

# Weekly Bulletin

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

11 April 2025



## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement play such an important role in your child's education and in the life of our school community.

Today, we were delighted to host a special Rewards Afternoon Tea to celebrate those students who have achieved 100% attendance this term. It was a lovely occasion, recognising the commitment and effort of these students in maintaining such an excellent record. We are incredibly proud of them!

We are equally proud of all our students for their hard work and enthusiasm this term, and we look forward to seeing what they'll continue to achieve in the coming months.

Stoke Sixth Form also celebrated an Aspire Awards Evening, with past students performing on stage and receiving numerous awards. This truly was amazing to see!!

As we now head into the Easter break, I wish you and your family a restful holiday. Thank you once again for your ongoing support – it truly makes a difference.

Mrs Grant

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## Follow us



Follow us on Facebook  
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for everyone!



Arbor

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

### Engage

Always engage  
and be positive.



### Student Voice: March 2025 Update

At Moorside High School, we are committed to listening to our students and using their feedback to make improvements. The latest Student Voice survey, which received over 500 responses shows positive steps forward, including an increase in the number of students who feel safe all or most of the time at school (up to 75%) and a rise in awareness of our safeguarding team (now 72%, up from 61%). More students also feel we are promoting both mental and physical well-being, with 76% agreeing we support physical health, up from 67% last term. While student enjoyment of school

has seen a slight improvement, we recognise the need to continue to focus on areas such as classroom engagement and behaviour. Looking ahead, we are continuing to strengthen our support for students through targeted staff training, enhanced anti-bullying initiatives, and a renewed focus on careers education. We are also working to ensure all students feel heard and valued, with more opportunities to contribute to school life. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to make our school the best it can be!

### Celebrating Ronnie-Mae's Achievement!

A big congratulations to Ronnie-Mae in Year 7, who was awarded a certificate of achievement and a voucher for selling the most raffle tickets in the school—an incredible total of over £85! Ronnie-Mae has shown fantastic commitment and is a brilliant example of what our students can achieve with determination and enthusiasm. Well done!



### Achieve

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



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## Changes to the Detention System

Below is an outline of the changes to the detention system that will start after Easter.

There will only be 5 types of detention moving forward, and I have listed the behaviour type that would warrant each detention.

### **Late to school**

If a student is late to school, they are marked in as late on the late gate register and a message will be sent home. Three lates in a half term results in an after school sat with attendance, parents will be informed of this detention. All done by the attendance team.

### **Lunch Time Detention**

**(MAX 40 students per day in HUT 7 and 8 PER SLOT 80 in total)**

SLOT 1: 1.10 pm - 1.30 pm - Y8 and 10

SLOT 2: 1.30 pm - 1.50 pm - Y7, 9 and 11

### **Reasons for detention are:**

1. Caught with a full SMART card or no Smart card (Students can attend this detention for 10 minutes to swap a Smart card if it is full)
2. Late to lesson.

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## Changes to the Detention System

### Teacher Detention

Teachers will be able to set these detentions as they wish. They will be set due to not meeting the behaviour policy in the lesson or around the school. Teachers will select a slot so that students are not double booked.

Teachers can set break and lunch detentions without informing parents apart from the automated email that will be sent via Arbor. However, after schools teachers will contact parents via call, email or Arbor 24 hours before the detention.

\*If students continues to not turn up to teacher detentions parents will be contacted and further sanctions will be given such as DTL/HOY detentions, SLT detentions, internal and external suspensions.

### **DTL/HOY detention Thursday (3.10-3.50) (Max 40 Main Hall)**

1. For any students that does not attend a lunch time detention in Hut 7/8 for lates, not attending an afterschool teacher detention and smart cards.

### **SLT detention Thursday (3.10 - 4.10) (Max 30 Main Hall)**

1. For any student that does not attend a DTL/HOY detention.

\*All detentions will be accompanied with an automated email, teachers can add narrative. I ask that parents/careers check Arbor daily to inform students if they have a detention that day.



