

Weekly Bulletin



This half-terms REACH value is: Engage

14 March 2025

Message from the Head of School

As we approach the end of another busy week, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the successful completion of our Year 10 exams. Our students have shown tremendous dedication and resilience throughout their revision and assessment period, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work. These exams are an important milestone in establishing where they have strengths and areas to develop. We will now be working with them to fill any gaps in learning and support further progress.

The school community has been excellent this week achieving 94.3% attendance overall, with year 10 achieving 100% on Wednesday!

Additionally, this week we went on a Careers Trip to the ALPHA/PET Futures Fair at Fenton Manor. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with a variety of potential career pathways. It was inspiring to see so many students actively participating, asking insightful questions, and gaining valuable insights into future opportunities. The fair provided a unique platform to connect with local businesses, universities, colleges, and training providers, and I am excited to see how this experience will influence their aspirations moving forward.

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Engage

Always engage and be positive.



Choices Careers Magazine

The March edition of Choices Careers Magazine from Amazing Apprenticeships is now available to download/read on line.

You will also be able to see previous editions and access the 'parent zone' for more information.

The web link is Choices Magazine – March Parent & Carers Guide - Amazing Apprenticeships.

Thanks. Mr Gordon

House System

Exciting news! Churchill has claimed first place, overtaking Wedgwood after their long run at the top.

Students in Churchill have truly excelled this week, earning the highest number of house points—a fantastic achievement! This just goes to show what a team can accomplish when they work together.

Well done to all students for their efforts—let's keep the competition going! Keep up the great work!



Achieve

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



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Mobile Phones

Can we please remind parents/carers that the following is schools policy around Mobile Phones.

Mobile phones should be turned off and not in sight whilst in school. If students are caught with their phones in sight of staff, it will be confiscated. Staff will then take this to student reception and can be collected at the end of the school day.

Students who refuse to hand in their mobile phones, the phone will be confiscated and will result in a phone ban.

Any mobile phones used inappropriately could result in a suspension and a phone ban will be put in place.

Finally, students not having there mobile phones does not mean that they can not contact parents/carers. Students will be able to be contacted via main reception. We also ask that parents must ring reception if they wish to contact students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Goodwin

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School Arrival and Access

This is a quick reminder about our school arrival times and how students can access the building.

Arrival Time:

We kindly ask that students don't arrive before 8:10 AM, however in some instances we understand that this is not achievable, so students will be allowed on site before this time. However, please note that the school building won't be open until 8:10am.

Entering the Building:

At 8:10am, students can enter the building through Student Reception. For safety reasons, no other entrances will be available at this time.

Before 8:35am: Once inside, students should head straight to the canteen, where there will be staff on hand to supervise them.

Building Opens Fully: At 8:35am, the rest of the building will open up, and students can head to their form rooms to get ready for the day ahead.

Thank you so much for your understanding and support.

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World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, we celebrated World Book Day at Moorside High School. Staff dressed up as a range of different book characters and each subject planned activities to deliver throughout the day.

For example:

- English - Designing your own fictional character, writing a review of your favourite book, reading challenges.
- Geography - Map based activity locating the setting of famous books.
- Science – Looking at Darwin's book 'Origin of the Species' and associated activities
- MFL – Book titles in German/French starter task.
- Art – Design a book token (national competition).

World Book Day is an important event that promotes the joy of reading. It encourages children to explore different stories, develop their imagination, and improve literacy skills. World Book Day was a fantastic opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and encourage a lifelong love for books.

We look forward to celebrating again next year! In the meantime, let's continue to encourage our students to explore new books and stories every day.



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HOUSE SYSTEM

THIS WEEKS HOUSE
LEAGUE TABLE

1st

121239



2nd

119702



3rd

117380



4th

114733



5th

112176



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Moorside Pottery Raffle - Update

Great news! We've smashed the £1,000 milestone, with our current total for Cancer Research UK standing at an incredible £1,154.13!

With four weeks to go before the raffle draw, there's still time to raise even more. The stunning pottery pieces will soon find their new homes, and we'd love your help in encouraging raffle ticket sales. A quick reminder: all raffle tickets must be returned to Miss Roberts as this is a legal raffle, and every ticket needs to be accounted for. We truly appreciate your support and want to commend our students for their fantastic efforts in selling tickets. Let's keep the momentum going!

MOORSIDE'S POTTERY RAFFLE
FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025

DOULTON WEDGWOOD MOORCROFT CHURCHILL BRIDGEWATER

CANCER RESEARCH UK

1st prize - Moorcroft Limited Edition Vase
2nd prize - Churchill Dinnerware Set
3rd prize - Royal Doulton Mugs

Plus, many other amazing pottery prizes from Bridgewater and Wedgwood

Tickets are £1 per ticket, £5 per book

Tickets will be distributed to Staff & Students

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Period 6 Spring Term 2

No Week 4 - Parents Evening (Year 9)

