



# The Moultonian

## Are we Aspiring?

Originally, I think it's fair to say that I wasn't too impressed with the appearance of the ASPIRE signs. I felt they lacked an explanation and left me with many unanswered questions. Fortunately, Mr Jones has kindly taken the time to explain the thinking behind them for the benefit of our readers.

### 1. What Prompted the sudden introduction of

### the ASPIRE signs?

We had been working on the idea for 12 months initially with the senior management team and Governors. It was always part of the plan to use a range of strategies to promote the school ethos which is also being used in letter heads and slide presentations at parent information evenings. The signs were always a way of making our aim as a school visible

and once we've made it visible; we want it to become part of general conversation throughout the school.

### 2. Who decided on the slogan 'ASPIRE' as our mission statement as opposed to 'fill the unforgiving' minute' which we have written on the blazers?

As a school we have a page outlining our values and aims, and

we needed something sharp and punchy to capture this.

We feel that ASPIRE is a summary of direction. It is not just what school is about but crucially where we are going. It is guidance for staff as much as students and a challenge for us all involved in the school

It is my job and that of the Senior Leadership Team and Governors to set a clear picture

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## Apprenticeships rise by over a half

### The number of apprenticeships in England went up by more than a half last year.

442,700 apprenticeships started in the academic year of 2010-11 compared with 279,000 during the previous year, official figures have shown.

The government, after advising and supporting small businesses to take on young apprentices, were very pleased with the figures and hopes the increase in skilled workers will help the economy.

The rise in apprenticeships could, however, be down to the huge increase in university fees, the average being around £8,000 a

year.

Most juveniles were opting for construction and engineering apprenticeships while earning a good salary.

More information can be found at [apprenticeships.org.uk](http://apprenticeships.org.uk)

Patrick Deady

St Paul's Cathedral in London has been closed during the holidays after protesters, who are against capitalism, camped outside the famous cathedral.

The Queen has completed her 16th visit to Australia. Among other things she attended a BBQ.

Local- The Funeral has been held for Nabila Nanfuka who was crushed to death in a club in Northampton in October.

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for the school to be aiming for in 3, 4, 5 years time. I like to think we have already made progress in the last few years. We want the emphasis to be on achievement and learning. ASPIRE is a way of communicating the sort of community we want to be and the kind of student to student, staff to student, student to staff and staff to staff relationship we want to have.

One thing visitors to the school always comment on is how calm Moulton School is. One visitor in particular, a teacher from another school in fact, recently said how “unshouty” our school was, and that is how it should be! The signs are a way of driving forward reality.

I feel that “fill the unforgiving minute” is quite narrow whereas “ASPIRE” is much

broader; however, the two complement each other. It is like the traditional “Carpe-Diem” as students, you only have one opportunity to be at school so seize it to the full.

**3. Will you be altering the school badge?**

At the moment there are no plans to change the badge, though it is something to look into for the future.

**4. How did you put the idea forward to students?**

There were assemblies in the late spring term about ASPIRE. There was also a poster competition to which the winning design is displayed in every classroom. It also featured in the newsletter to parents.

**5. What do you hope the impact will be on students learning and attitudes?**

We have a super group of students here at Moulton School of whom we are very proud, and excellent staff as well, but we constantly want to challenge ourselves with being better. I hope for the message of the signs “ASPIRE” not only to be visual but to very much be a part of conversations.

We want the school to become increasingly as the signs say, for example, feeling the pride and determination, being an active part of the community.

**6. How will you measure their success?**

It is difficult in schools to be confident in linking cause and effect, as with lots of things going on, it is difficult to monitor which of them is contributing to each effect. I hope that the proof will be in the exam results, lessons, attendance and punctuality and how

the school operates each day. We will also find out their impact through parent and student surveys as well as student interviews.

