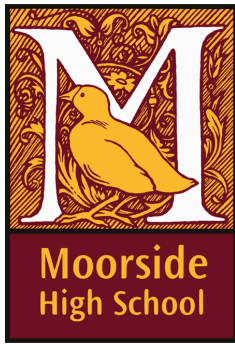


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*This half-term's REACH value is: Engage*

10 January 2025

## From the Head Teacher



Happy New Year to you all, I hope that you have all been able to spend time with your families and friends over the festive period.

It has been wonderful to welcome students back this week; standards of uniform have been excellent and everyone has made an incredibly positive start to the term. The changes to the school day have gone well.

Last week our Year 11s received their mock results. This is a pivotal point in the term where we stop to reflect on where we are, and what steps we need to take to secure the best outcomes in the summer.

I would like to acknowledge how hard the year groups are working, and have done consistently through the year, we are rightfully very proud of them. Well done to all.

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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.



## The Garden



An independent study piece submitted by Daniella O in Year 10.

An absolutely beautiful drawing in a range of different media.

Well done - Mrs Stones



## House System

Over the coming weeks, we are excited to launch our Pottery Raffle! Each of the pottery companies after which our school houses are named has generously donated beautiful items of pottery for this cause. To support this initiative, we will be providing raffle booklets to our students and encouraging them to help sell tickets. The funds raised through this raffle will go toward Cancer Research, with a special focus on supporting children and young adults affected by cancer. This is a wonderful opportunity for our house leadership students to make a positive impact, and we hope you'll join us in supporting this incredible charity.

### JAN HOUSE EVENTS

English - Holocaust Memorial Poems  
Geography – Around the World Quiz

Wedgwood has reclaimed the top spot, marking their first number-one position of 2025! The

competition is heating up, and the race for house points is more exciting than ever. Who will step up and challenge for the lead next? Keep pushing, everyone! Keep up the effort!

### HOUSE POINT LEADER BOARD

No.	House	Points
1	Wedgwood	80386
2	Churchill	79698
3	Bridgewater	79247
4	Doulton	76864
5	Moorcroft	75196

## Achieve

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



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**GIVEAWAY**



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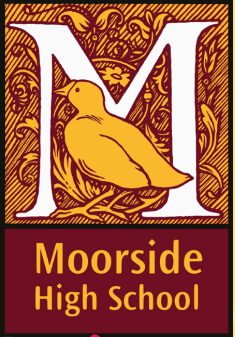
ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL

Our annual school production takes place this half term!

Due to an abundance of talent, we have TWO amazing casts ready to wow you with their musical and acting talents!

