for the House leadership roles were shortlisted, and students were invited to attend an informal interview on Wednesday. It is with considerable pride that I introduce to you, the House Leadership Team for 2023-2024.

				
<p><b>Captains:</b> Angel J (10MK) Holly E (10MK)</p> <p><b>Vice Captains:</b> Jia G (10MK) Brooke B (9MDM)</p> <p><b>House Coordinators:</b> Ava H (8MW) Mellissa O (8DJ) Isaac H (7CHU) Ed L (7CHU)</p>	<p><b>Captains:</b> Lola T (10MMO) Tiana D (10MMO)</p> <p><b>Vice Captains:</b> Isobel K (9KJC) Lucie V (9KJC)</p> <p><b>House Coordinators:</b> Maizie J (8KHA) Isabel P (8KHA) Kate B (7LYT) Ebony-Eliza W (7PMA)</p>	<p><b>Captains:</b> Abbie C (10PAM) Jessica W (10PAM)</p> <p><b>Vice Captains:</b> Micha H (10LS) Emily-Mai G (10LS)</p> <p><b>House Coordinators:</b> Callan G (8MAL) Niamh C (8MAL) Freya M (7KH) Aaliyah R (7KH)</p>	<p><b>Captains:</b> Jessica C (10JWO) Leah-Rose W (10JWO)</p> <p><b>Vice Captains:</b> Isaac W (9AQ) Caleb R (8EGR)</p> <p><b>House Coordinators:</b> Connor J (8EGR) Finley W (8EGR) Maisie S (7MP) Beth R (7MP)</p>	<p><b>Captains:</b> Miryam G (10SJP) Betsie R (10SJP)</p> <p><b>Vice Captains:</b> Eden L (9CMG) Lucy B (9CMG)</p> <p><b>House Coordinators:</b> Ivy H (7MH) Crystal B (7MH) Alice G (7MH) Robyn C (7MH)</p>