**7. How did you decide on where to put the signs?**

It was hard finding a balance between the money and what we are trying to achieve; we tried to put them in the entrance to each block. At the beginning it was very much about making it visible. However, just putting it on the walls wasn’t enough; it also needs to be in conversations. In cases like the music block, there wasn’t anywhere obvious in the entrance and we definitely wanted something in there so we had to be creative and placed it above the stairs. Eventually, we want to put them in classrooms.

*Charlotte Schofield*

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## What do you want from your magazine?

The Moultonian was launched in July 2011 with a plan to release an issue every month during term time. Each issue includes an exclusive interview with a teacher, international and local news and different quizzes.

The magazine is currently strong with a loyal team writing articles as quickly as possible, usually within two weeks. We are, however, asking any students, in any year group, who wish to take part in writing for the magazine to contact Miss Gadsden at the English Department.

In addition if you wish to contact The Moultonian please send a letter to the English department marked The Moultonian.

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*Do you play a musical instrument?*

*Would you like to join a successful band and represent the school?*

Yes, then join Moulton School Wind Band. We meet every Tuesday in MU2 (Upstairs in the Music Department)

*Come along!*

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# More houses for Brixworth!

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- *What does it mean for Moulton School?*
- *“We are a village under siege”!*
- *Will the school cope?*

Daventry District Council has been approached by Carter Jonas on behalf of the society of merchant ventures, with proposals to develop new estates in the Brixworth area. Two sites are in question – this means that a possible 430 new houses could be built in the village. Brixworth is already a large village, with many teenagers coming to Moulton School. With more houses, and more people coming to live in Brixworth, does this mean that Moulton will become even more oversubscribed?

Our school is *already* oversubscribed; however these new housing developments in Brixworth could be beneficial.

The proposed development on the unused Mercedes car park would bring around £80,000 to the school to expand the number of places.

This could also have a bad side. Can the school buildings cope with more students? Is there even space?

The development at Eaglehurst would also bring £1,288 to

upgrade Brixworth’s fire and rescue services.

Brixworth residents are unhappy with the proposed planned, and a group of 124 residents came together to form ‘BRANE – Brixworth Residents Against New Estates’. They are, currently, protesting against the new estates, with bright yellow posters decorating the village. They very clearly display the resident’s disgust with the proposed plans.

Bob Chatterway, the head of the BRANE group, describes the plans as ‘madness’. There have been many meetings discussing the plans, and the argument is still ongoing. Come November, when new laws are passed allowing local councils far much more say in matters, planners will find it a lot more difficult to secure planning permission.

Local MP Chris Heaton-Harris is fighting at the head of the BRANE protest.

*Maddie Frampton*

# Will another teachers strike take place this year?

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***“Highly likely!”***

One strike over pension reforms has already disrupted school life at Moulton this year, but could there be another one in the very near future?

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June saw a mass walk out of thousands of teachers and lecturers across the country as a result of two of the largest teachers unions voting for strike action. The government, however, did not change anything following the strikes and so more are planned.

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) and the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) both voted for strike action in June but more unions have now joined in the balloting process and are expecting to announce strikes later this month, they

include the NASUWT and the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT).

Thousands of supporters of the strike went to London during the end of October and gave Nick Gibb, the schools minister, a petition signed by over 150,000 teachers and lectures, from England and Wales, who want the new pension scheme to be scrapped.

The new scheme, which teachers are striking over, means teachers and lectures, may not be able to receive their state pension until they are 68. A rise of over half of the contribution to their pension is also in the new plans.

The government is unlikely to budge on the topic and will

watch thousands of schools close because of the strikes.

*Do you think the government should budge?*

Perhaps the easy answer is yes but the Conservatives' reply is that cuts need to be made to everyone.

The planned strike involving the ALT and other unions is scheduled to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November and could continue into the winter, unless the government starts to listen to the teachers.

*Patrick Deady*



# An Interview with Mr Weston

## **Working at Moulton for:**

"Since 2007, in the summer term, about four and a half years now".

## **If you were unable to teach English what other subjects would you teach?**

"I would probably teach Drama or history. I enjoy history as I find the Russian history and the Napoleonic era very interesting".