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### 1. Things to do, where to go, activities

- SCVFS Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services  
<https://staffscvfs.org.uk/activities/>
- Sports Clubs - <https://youthstafordshire.org/>
- Literaries  
 Public Library Reading Well offer for children. 2 collections of expert endorsed books focusing on mental health for children can be found in libraries across Staffordshire.  
<https://readingwell.org.uk/books/links-on-prescriptions/children-for-7-11yrs>  
<https://readingwell.org.uk/books/links-on-prescriptions/teenage-for-12-18yrs>

### 2. It's good to talk

- GP
- Family and Friends
- Youth worker  
<https://youthstafordshire.org.uk/activities/>
- 0-19 service (Health Visiting and School Nursing)  
<https://www.mphs.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing>

### 3. Digital Tools

- Advice for Children  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/>
- 0-19 service (Health Visiting and School Nursing)  
<https://www.mphs.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing>
- Silver Cloud  
 Online platform for young people 13+ to help understand anxiety and worries.  
<https://silvercloudchildrensafetywellbeing.com/signup/>
- Tellus  
 A free app for teenagers (11+) providing resources and a fully moderated community.  
<https://www.tellusapp.com/tellus-works>
- Chat Health for young people aged 11-19 years  
 Text: 07520 615 721 (Staffordshire)  
 Text: 07520 615 723 (North) Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
 Parents/Carers text: 07520 615 722.  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/staffordshire-educationforchildren-service-page?tab=6766d7d0c0a6>

### 4. Education

- SEND  
 Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer and Coordinated Response  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/staffordshire-educationforchildren-service-page?tab=6766d7d0c0a6>
- Mental Health Support Teams  
 Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) work within educational provisions to deliver evidence-based early interventions for children and young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health problems.  
[u.thelink@staffordshire.nhs.uk](mailto:u.thelink@staffordshire.nhs.uk)  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/staffordshire-educationforchildren-service-page?tab=6766d7d0c0a6>  
 Facebook: @StaffMHST Instagram: @thelink\_u.thelink

### 5. Single point of access (SPA) North

Morecambe and Lymington, Staffordshire Moorlands

- 0800 532 8728
- Online referrals  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/staffordshire-educationforchildren-service-page?tab=6766d7d0c0a6>

### 6. Children & Families Single point of access (CaSPA) South

Conestock, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Stafford, South Staffordshire, Tamworth

- Children & Families Single point of access
- 0800 178 0411
- Email referrals to: [CaSPA@nhs.uk](mailto:CaSPA@nhs.uk)

### 7. Crisis Centre

- North  
<https://www.staffordshire-educationforchildren.org.uk/staffordshire-educationforchildren-service-page?tab=6766d7d0c0a6>  
 Anyone that is experiencing a mental health crisis call:  
 The All-Age Crisis Centre Team  
 0800 0 328 728 (option 1)  
 24/7 service
- South  
<https://www.mphs.nhs.uk/teenagehelp>  
 Anyone that is experiencing a mental health crisis call:  
 The All-Age Crisis Centre Team  
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 24/7 service

### 8. Suicide prevention

- SHOUT  
 Text: 0800 0 328 728 (24/7)
- Textlines  
 116 123 free from any phone  
<https://textlines.org/> (textlines will take several days)
- NHS links to support  
<https://www.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/suicide/>
- PAPPS Prevention of Young Suicide  
<https://www.pappsuk.org/>  
 Helpline: 0800 0 328 728  
 0800 0 328 728 Text: 07640 539 967  
<https://pappsuk.org/>

### 9. A&E services

- Nearest A&E services 24/7
- Find your nearest A&E  
<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-accident-and-emergency-service>

### 10. Emergency services

- Is there a serious concern about the safety of a child or young person?  
 Emergency services 999 or 999 111
- First Response 0800 0 328 728  
 24/7 service

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## Moorside's Pottery Raffle – Prize Draw Success!

Today marked the exciting draw for Moorside's Pottery Raffle, and we're thrilled to share that the event was a great success! Winners are currently being contacted, and we look forward to announcing the full list of names and prizes in the new term.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our students, staff, and wider school community, we've raised a fantastic £1762.00 for Cancer Research UK.

