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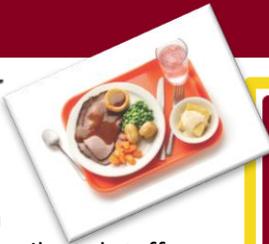
MESSAGE FROM HEAD TEACHER

Well done to students and staff who were involved in the school production of GREASE. I am sure there will be an article in the next newsletter celebrating the success of the show. Audiences increased each night as the word spread about how good the show was. Just under a 1000 people saw the show by the end of the last night. We are very proud of our students who performed brilliantly and conducted themselves in a professional manner at all times.

GCSE Mock results day

GCSE Mock Results Day took place on Thursday 17th January 2019 and offered a chance for the Year 11s to see how they had performed in their mock exams and also speak to colleges and universities that they may be thinking of attending. During the day in the Drama Hut, over 100 Year 11s opened their long- anticipated results to see how they had done. Newcastle- under- Lyme College and Stoke 6th Form also attended so our Year 11 students had the opportunity to check their results with the leading colleges to see if they would be accepted there after leaving Moorside High School. In the evening there was a Parents evening and in addition to Newcastle College and Stoke Sixth Form there was PM Training and Juniper Training to answer any questions about apprenticeships. Needless to say, many Year 11s were pleased with their mock results, however they all still have some way to go to achieve the grades they want in the GCSE Exams which start in May.

food for thought



The transition to a new staggered lunchtime routine has been smooth thanks to the cooperation of both pupils and staff. Indoor lunchtime always causes some logistical issues due to the lack of communal space. On the other hand, one of the most applauded changes is the fact that the queues are shorter meaning that the students are getting their food quicker. Mr Clarke said that his "view is that the dining room experience is far better for both students and staff. I think there is more room and more places to sit. However, the lunchtime is now the full hour in the dining room and the kitchen staff have to work hard to cope with two sittings. Queues are far more manageable and students don't have to wait for long. I am conscious that for many students first sitting is more preferable and so Year 8 and 10 will get their opportunity next term. Staggered lunch has also helped manage the number of students on the yard."

INTERHOUSE

The recent Interhouse competitions have been a raging success, with everything from hula hooping to table tennis, the school has had it all and with many competitions coming up; house's points are rocketing up. Now lessons are getting involved as well, with PE having end of term competitions for that terms sport, so as that, in the words of Mr Tatton, 'we can get an element of teamwork and competition across all subjects to make sure that all year groups can get involved and work with one and other within the house system.' There are many competitions coming up, these mainly consist of Wednesdays Interhouse activities. For more sports information, look out for the PE newsletter,



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SACRED BUILDINGS TRIP

On Tuesday the 29th January, the majority of Year 8 went on the road to Wolverhampton to broaden their religious knowledge. There were three visits to three religious buildings: a Catholic Church, a Mosque and a Gurdwara. At each building, pupils were given a tour, and the chance to see religious texts, statues, relics and beliefs. Pupils were also given the opportunity to listen and learn from members of each religion. Mr D Clowes who supervised the trip with Mrs N Bell said that "it was a fantastic trip and a real eye-opener to see how similar many religions are and how people follow their beliefs."

A Magical Experience

Year 7 had the opportunity to attend a Harry Potter trip on the 24th January, as they had been reading the first book during English. The students had a magical day at the studios near London; almost too magical for words! During the day, the students got to see things like original concept art for props, costumes, and scenes that are in the movies. As well as that, the students got to take part in a challenge where they had to find the Golden Snitch in a variety of scenes, as well as using stamp stations to go in a collectible booklet that they carried around with them. After their variety of activities, the students got to indulge in the gift shop where they brought some of the sweets that are featured in the films! Harvey in Year 7 said that 'it was an amazing trip!' Chris, also in Year 7, said 'my favourite part was the big castle, because it made me feel like I was really involved.' Brayden said 'I couldn't believe how good it was...it was like we were really in Harry's world'. What a magical adventure they all had!



Multiple Maths Matters

On Tuesday the 22nd of January, several Moorside students from year 10 embarked on a journey to Keele to show them that maths can be totally awesome. They arrived at around 10 o' clock to be greeted by several friendly ambassadors, who would show the students to Keele hall, the staple of Keele. Throughout the day, the students along with Mr Bury and Mr Logan were taught about geometry, code breaking, game theory and were given a tour around the grounds, the guide Lucas was 'very funny and Informative' said one year 10 student. The whole day was a lot of fun, where the students were taught new games such as 'NIMS' and 'officers', to help us better understand the idea of game theory, and all had a lot of fun. 'It was even better than PE' one student exclaimed. It was a lot of fun.

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Additionally, 12 Year 10 girls were invited to attend the Keele University Girls in Maths trip, organised by WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) to celebrate wonderful women who have succeeded in male-dominated careers and to inspire future female scientists, engineers, mathematicians and more to pursue a career in maths. The day consisted of inspirational talks from successful women in different maths-based careers and the barriers they had to overcome, as well as a talk from the women at WISE, and – everyone's favourite part – building model wheel barrows with the RAF! Everyone who went enjoyed the trip and were motivated to think about taking maths further on from high school.

