



MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Headteacher's message

As we approach the festive holiday, I am delighted that we have, once again, enjoyed another term packed full of wonderful activities and achievements. Unfortunately, there isn't space in this, our new newsletter, for everything we do, but, hopefully, it will give you a taste of all the fabulous things our students undertake to fulfil our ASPIRE ethos at Team Moulton, from celebrating important events such as Diwali and Black History Month to educational trips like the A-Level Geography field trip to Norfolk and the Music Department enjoying 'The Marriage of Figaro' at Milton Keynes Theatre. Year 9 have been completing their options and Year 11 preparing for the future with visits to Moulton College, our own Sixth Form open evening and I have been impressed with the positive manner in which they have approached their mock exams. Season's Greetings! On behalf of all the staff, we wish you health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year.



Christmas

Christmas is a time of celebration and this week saw the fantastic Christmas concert. Congratulations to all who took part and well done for such a brilliant occasion.

For many years we have run a form Christmas Hamper competition. In difficult times, students and families have been amazing again and it was joyous to see such kindness. The hampers have been donated to 2 local charities, the Hope Centre and the Lewis Foundation. We had some incredible designs and it was extremely difficult to choose winners but massive congratulations to 7B, 8F, 9E, 10D for winning the year prizes and 10G as overall winners. You can see pictures of a selection of hampers on page 4.



House Bake off

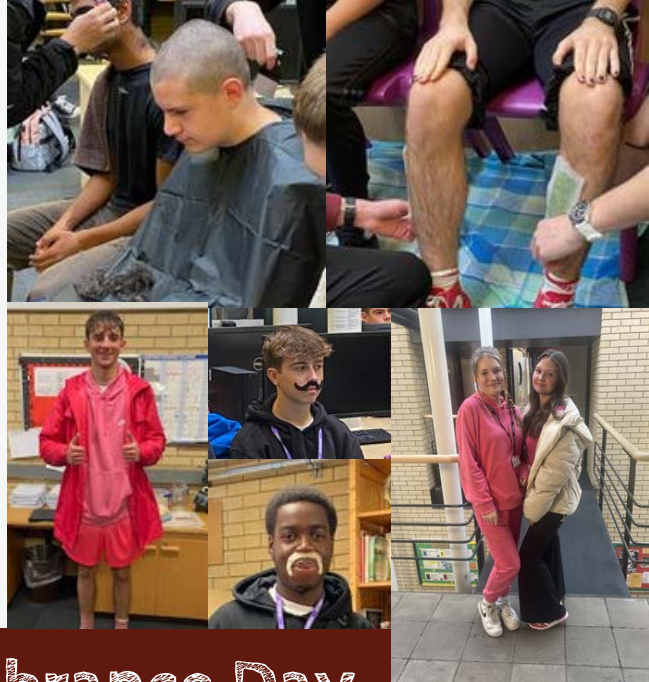
November saw the return of our popular Inter-house Bake-Off Competition, held over three days. The standard was incredibly high and we had a wide range of delicious entries including cheesecakes, trifles, cupcakes, victoria sponges, brownies and cookies. Special congratulations to the winners. Each entry was judged on taste, appearance and texture. Mrs Dabbs was thrilled to judge all of the cakes and would like to congratulate all the entrants on their delicious creativity and expertise as well as thanking Mr Martin and Student Leaders for organising this event.



Charity - Movember

To support Movember we held the 'Moulton Movember Challenge', where students had to walk or run as far as they could in a week, trying to get their form to 60km which represents the 60 men we lose to suicide every hour. In total across Year 7 - 11, student and staff covered 5621 km with 5 students getting the 60km individually! Well done and thank you to all who took part. Year 13 students took part by organising a sponsored leg waxing and head shave event to raise money for the charity - resulting in some very painful experiences!

October also saw our annual 'wear it pink day to raise money and awareness for breast cancer.



Remembrance Day

In a school first, our resident bugler, Head of Music, Mr Martin, played the last post and students respectfully observed the minute's silence to commemorate those who lost their lives in wars.

Classroom windows and doors were opened to enable pupils across the school to hear the recital. PE students were taken to watch in person. Assemblies that week also commemorated the fallen.

Anti-bullying week

A number of events took place to raise awareness of anti-bullying week (14th-21st Nov) including assemblies, activities in form time and students being asked to wear odd socks to celebrate our differences.

Bullying can take many forms: physical, emotional, verbal and cyberbullying. Any student (or parent who becomes aware of it) should let the school know by reporting it to their tutor or pastoral office. They can also email: worrybox@moultonschool.co.uk or text/ring the school anti-bullying number 07520 631333. There is also a NSPCC hotline on 0808 800 5000.



Advanced Notice

The School Performance, Matilda, the musical will take place on 8/9/10 February 2023. Tickets will be on sale in the new year.



Curriculum Day

We held our first ever curriculum drop down day, enabling pupils to experience a bespoke range of enrichment activities, especially targeted at their year group, including 'what it means to live in Northamptonshire', STEM investigations, options taster sessions, a live performance of 'an Inspector calls' as well as booster lessons in core maths and English. The sixth form were also involved - visiting Northampton University and taking a range of sessions getting pupils ready for University and a life outside school including cooking on a budget!



STEM

10 year 13 biology students visited Oxford University Museum of Natural History's laboratories where they completed a number of practical activities to look at their own genes and how these related to their sense of taste. The staff at the university were very complimentary over our students' excellent practical skills.



Sports News

Lots of amazing results - find them all on the PE twitter page, but some highlights of this term have been Year 8 Rugby - scoring many tries and remaining unbeaten. Year 8 Boys and girls athletics teams performing at the sports hall district championships.

Girls' football teams - U15 beating Uppingham in the National cup and U16 getting to the semi final of the County Cup. Freya - 1st place in the East Midlands Schools Trampolining Competition.

Year 7 and 9 Boys' football teams through to the County Cup Quarter Finals.

Congratulations to all of our teams and a special shout out to ex student Alice Bates who won an U20 National cross country event and represented England for the first time.



Author visits

We have welcomed two writers, Matt Oldfield and Darren Simpson, to our school. Matt is the author of both the well-known 'Ultimate Football Heroes' and 'Johnny Ball: Football genius' series. Darren's highly engaging book 'Scavengers' is included in our KS3 Form time reading programme.

A range of students across Years 7-9 worked with the authors and they were great ambassadors for our school. It was lovely to see a buzz in the library at break times as students came to meet both authors and even get copies of their books signed. We cannot wait to invite both authors back to work with us more in the future!





Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year from
everyone at Moulton
School

