



MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Headteacher's message

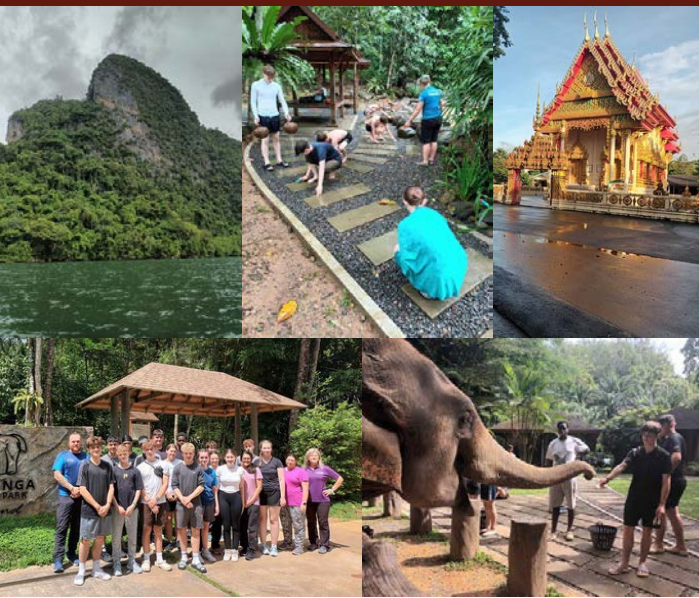
What a fantastic summer term we have had. This latest edition of our newsletter will hopefully give you a flavour of all the fantastic trips, events and activities we have experienced. It has been so wonderful to see students engaging in sports day, reward trips and visits for curriculum enrichment. Our Enterprise Day gave pupils the chance to learn valuable skills to support their next steps and I enjoyed meeting many of you at our ASPIRE awards evenings. After an action-packed few weeks I hope you all have a relaxing summer break.

A reminder; If anything is worrying you over the summer please email: worrybox@moultonschool.co.uk text/ring the school anti-bullying number 07520 631333. There is also a NSPCC hotline on 0808 800 5000.



Enterprise Days

Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in this years Enterprise Day, learning about the world of work. Year 7 created their own product, Year 8 took over the running of a failing hotel business and Year 9 completed a series of workshops with different employers. Year 10 completed a week of work experience, our first since lockdown. All students had a fantastic time and are now ready for their new careers!



Thailand

An intrepid set of students and teachers have recently returned from an incredible trip to Thailand. The group spent time at the Phang Nga Elephant Park in Phuket helping on projects around the park and taking care of the elephants. Students enjoyed an action-packed trip learning about the local ecosystem and wildlife, visiting a temple, sampling the delights of the local market, gaining an understanding of local culture and history and even learning a bit of Thai at a local school. The final trip day included a visit to some local caves and the opportunity to try paddleboarding. What a truly unforgettable experience.



Trips

Students have been taking part in a wide range of different trips this term including a garden club trip to Kelmash, a STEAM careers day at the University of Northampton and of course two terrific rewards trips to Drayton Manor and Alton Towers theme parks.



The Royal Society

Our flow cytometry club was invited to present at The Royal Society's 'Summer Science Exhibition' in London from the 5th - 7th July 2023. This is an annual event where universities, companies and academics can present their current research and schools with projects funded by The Royal Society present their work in the 'Young Researcher Zone'.

To present at The Royal Society is a huge honour, it is the oldest (and one of the most prestigious) scientific institutions in the world. We have been investigating the ecosystem of our balancing pond, which is home to a population of great crested newts, using a variety of scientific methods from flow cytometry to microscopy. The exhibition was open to the public during the day and then guests of The Royal Society in the evening; including famous scientists (Martyn Poliakoff and Gerry Gilmore), Fellows of The Royal Society, Professors, MPs, Lords/Dames, Viscounts, actors and many more established and esteemed guests.

Our students were absolutely fantastic at engaging, explaining and answering questions about our project and we were told numerous times how confident, approachable, passionate and knowledgeable our students were.

Art



Well done to Ruby Carpenter who provided the 3 illustrations and cover artwork for a short story adventure book, written by a local author. The book is published by Amazon Books and Ruby was delighted to see her work in print.

On Wednesday 5th July, 20 GCSE Art and Design students from year 10 had an exciting opportunity to take part in practical workshops to learn about Furniture Making and Stonemasonry at Moulton College. Moulton College has a strong pedigree in teaching these crafts and has established links with industry. The students had a fantastic time. 'It was a great day where I learnt new skills and gained so much information about different careers'

On Friday 7th July, 35 Year 10 and Year 12 Art students travelled to London to see the Summer Exhibition at The Royal Academy. The Royal Academy is a gallery and a postgraduate school of art. Many famous artists have studied here including William Turner and David Hockney. It was founded in 1768 by King George the third. The Summer Exhibition is a famous annual celebration of art and artists that has been a tradition since 1769. This year 1,614 works were on display including paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures. Our students were impressed by the sheer variety and wealth of creativity on display. They took lots of photos and gained many ideas of how to develop their own artwork.



'The Art department held an exhibition on Wednesday 21st June to showcase the works of our talented GCSE and A level Art students. We congratulate them all on their success in producing highly skilled and unique work over the last two years. Everyone who came to exhibition was just amazed by the quality and excellence of the works on display.



Culture Day

After the success of our sixth form culture days, year 12 students worked with our year 10 prefects to run our first main school culture event celebrating cultural diversity at MSSC. The main aim was to show students how all our lives are enriched by their differing backgrounds and to learn more about the places, foods and lifestyles of different countries around the world.



Sports News

House Sports ; A busy few weeks containing sports day and a highly competitive intersports afternoon with the four houses competing against each other in both football and rounders. On Sports Day students completed 3 activities; a carousel of competitions including egg and spoon races and obstacle courses, a sports quiz and then the elite races where the whole school gathered to support their house. Year 10 also took the opportunity of their last Sports Day to wear amazing fancy dress. Congratulations to all participants - every student taking part won house points and made a difference. Congratulations to the winners;

Intersports; Ravensthorpe won both the Yr 7 and 8 Rounders and the Yr 7B Football. Stanwick won the Yr 7A Football and Hunsbury won both the Yr8A and the Yr8B football competitions.

Sports Day Shield 2023 Champions - Hunsbury
House Cup Winners 2023 - Ravensthorpe

Our students also continued our successes, Yr7 and 8 Rugby Team winning the Touch Rugby County Cup, lots of cricket and rounders and a huge number of students representing the school in the District Athletics. Finally, a massive well done to the four students who represented England in the Dance World Cup in Portugal coming fifth in the World!



Business Competition

Three year 10 students, Bianca, Krystian and Max took part in a Business BOSS (Business Olympics for Secondary Schools) competition against teams from across the world including private schools across the UK, finishing in the top ten. They ran their own virtual travel agency through seven different rounds making over 200,000 (virtual) euros and maintaining high levels of employee satisfaction. This was a fabulous achievement. Congratulations.

End of exams

June saw the end of the exams for both year 11 and 13 and students celebrated with a prom. We also invited year 11 students, looking to join our Sixth Form, to attend our 'bridging days' - a chance to have a taste of A levels and Sixth Form life. We wish them good luck for their results days in August and with their next steps.