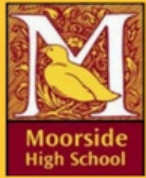
We were honoured to present a cheque to Denise Dunsmore, a representative from the charity, who expressed heartfelt thanks for the amazing efforts shown by everyone involved.

This event has truly highlighted the power of our school community coming together in support of a cause that touches so many lives.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support!



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## HOUSE SYSTEM

### THIS WEEKS HOUSE LEAGUE TABLE

1st

142188



2nd

140195



3rd

137035



4th

133022



5th

131003



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## Sweet Success – Year 11 Donations!

A big thank you to our generous Year 11 students who have donated bags of sweets to help fill the jar for our upcoming competition! To give everyone a bit more time to contribute and to make sure the jar is filled to the brim, we've extended the donation deadline to Friday 2nd May 2025.

If any students would like to donate sweets, please hand them in to Miss Roberts. Let's work together to make this the sweetest competition yet!





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## Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your support this half term, the majority of students have followed the uniform policy and looked extremely smart. The policy link is below for you to read through ready for the new term.

Please copy and paste the link below into your web browser:

<https://moorside.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Uniform-Policy-Apr-2425.pdf>

Can I please ask that students are equipped and dressed appropriately ready for the new term to avoid any form of isolation.

Thanks for your support in advance.

Mr Goodwin

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## Work Experience Y10/11

This week we have launched work experience with our Year 10 students. All students have taken part in an assembly delivered via From Time to explain the purpose and processes of work experience and we will continue to build their skills to support them in finding their own placements via form time activities after the Easter Holidays.

Students must find themselves 5-day work experience placements for the week commencing 13th October 2025.

We will continue to use 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](mailto:Jlowe@mhs.potteries.ac.uk) to discuss this.



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## House Leadership Team Promotes Fundraising Competitions

The House Leadership Team has been actively supporting the school's house system, and this week, they are launching a series of competitions to help raise funds for the Year 11 Prom, which will take place on Thursday, 10th July 2025.

The first competition challenges students to guess the number of sweets in a jar for a chance to win a prize!

During Period 5 on Friday, 11th April, as part of the rewards session, the House Leadership Team and Year 11 representatives will visit form groups to give students the opportunity to take part. Students should bring cash on the day to enter.

Get involved and support the fundraising efforts—every entry helps make the Year 11 Prom a special event!



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## Attendance

As we continue our journey through the school year, let's take a moment to talk about something that's crucial for your child's success: **ATTENDANCE!**

Every day your child spends in school is an opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with teachers and classmates.

Here's why showing up matters:

**Unlock Your Potential: Each class builds on the last:** By being present, you absorb knowledge, participate in discussions, and engage in activities that enrich your understanding. Every lesson is a step toward your goals!

**Build Connections:** School is not just about academics; it's also about friendships! Your peers are your support system. Being present allows you to forge connections that can last a lifetime.

**Boost Your Confidence:** Attending school consistently helps you stay on track, reduces stress, and boosts your confidence in your abilities. You've got this!

**Prepare for the Future:** Regular attendance cultivates responsibility and discipline—key traits for success in any career. Your future self will thank you for the effort you put in today!

Let's commit to making attendance a priority!

Remember, each day in school is a chance to learn something new and create lasting memories. Show up, shine bright, and make the most of every opportunity!

### Congratulations to 120 Students for Reaching 100% Attendance in March!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate our students who have shown outstanding commitment by achieving 100% attendance! Their dedication to their education, resilience, and consistent efforts are truly inspiring. This accomplishment speaks volumes about their hard work and determination. Keep it up, and continue striving for excellence!