Date	English - (Tuesday)	Maths - (Tuesday)	Science - (Thursday)
WB 24th February (Week B)	11K4 (EM – Hut 4) 11L5 (DAE – Hut 5)	11H1 (CM – Rm 6) 11I2 (BS – Rm 12) 11J3 (PY – Rm 17)	11H1 (MK) 11I2 (MJ) 11J3 (LYT) 11K4 (LBU) 11L5 (RM)
WB 3rd March (Week A)	11H1 (EM – Hut 4) 11I2 (MP – Hut 3) 11J3 (DAE – Hut 5)	11K4 (CM – Rm 6) 11L5 (PY – Rm 17)	11H1 (RM) Biology 11I2 (LYT) 11J3 (MK) 11K4 (MJ) 11L5 (LBU)
WB 10th March (Week B)	11K4 (EM – Hut 4) 11L5 (DAE – Hut 5)	11H1 (CM – Rm 6) 11I2 (BS – Rm 12) 11J3 (PY – Rm 17)	11H1 (LYT) 11I2 (LBU) 11J3 (RM) 11K4 (MJ) Physics 11L5 (MK)
WB 17th March (Week A)	11H1 (EM – Hut 4) 11I2 (MP – Hut 3) 11J3 (DAE – Hut 5)	11K4 (CM – Rm 6) 11L5 (PY – Rm 17)	No period 6 due to Year 9 Parents Evening
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WB 31st March (Week A)	11H1 (EM – Hut 4) 11I2 (MP – Hut 3) 11J3 (DAE – Hut 5)	11K4 (CM – Rm 6) 11L5 (PY – Rm 17)	11H1 (RM) Biology 11I2 (LYT) 11J3 (MK) 11K4 (MJ) 11L5 (LBU)
WB 7th April (Week B)	11K4 (EM – Hut 4) 11L5 (DAE – Hut 5)	11H1 (CM – Rm 6) 11I2 (BS – Rm 12) 11J3 (PY – Rm 17)	11H1 (LYT) 11I2 (LBU) 11J3 (RM) 11K4 (MJ) Physics 11L5 (MK)

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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 488 Students for Reaching 100% Attendance in February!

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!!



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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! 



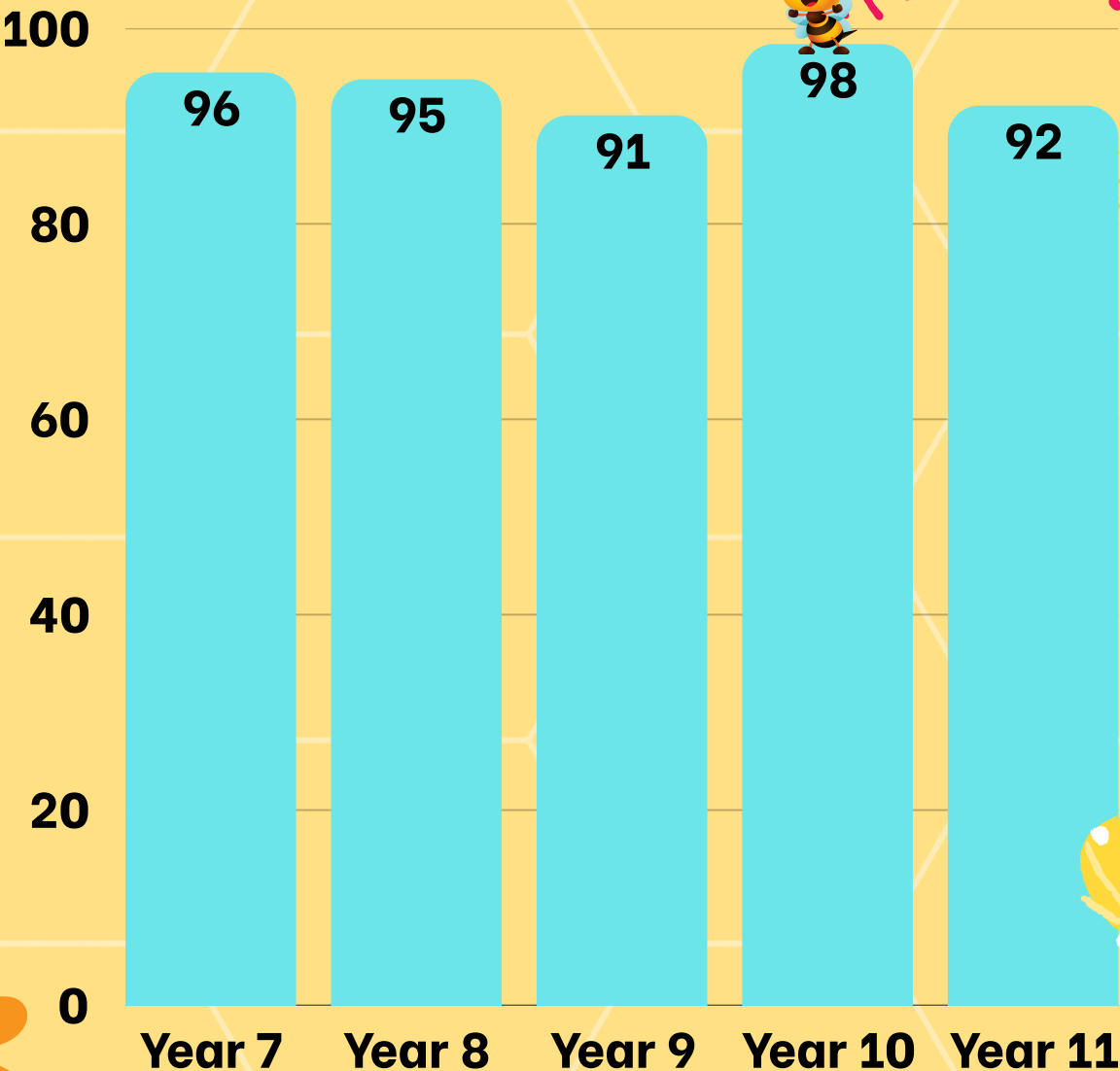
GIVEAWAY





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Who's going to be Amazing?



his week, we are excited to announce that Year 10 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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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 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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Rewards Trip
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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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Are YOU up for the challenge? Let's make it happen!

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