

# Weekly Bulletin

*This half-term's REACH value is: Engage*

20 December 2024



## From the Head Teacher



As we approach the end of a wonderful term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the success we have all shared together. It has been a truly remarkable term, filled with hard work, dedication, and a sense of unity that has made our school a vibrant and welcoming place.

This week, we have rewarded the achievements of our pupils in a series of festive events. From the 'Always Pupils' celebrations, the end of term rewards assemblies, the delightful Christmas concert that brought our community together and the Trust Christmas concert that raised over £1000. It's been a time of celebration and giving. The concert was a true highlight, showcasing the incredible talent across all age ranges, and I couldn't be more proud of our pupils and staff for their outstanding contributions.

As we head into Christmas, I want to thank each and everyone of you—pupils, staff, and parents—for your dedication and hard work. Together, we have made this term a memorable and successful one.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May it be a time of rest, joy, and celebration with your loved ones. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for more success and achievement.

## Amazing News!

Moorside High School is proud to announce that we are the top choice of secondary school for 178 families in the Staffordshire Moorlands! Once again, we are oversubscribed and officially the most sought-after secondary school in the area. Thank you for your continued trust and support in making Moorside High School your number one choice!

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## Follow us



Follow us on Facebook for updates and news for everyone!



Download the Arbor app to keep up to date with Attendance, House Points etc

## Engage

Always engage and be positive.



## Well done!



A special congratulations goes to Sophie D from Year 8, our very first student to earn this Bronze award by achieving 500 house points. We are incredibly proud of Sophie's outstanding accomplishment.



## 🎄 YULE BE QUIZZED! 🎄

We've had an amazing turnout for our **Christmas cake prize!** Thank you to everyone who participated.



🌟 The winner is Mrs Jukes!



## House System

As the school calendar year draws to a close, we have taken the time to reflect on the positive impact our house system has had on our school community. Students have shown full engagement in all events and competitions, and we remain committed to offering a diverse range of activities that are inclusive to all and span the entire curriculum.

Preparations for January competitions are already underway, and the house calendar for the rest of the academic year is brimming with exciting events, competitions, and activities. Our students have truly impressed us with the incredible number of house points they have earned so far.

Churchill and Wedgwood remain locked in a fierce battle for first place, with Churchill hot on Wedgwood's heels—just 232 house points separating them!

### HOUSE POINT LEADER BOARD

No.	House	Points
1	Churchill	75363
2	Wedgwood	75131
3	Bridgewater	73032
4	Doulton	71985
5	Moorcroft	71087

## Achieve

Aspire to be the best and be prepared to take risks along the way.



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## Christmas Card Winners

Thank you to everyone who shared their creativity and holiday spirit!

After much deliberation, we're thrilled to announce the winners of our 2024 Christmas Card Competition:



**Years 7 & 8**

**First Prize: Beth R**

**Second Prize: Arnie N**

**Third Prize: Martha G**

**Years 9 & 10**

**First Prize: Faith E**

**Second Prize: Isabel P**

**Third Prize: Millie Mc**



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  **SHOW UP AND WIN BIG!**  

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**100 Perfect Attendance = Automatic Entry**

 **Prize Draw Includes:**

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**The incredible Fire Max 11 Tablet (KS4) **

- ✓ **Come to school every day**
- ✓ **Stay committed**
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**Are YOU up for the challenge? Let's make it happen! **



**GIVEAWAY**





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## GET READY FOR AN AMAZING ATTENDANCE REWARD!

Students who achieve 100% attendance from Monday, 6 January 2025, to Wednesday, 9 April 2025, will be treated to a special Film Afternoon Reward!



This is your chance to celebrate your dedication with a fun and relaxing movie experience alongside your friends. Don't miss out—be here every day and secure your spot for this exciting event!

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## Year 9's: Start Your Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Journey After Christmas!