## **What has been your most embarrassing moment so far at Moulton School?**

"Well it was my first lesson teaching a year eleven class and a boy walked in and sat down and got out his books. I was then stood near the door waiting for the rest of my class to arrive. Looking out the door into the corridor I then realized that the boy was outside in the corridor mucking around. I then told him off for not being in the lesson. The boy outside then said 'sir I am not meant to be in your lesson, but my twin brother is'!

## **When you were younger did you always want to be an English teacher?**

"I always wanted to be a teacher but I liked both English and Science whilst at school. They were my favourite subjects."

## **What do you like doing in your free time?**

"I enjoy watching films and reading books. I like seeing my friends and family and going cycling and walking. I also go to the gym when I'm not being lazy!"

## **Do you think teaching and learning has progressed since you started working at Moulton?**

"Well now teachers have more ways of teaching the



have become more independent as learners. Also most students now have a more positive attitude to lessons and there education overall."

"I was very impressed at last year's year eleven student's preparation for their exams, and they came to many revision lessons."

## **Are you looking forward to being a Dad?**

"Yes. Definitely it's going to be hard work like changing lots of nappies!"

"And I won't get much sleep either!"

## **What are your favourite topics or types of writing to teach?**

"I love teaching students about Shakespeare I find it very thought provoking."

"I like teaching poetry, creative writing and how to use Imagery."

*Mr Weston and Miss Eke had a baby boy called Rory Jude Weston on the Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. He weighed 8lb 9oz.*

*Charlotte Dickenson*

## **Quotes to remember**

*A child miseducated is a child lost.*

**John F. Kennedy**

*Ability is of little account without opportunity*

**Napoleon Bonaparte**

# Welcome Year 7

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As usual September has brought us yet another batch of trembling year 7's. I'm sure we have all seen the new pupils around school and thought back to how our first month at Moulton School.

“Everyone is really welcoming and nice and it wasn't as scary as I thought it would be”

Last year's GCSE results were the best the school has ever had and we hope that we will be able to top this next year as well. So our new students in year 7 are up against some exceptional standard which I'm sure they can beat

“I really like my classes; we are learning really cool stuff”

So how are they getting on at Moulton School? The Voice spoke to a few new students and this is what they said:

“My first day was really scary I didn't know where anything was but I asked some older students and they showed me where to go, luckily”

*Holly Turner*

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## Call Of Duty- Modern Warfare 3

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Bitten by the MW3 bug yet?

The wait is over! The release of the new COD game throws the male population of the school into frenzy. Students are on the edge of their seats, waiting for their precious pre-ordered package to appear. The general conversation lately consists of:

“Have you got it yet?”

“No! It's so unfair. I have to wait until Christmas!”

“Ah! Come over and we can play COD all weekend!!”

“YES! Ok!...”

“And... guess what? It only cost me £35!”

*But what is the hype really all about?*

With bleary eyed zombies appearing in form time, some of us wonder how adding new missions and an array of customisable guns to a game can literally change your life! Still... The multiplayer feature is supposed to be the most mind-blowing since you are constantly in adrenaline pumping combat and persistently increasing in level. Let's face it; whether you love it or hate it, MW3 has undoubtedly seized the world by storm and held them captive in enemy spawning, killstreak rewarding play for hours on end!



*Paige Northover*

# Quick Quiz

**Purchase the next issue in December and you could be in with a chance of winning prizes!!**

**Keep your copy though!**

**Question 1:** What does NASA stand for?

Great Plague, what was painted on the front doors of plague-ridden houses?

**Question 2:** Who painted the Mona Lisa?

**Question 7:** Who was the first member of the royal family to divorce?

**Question 3:** Which detective first appeared in 'A Study in Scarlet'?

**Question 8:** Anthony Stark is the alter-ego of which super-hero?

**Question 4:** Who wrote the 'Noddy' series?

**Question 9:** Which South American country has borders with Columbia and Peru?

**Question 5:** What percentage of the world's surface is covered by different oceans and seas?

**Question 10:** At the Academy Awards in February 2005, which film won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature?

