Moorside High School

This half-terms REACH value is: Engage

29 November 2024

From the Head Teacher



As we come to the end of another busy week, it's been fantastic to see great progress across all areas of school life. Students are showing impressive growth in their lessons, with noticeable improvements in their understanding and engagement. Our choir rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas concert have been a real highlight, with students working together beautifully to prepare for a memorable performance. Year 11 have shown tremendous dedication and hard work as they continue with their mock exams, demonstrating real focus and commitment.

I'm also pleased to share that our school is in the top 14% for national attendance, which is a fantastic achievement. Looking ahead, next Monday marks the start of our "15 Days of Christmas Attendance" competition – a great initiative to keep up our momentum and celebrate the importance of being in school every day. Keep up the hard work, everyone!

Year 9 Always Event

On Wednesday, 18th December, Year 9 will host its regular event in the hall to celebrate students who have achieved at least 95% attendance and fewer than five behavior referrals this half term. Over 100 students qualified last term—work hard this half term to ensure you're part of the celebration!

Polite Reminder

Can we kindly remind that students are expected to arrive at school by 8:30am to allow sufficient time to prepare for the day ahead. This ensures that they can transition smoothly to their form rooms and be ready for registration by 8:40 am.

Punctuality is essential for maintaining a positive and focused start to the day. We appreciate your cooperation in supporting this routine and ensuring students are prepared and settled on time.



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Engage

Always engage and be postive.





Artwork

Students in year ten have started a new topic 'The Garden' and have produced some creative mindmaps exploring the theme.



We love the original presentations and combination of found and drawn images.



House System

Churchill has proudly claimed the top spot on the leader board! After weeks of narrowing the gap, they've secured first place, highlighting the incredible effort and determination of Churchill's students. Meanwhile, the excitement continues as a wave of pottery-themed suggestions for naming our school buildings have poured in. These ideas will soon be reviewed and shortlisted by the Senior Leadership Team.

December - House Events

MATHS Elf of the Shelf
SCIENCE Pipette Challenge
MFL 12 Days of Christmas
HISTORY Castle Building
ENGLISH Design Christmas Story Cover

HOUSE POINT LEADER BOARD

No.	House	Points
1	Churchill	61076
2	Wedgwood	61046
3	Bridgewater	59209
4	Doulton	58624
5	Moorcroft	57833

A remarkable milestone: our students have earned an impressive total of over 297,000 house points since the beginning of the academic year!

Achieve

Aspire to be the best and be prepared to take isks along the way





Thank You

Dear Parents

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that our students are adhering to the high standards of uniform at Moorside High School.

We are delighted to see so many of our students consistently following the uniform policy, which helps to foster a sense of pride, professionalism, and unity within our school community.

Your efforts in ensuring that your child arrives at school each day in the correct uniform play a key role in maintaining these high standards. It is wonderful to see our students take pride in their appearance and embrace the expectations set for them. This positive approach to uniform not only supports our school ethos but also contributes to a focused and respectful learning environment.

We appreciate the partnership between home and school in reinforcing these expectations. It makes a real difference in helping to create an atmosphere where all students can thrive academically and socially.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. Together, we are making a positive impact on our school culture and the overall experience of our students.

Mr M Goodwin

Assistant Headteacher



Parking on Site

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. We are writing to remind all parents and guardians of our school's policy regarding drop-off and pick-up procedures, particularly in relation to access to the school premises.

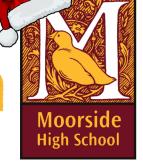
In order to maintain a safe, secure, and orderly environment for all pupils and staff, we kindly request that parents/guardians refrain from entering the school premises for the purpose of dropping off or picking up pupils, unless express permission has been granted by Miss Baylay. This policy has been implemented to minimise unnecessary congestion and ensure the safety of all children, especially during busy periods.

If you have specific needs or circumstances that require you to enter the premises, please contact our RAISE Department, who will review your situation and provide guidance or permission where appropriate. We value your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and structured environment for all our students.

Thank you for your understanding and support in upholding our policies.

Yours faithfully

Darryn Robinson Headteacher



Staffs University Trip

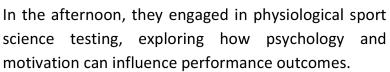




On Monday, 30 Year 10 students visited Staffordshire University for a Careers Experience Day.



During the morning, they participated in Sports and Youth Coaching sessions led by second- and third-year university students.



A big thank you to Staffordshire University for offering a valuable glimpse into the variety of sports-related courses available at the university!













EXCITING NEWS

Let's celebrate Student Attendance with our
'15 Days of Christmas'

This December, we're making attendance extra EXCITING!

How It Works:

Attend school 100% of the time throughout December – no absences! Let's make it 100% Students who meet the criteria will be entered into a prize draw each day

What You Can Win:

Surprises hidden behind each advent calendar door – you need to be in it to win it!

A big prize will be up for grabs on the last day - but only those with 100% will be entered into the prize draw!

Why Celebrate Attendance?

Attendance is key to success, and we're excited to reward your dedication

Enjoy a festive, fun-filled countdown to the holidays with daily prizes and recognition!

Let's make December a month of learning, fun, and celebration!

Show up, participate, and have a chance to win!





Attendance Competitions











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