Are you ready for a challenge that's as rewarding as it is exciting? The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) is your chance to build skills, make memories, and achieve something truly special! Starting after Christmas, applications will be open for Year 9 students to begin their DofE journey.

### What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a world-renowned program that helps young people like you develop independence, teamwork, and resilience. The Bronze level is the first step and is perfect for those looking to try something new and push their boundaries.

To achieve the Bronze Award, you'll complete four key sections:

**Volunteering** – Give back to your community by helping others. This could be anything from mentoring younger students to working at a local charity.

**Physical** – Get active! Whether it's joining a sports team, learning a new skill like yoga, or improving at your favorite sport, this is your time to shine.

**Skills** – Try something creative or practical. Learn photography, play an instrument, or even develop coding skills!

**Expedition** – The highlight of the award! You'll team up with classmates to plan and complete an exciting outdoor adventure. Imagine hiking through stunning countryside, carrying your supplies, and camping under canvas.

### Why Should You Get Involved?

**Build confidence:** Show yourself and others what you're capable of.

**Meet new people:** Strengthen friendships and make new ones while working as a team.

**Boost your future:** The DofE Award is a fantastic addition to your CV or university application. It shows employers and educators that you're dedicated, hardworking, and community-minded.

**Have fun!** The award is all about exploring new activities and creating unforgettable experiences.

### How to Apply

After Christmas, keep an eye out for information about the application process. We'll hold an introductory assembly to explain everything you need to know and answer your questions. Spaces are limited, so be ready to sign up quickly!

If you're in Year 9 and want to take on the challenge, this is your chance. Talk to your friends, think about the activities you'd love to do, and get ready to step outside your comfort zone.

### Questions?

For more details email Mr Lloyd DofE Manager or check out the official DofE website at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

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## The Importance of Reading

Reading is one of the most important skills your child will develop, forming the foundation for academic success and lifelong learning. Regular reading enhances vocabulary, boosts comprehension, and fosters critical thinking skills.



As a parent, you play a key role in encouraging a love for reading. Simple steps like setting aside daily reading time and discussing books together can make a significant difference.

To support you in this journey, there is a variety of resources on our school website, including recommended reading lists and tips on how to support your child at home.

**Visit the 'Literacy Zone' on our website to find these resources: Literacy Zone – Moorside High School**



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## Important Equipment

I hope this email finds you well. As a school we are writing to discuss an important aspect of your child's education, the importance of having the right equipment for their classes. When we return after Christmas form tutors will be having a huge push to ensure that all students are equipped for the day ahead.

As part of our commitment to providing a supportive and effective learning environment, it is essential that all students come to school fully equipped to participate in lessons. Having the necessary equipment not only helps your child stay organised but also plays a crucial role in their academic success. It enables them to engage with the material, complete tasks efficiently, and actively participate in classroom activities.

The basic equipment your child should bring to school each day includes:

- A pen (black or blue)
- A pencil
- A reading Book
- A calculator (for mathematics and science)
- Highlighter
- Ruler, protractor, and eraser
- Laptop (Students in Key Stage 3)
- Smartcard

Any specific equipment required for practical subjects (e.g., art supplies, PE kit) Being properly equipped means that your child is ready to tackle the day's challenges, and it reduces the need for interruptions in lessons, allowing for a smoother learning experience.

If there are any concerns about acquiring the required equipment, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's form tutor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and your continued support in helping your child reach their full potential.



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Half price tickets!!

# PROM NIGHT

Class of 2025

## 100% Attendance

From Tuesday 17 September to Tuesday 6 May 2025  
To attend Prom, all other Prom criteria must be met!

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**Tell Us!**

**We want to hear from you!**

**Your Feedback Matters!**

To improve our programs and support your child better, please take a moment to share your thoughts on:

- What's working well at our school?
- Areas where we could improve.
- Suggestions for workshops or resources you'd like to see.

You can provide your feedback by emailing us:

**[office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk](mailto:office@mhs.potteries.ac.uk)**