Well done, everyone!  
**The Attendance Team**



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## Our Attendance Target is 95%



### Why is it Important?

- Regular school attendance is vital for success, relationships and development
- Excellent attendance supports learning, reliability and prepares students for life beyond education

### Absence Guide

- Phone the attendance line 01782 551200 (press 1) before 8.30 am
- Leave a message each morning your child is absent and/or if they are absent due to an appointment - *this is a safeguarding requirement*
- If we do not hear from you, then an absence email will be sent
- If no response is received, a phone call will be made and we may conduct a home visit
- Non-attendance to AM / PM form will result in an unauthorised mark which will affect your child's attendance
- We do NOT have a 24 / 48 hour sickness policy

### Medical Appointments

- Make appointments, where possible, outside of school hours
- If this is not possible students should attend school for as much of that day as possible
- Email in the appointment card/letter so the absence can be authorised

### Holidays

- Any holidays, during term time, will not be authorised unless it is an extreme circumstance
- A leave of absence request must be completed in advance. Forms can be obtained from the School website or Student Reception
- Parents / Carers may be issued with a penalty notice if your child is absent due to a holiday

0 days absent **190** - School days in each year = 100%

10 days absent **180** - Days in school = 95%

19 days absent **171** - Days in school = 90%

29 days absent **161** - Days in school = 85%

38 days absent **152** - Days in school = 80%

47 days absent **143** - Days in school = 75%

### Late to school = lost learning

Minutes late	Impact on attendance in a year
5 minutes late per day =	3 days lost each year
5 minutes late per day =	9 days lost each year
0 minutes late per day =	19 days lost each year
5 minutes late per day =	28 days lost each year
0 minutes late per day =	38 days lost each year

Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!!

Empowering all to Thrive, Engage and Achieve



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  **SHOW UP AND WIN BIG!**  

**Be in school from January 2025 to July 2025!!**

**This is your chance to turn 100% attendance into an EPIC REWARD!**


100 Perfect Attendance = Automatic Entry

 **Prize Draw Includes:**

A brand-new Xbox Series X (KS3) 

The incredible Fire Max 11 Tablet (KS4) 

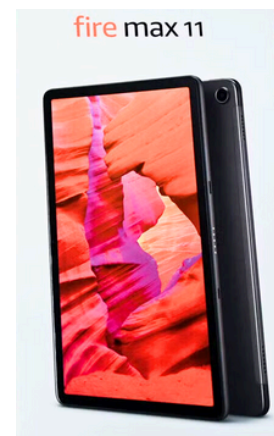
- ✓ Come to school every day
- ✓ Stay committed
- ✓ Get rewarded like never before!