**Question 6:** During the

## Weather – November:

According to BBC Weather

### November

Showers, average temperatures and long spells of rain are set for November. Scattered showers are also predicted for 5<sup>th</sup> November, Guy Fawkes Night.



## What's On @ School

1<sup>st</sup> November Training Day

2<sup>nd</sup> November School Reopens

24<sup>th</sup> November Science Lecture "Is the Moon there when Nobody Looks?"

## What's On @ the Cinema

**The Help** – A smart University graduate hoping to make a career as a journalist decides to interview the black servants in her backward Southern town. All hell breaks loose. OUT NOW, 12a

**Anonymous** – Did Shakespeare really write 37 plays and 154 sonnets, which are regarded as the best pieces of literature in the world, by the time he was 52, when he died? OUT NOW, 12a

**The Adventures of Tintin** - Boy reporter Tintin meets Captain Haddock and sets about trying to help him track down some ancient treasures OUT NOW, PG

Quiz Answers 1. National Aeronautics and Space Administration 2. Leonardo DaVinci 3. Afghanistan 4. Enid Blyton 5. 75% 6. Red crosses 7. Henry VIII 8. Iron – Man 9. Ecuador 10. The Incredibles

# SPORT

John Fuller



## Terry in racism controversy

The metropolitan police are investigating Chelsea and England defender John Terry for racism towards QPR's Anton Ferdinand. This isn't the first racist claim this season, as Luis Suarez of Liverpool apparently made a comment to Manchester United's Patrice Evra, and the FA are investigating both claims.

Terry has said that it is a "misunderstanding", but many fans are certain they saw Terry use a racist word. As usual, this is a serious allegation, and, according to gossip, the England captainship is set to be removed from Terry.

### JOHN SAYS...

I love football, but when this sort of thing happens twice in the space of a few months then I feel it isn't worth watching or supporting, because people who are more interested in other sports make fun, and it also ruins the atmosphere when people realise that you like football, and then make cracks to everyone else. Now, I'm not having a go at rugby or tennis, I'm just saying that it gets annoying. I'm also not saying that all other sport supporters are bad people, it's not the majority who say things about it.

I know that these are probably once-in-a-blue-moon happenings but surely if football, one of the best and most popular sports in the world, is tied up with racism troubles then how long is it before football loses popularity?!?

### FOOTBALL GOSSIP

- Arsenal midfielder Abou Diaby has suffered a setback in his bid for Arsene Wenger to order a move for Real Madrid's Esteban Granero.
- Liverpool are interested in signing Spurs midfielder Tom Huddlestone. The 24 year-old, who is out until December following ankle surgery, has found Luka Modric, Sandro and Scott Parker all in front of him in the first-team pecking order.
- Liverpool is keeping tabs on Inter Milan full-back Cristian Chivu but faces competition from Manchester City, according to Italian reports.
- Fulham are set for battle it out with Italian side Atalanta as they bid to sign winger Mervan Celik from Swedish team GAIS.
- After acknowledging that Rio Ferdinand is no longer an automatic choice, Sir Alex Ferguson is lining up a move for Borussia Dortmund defender Neven Subotic.
- Newcastle has joined the race for 20-year-old Argentine forward Facundo Ferreyra, who currently plays for Banfield.

## Rugby for girls

### Are you a girl with a taste for rugby? Then why not try the new GIRLS RUGBY CLUB??

? Starting off for year 10 girls with room to expand to other years, Mr Rogers is running the club from 3:30-4:30 after school on Thursday nights.

Mr Rogers says that "I think that it [the new club] has been asked for because of the coverage of the recent rugby world cup in

New Zealand, and girls want to take part."

This is a fresh idea, and one more step towards unisex rugby, with advances being made with women's rugby sevens rising in popularity and forming a world series.

If you are interested, even if you are not in year 10, then talk to Mr Rogers or write a letter to *The Moultonian* and hand it into the English department.