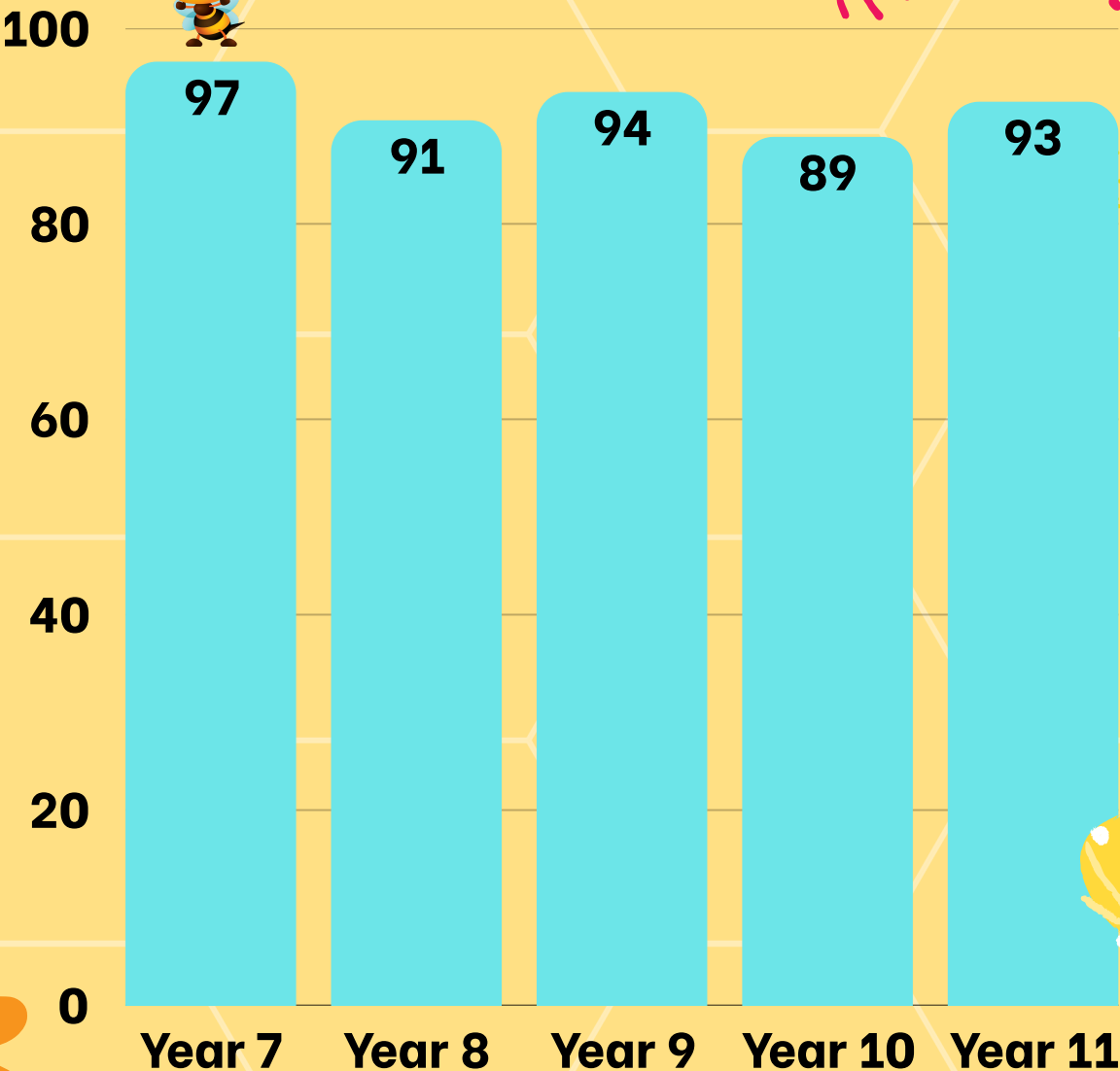
More details to come regarding dates and ticket prices!





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## Who's going to be Amazing?



This week, we are excited to announce that **Year 7** has 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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## 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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Pepe Di'lasio  
General Secretary  
Association of School and College Leaders

7th January 2025

Dear Pepe

## Pharmacy First – an NHS service being offered from pharmacies across England

I am writing to you from the representative body of community pharmacies in England to highlight an NHS service which almost all pharmacies across England are now offering for children and adults called **Pharmacy First**.

I understand that student attendance is a high priority for schools and colleges and this free NHS service may assist with getting children back to school/college following a minor illness, as well as also being of use to school/college staff. As such, I thought you may want to bring the service to the attention of your members so that they could raise awareness of it amongst parents/carers of children, as well as school/college staff.

### What is Pharmacy First?

This NHS service allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. The person will be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room, with some pharmacies also offering the service remotely as a video consultation.

The service supports the following conditions:

- **Earache** (ages 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (ages 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites** (age 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (age 5 years and over)
- **Shingles** (age 18 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (age 12 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infections (UTIs)** in women (ages 16 to 64 years)



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The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, a prescription medicine to treat the condition. Any medicines are supplied free of charge to children under 16 years, with the normal [NHS prescription charge rules](#) applying to people aged 16 or over. Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional.

We have developed an animation to explain about the service which is available on [YouTube](#) and more information can also be found on the NHS website at [nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](https://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)

## Resources to promote the Pharmacy First service to parents/carers and staff

We are keen to raise awareness of the service to parents/carers of children, as well as school/college staff so that more people make use of the service and get better sooner when suffering from one of the seven conditions. We would therefore be keen for you to highlight this service to your members in England, so they can consider sharing information about the service with parents/carers of children and staff.

We have created a suite of resources for use by schools/colleges including:

- Downloadable posters which can be displayed in reception/waiting areas or staff rooms;
- Downloadable flyers which could be included in school bags or left in reception/waiting areas;
- Content for digital screens in schools/colleges;
- Template news stories that could be included on websites or in newsletters; and
- A template letter/email for parents/carers highlighting the service.

The resources are available at [cpe.org.uk/information-on-national-pharmacy-services](https://www.cpe.org.uk/information-on-national-pharmacy-services)

If you have any questions on the service or would like to discuss promotion of the service further, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague [alastair.buxton@cpe.org.uk](mailto:alastair.buxton@cpe.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

Janet Morrison OBE  
Chief Executive

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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

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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## Attendance Competitions

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# 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)**