 **Don't miss out - your perfect attendance could make you the lucky winner!**

**Are YOU up for the challenge? Let's make it happen! **



**GIVEAWAY**

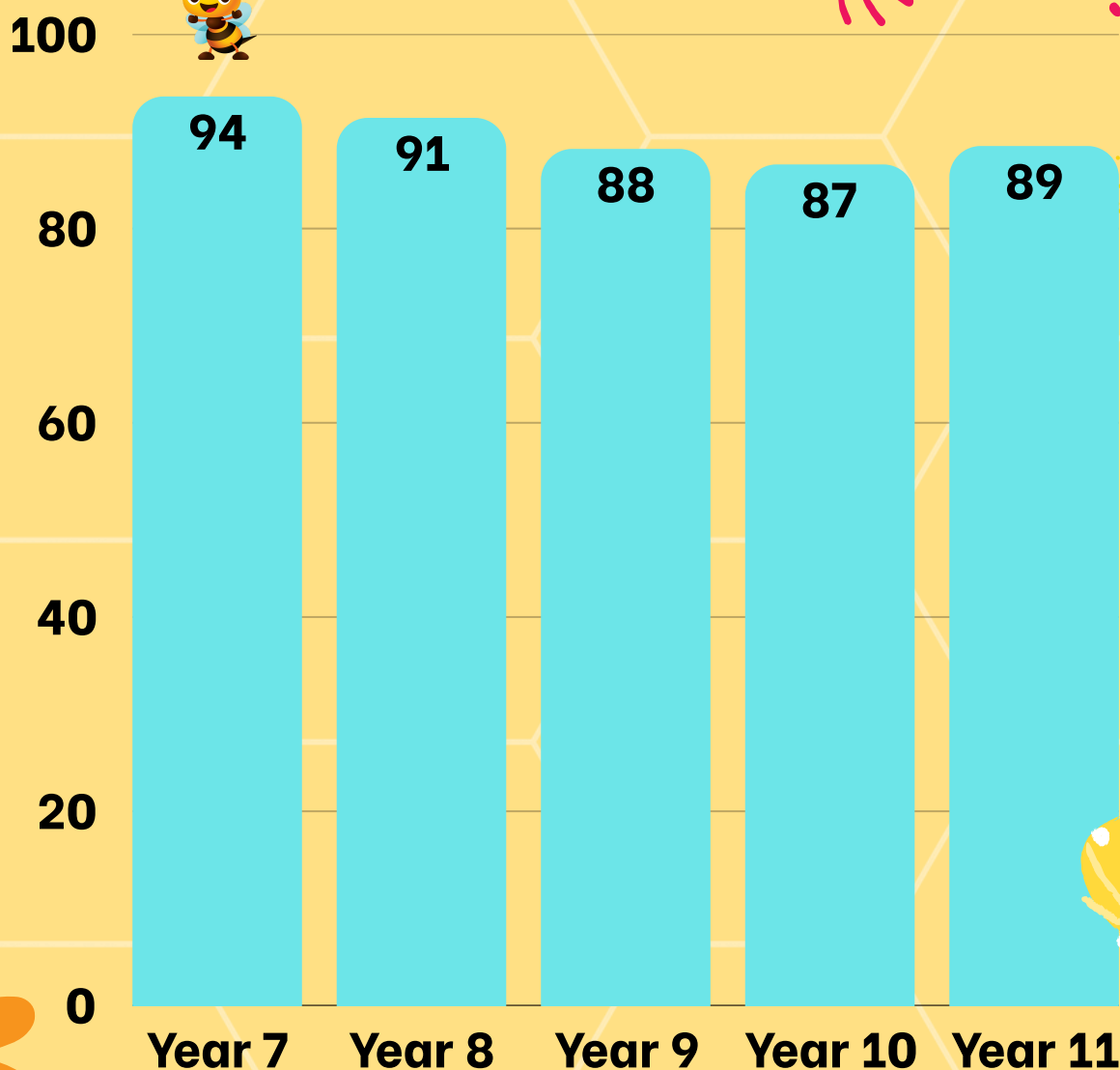




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Who's going to  
Amazing?



This week, we are excited to announce that **Year 7** have achieved the highest attendance!

But the pressure is on! Who will rise to the challenge next week? Let's keep up the momentum and aim for those perfect attendance records!

Remember, every presence counts!

Let's see who can be Queen Bee and take the crown next week!

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An incredible **224** students have achieved 100% attendance and will be rewarded with a special Film Afternoon on **Tuesday, 29 April!**

Congratulations to each and every one of you—well done!

**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!

**FILM AFTERNOON**

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 7 Rewards Trip



- Attendance: Students must have an attendance above 96% in the time period
- Behaviour: Cannot get anymore than 50 referrals in the time period
- Suspension: If a student is suspended they will not be able attend the trip
- House Points: Top ten in each house points scorers get an extra reward on the day

The final decision on if students cannot attend the trip will be made by the school, the school can remove any student if they do not feel the criteria has been met or they are not safe to attend at the school's discretion. Parents/carers will receive an email/phone call if a student has been removed from the trip.



Rewards Trip  
July 2025





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## Years 8 - 10 Rewards Trips



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- Behaviour: Cannot get anymore than 50 referrals in the time period
- Suspension: If a student is suspended they will not be able attend the trip
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Rewards Trip  
July 2025



DRAYTON MANOR



TRAFFORD CENTRE



STAY IN SCHOOL



TEN PIN BOWLING & CINEMA

GOOD  
JOB!

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## Attendance Competitions



**IT'S TIME FOR AN ATTENDANCE PRIZE**

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Don't miss out - your perfect attendance could make YOU the lucky winner!

Are YOU up for the challenge? Let's make it happen!

The poster features a purple background with a yellow central box containing text. At the bottom, there are images of an Xbox Series X console and a Fire Max 11 tablet, surrounded by gift boxes and confetti.



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!

The poster has a black background with a green grid pattern. It features large, glowing text for 'PROM NIGHT' and '100% Attendance'. There are also images of gift boxes and confetti at the bottom.

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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)**