

# Weekly Bulletin



This half-term's REACH value is: Achieve

11th September 2024

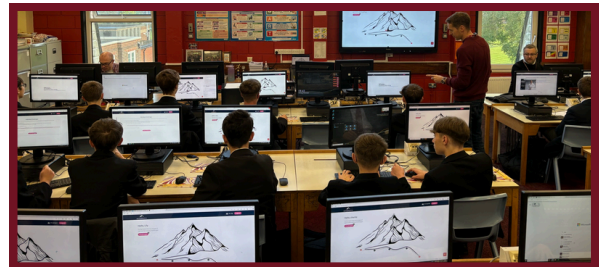
## From the Head Teacher



I have left this week's reflection to James Kuht from Inversity.

### We have fantastic students ...

The team from Inversity were blown away by the commitment, enthusiasm and dedication of the students involved in today's hackathon. They demonstrated real flair both in terms of their technical solutions and their focus on the user experience elements of their solutions. In addition, as we moved through the school we were welcomed unfailingly politely by staff and students alike and the whole place felt warm, friendly and tremendously positive at every turn. It feels, from the perspective of a visitor, like a lovely place to work and a great environment in which to learn.



Inversity team: James, Mark and Ali



## Our Newest Recruit!



**We would like to welcome Bruin to Moorside!** Bruin is a 10 year-old Golden Retriever and has been volunteering with Therapy Dogs Nationwide (Registered Charity number 1167622) for some years. A trained handler and Bruin will visit Moorside allowing students to interact with the therapy dog in a safe and supervised environment.

These sessions will encourage students to manage stress and emotions in a calm setting, promoting confidence by interacting with animals which can help foster empathy, trust, and social skills and promote a sense of well-being, which can be beneficial for both mental and physical health.

Curated by J Kinder

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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.



### UniTasters - 'What's it like to Study a Subject at University?'

UniTasters have produced approx. 100 webinars which look at what it is like to study certain subjects at university. From accounting to zoology, each one includes an interview with a university; why students might choose the subject; what to expect if they do study it and the careers which can be available.

To find out more, go to On Demand Webinars | UniTasterDays.

<https://www.unitasterdays.com/university-subject-guide-videos/>



## House System

This week, our House Captains and Vice Captains have been busy promoting upcoming house events. The PE department is organising a Football Showdown, where students will compete against other house teams within their year groups. The Modern Foreign Languages department is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration, and the IT department has launched a typing challenge open to both students and staff.

Our House Leaders are settling into their new roles and will soon begin developing their leadership skills. These roles are crucial, and they will be visiting morning registration sessions to promote these events.

Meanwhile, our House Coordinators have already started gathering feedback from students about activities they'd like to see. It's fantastic to witness such active student engagement with the house system.

### HOUSE POINT LEADER BOARD

No.	House	Points
1	Wedgwood	29784
2	Churchill	29374
3	Doulton	29055
4	Bridgewater	28880
5	Moorcroft	28671

**Wedgwood maintains 1st position again this week.** Our incredible students have collectively earned over 140,000 house points. What an example of engagement!

## Achieve

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



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## Focus and Flair: A Talent in Photography

We are always on the lookout for opportunities to celebrate and showcase the incredible talents of our students, both within the school and beyond.

Recently, we had the pleasure of highlighting the exceptional work of Henry, a highly gifted student from Year 11.

Henry has a remarkable talent for live music photography, and we are thrilled that he has generously shared some of his stunning work with us. His ability to capture the energy, emotion, and atmosphere of live performances is nothing short of impressive, and I'm sure you'll agree that his skills are truly extraordinary. Congratulations, Henry, on your outstanding achievement!



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## Football News

Year 11 started their league football campaign with a 2 - 0 win vs Westwood. Goals from Addison H and Ashton W meant that the home team took all three points. It was a great game with real moments of quality which included our keeper dribbling from the edge of his box to the opposition box taking on 5 different players!

Brilliant to also see so many students and parents watching and supporting on the sidelines!



We have  
upcoming tournaments for  
Year 7, Year 8, Year 10 & Year 11  
next week!



## Netball News

On Tuesday 8 October, we hosted our **FIRST** Year 9 girls netball tournament at Moorside High School.

We entered 2 teams and the girls played some lovely netball and managed to finish in 2nd and 4th place out of 8 local school teams!

Well done everyone!



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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 484 Students for Reaching 100% Attendance in September!

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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## Attendance Competitions

**HALLO-ATTENDANCE QUIZ**

BE IN SCHOOL ON THE  
**24 OCTOBER 2024**

THE HIGHEST QUESTIONS RIGHT  
PLUS THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS  
PRESENT IN FORM WILL WIN A  
**PRIZE!**

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!

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

# Christmas MOVIE

BE IN SCHOOL  
25 SEPTEMBER TO  
18 DECEMBER 2024

MOVIE TIME  
PERIODS  
2 & 3

CRITERIA:  
100% ATTENDANCE, NO MORE THAN 5 REFERRALS &  
IF MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS  
THEN BASED ON THE MOST HOUSE POINTS

MOORSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Bee in school to enter

Prizes to be won

# ATTENDANCE MYSTERY PRIZE COMPETITION

Be in school 100% between  
Wednesday 4 September to  
Friday 18 July 2025

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## Our Attendance Target is 95%

### ATTENDANCE



#### 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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**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)**