



MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Headteacher's message

Another busy term has come to an end. Our Y11s and Y13s are well into their exams now and we wish them every success.

We have said some formal 'goodbyes' and the school will feel very different next term without these year groups. They have been superb cohorts and we hope that they will continue to demonstrate the values and ethos that belong to being a part of Team Moulton. We will miss them and look forward to celebrating properly at the prom.

This edition of the newsletter is packed with more activities and achievements. From university trips to great crested newts and Manga books to the Duke of Edinburgh. Our pupils are a credit to us and to their parents and carers.

Next term also promises a busy calendar with rewards trips, celebration assemblies, achievement evenings, work experience, Culture Week, our traditional sports day and more! I hope you have a happy break and enjoy some sunshine and family time together.



Cambridge University visit

As part of our drive to raise aspirations, on Friday the 28th April, a group of Year 10 and 12 Aspire and More Able students went on a tour of Cambridge University's Fitzwilliam College. Highlights of the tour included: a presentation about the university; college tours; a question-and-answer session with current students, and a subject taster session. We finished the day by walking through the historic city enroute to the Fitzwilliam Museum which houses a world-renowned collection of over half a million beautiful works of art, masterpiece paintings and historical artefacts. By the end of the day, it was evident that students were considering their futures and were beginning to understand the many pathways open to them.



6th form Culture Day

We celebrated one of our best Culture Days yet, highlighting the diverse tapestry of cultures within our school community. Our talented sixth form students showcased their respective traditions, cuisines, and colourful clothing, creating a truly unforgettable experience!

We're immensely proud of their dedication and enthusiasm in organising this fantastic event, which promoted unity, inclusivity, and cultural understanding. A huge thank you to our supportive staff, supportive parents, and fantastic students for their collaboration and participation in making this Culture Day a resounding success.

Let's continue our journey to promote cultural awareness within our school and beyond. Congratulations to all involved in making this Culture Day truly special!

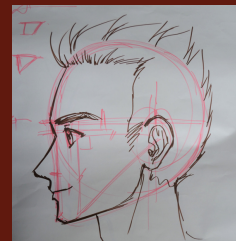
Endangered species



Recently we invited some ecologists onto our site to aid with our research for our Royal Society funded project investigating the ecosystem of our on-site balancing pond. After leaving numerous bottle traps in the pond overnight, we returned the next morning to find we had caught 5 female and 1 male great crested newts! These are a rare and protected species. Did you know it is an offence to disturb, capture, kill or otherwise interfere with the newts or their surrounding environment (unless you have a specific licence)? Committing this offence can result in a 6-month prison sentence and an unlimited fine so it is essential that the pond, and its inhabitants, are not disturbed! Our eco-projects have also resulted in us discovering that Moulton School and Science College is home to greenfinches and house sparrows – these are on the RSPBs red endangered list. We are incredibly lucky to have such a rare and diverse ecosystem on our school site and need to ensure we keep our site clean, tidy and a safe space for these vulnerable species and respect the out of bounds areas.

Art Manga

The day was a fantastic opportunity for year 9 students to meet and work with a well-known author and illustrator of Manga books, Sonia Leong. The day started with an engaging assembly where the artist spoke about her background and how she became a Manga artist. Each year 9 group then took part in drawing workshops led by the artist in how to create manga faces and figures. It was an exciting day and lots of fun. Everyone produced great work, Even those students who lacked confidence in their drawing skills surprised themselves by what they were able to achieve!



Auschwitz and Birkenau

A Level History students, Evie Paddison and Summer Rowe, and History Teacher, Ms Munford, have recently returned from a harrowing trip to Auschwitz. The students joined other East Midlands students on the Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project which aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and its relevance today. It consisted of two 2 1/2 hr weekend seminars, and a trip to Poland to visit Auschwitz – Birkenau.

They were also given the opportunity to listen to a testimony of a survivor, Eve Kugler.

The students would like you to share this; 'We were shown lots of awful things like vast amounts of hair, shoes and clothes taken from the prisoners as they arrived. What really stuck with us was the sheer scale of it; every time you turned a corner there was another huge row of barracks. We were shown the appalling living conditions, where many inmates were crammed and treated in some of the most inhuman ways thinkable. In each area we were read part of testimonies which humanised the Holocaust further. Although most of the barracks, crematoria and gas chambers were destroyed, the remains still create a vivid image of some of the monstrosities that took place.'

After we had seen both camps, we finished with a memorial next to the Holocaust Memorial at the end of the train tracks, for the victims. This was where we remembered each victim as an individual and reflected on this by lighting memorial candles.

Thank you for taking the time to read our experience, and we hope you can now play your part in remembering the Holocaust.'



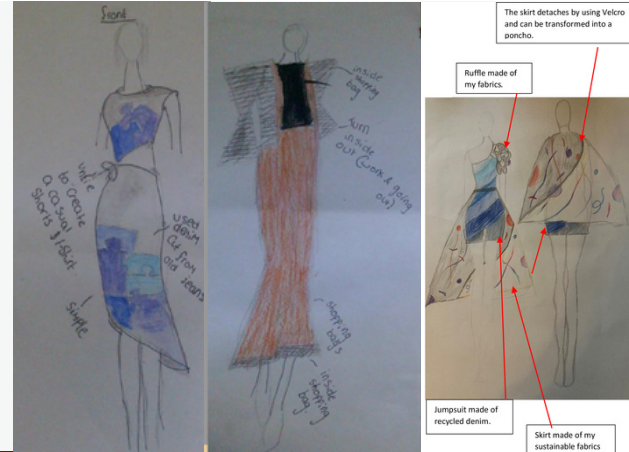
Duke of Edinburgh Award



The DofE award was designed to challenge young people to serve their communities, experience adventure and learn outside the classroom. As such students must learn new skills, carry out community service and exercise regularly for between 3 and 12 months depending on their award. They must also complete an expedition, including an overnight stay, carrying their own equipment and navigating across the countryside. This year, 15 year 10 students completed their silver expedition in the Dunstable downs area and 35 year 9 students are practising prior to their bronze expedition later this month. Congratulations and good luck to all involved.

Young Fashion Designer

Students in Design have been taking part in the Young Fashion Designer 2023 competition with a theme of sustainability. Students were asked to find out about patterns and fabrics linked to sustainability and then design 4 outfits based around this. Congratulations to our winners Harriet and Nicole who have now been entered in the National competition.



Sports News



Boys: Following on from the success of the U13 side our U12s completed a County Cup double in rugby at the start of the term. The boys have developed a free-flowing style, even against tough opposition. Our U14s lost narrowly in the semi-finals away with a game that could have gone either way. Well done to all pupils involved in our successful rugby season.



The year 7s footballers made it to the County Cup final where they gave a valiant and proud performance versus a NSB side that have made the National final. Brilliant effort.

Our U13 cricket side have continued their season, including meeting ex Moulton and England player Mal Loye at a fixture at Wellingborough school - hoping that some of you go on to successful cricket careers.

Our yr9/10 boys softball team won the district competition with some outstanding batting and fielding, while our basketball U15/16 won a narrow fixture over Wootton Park.



Girls: Record numbers of pupils have been attending the girls rugby sessions as a result of our involvement with Northampton Saints and Sport England providing funding for new equipment.

Rounders has really taken off with 2 fantastic wins for year 7 and 9 and a narrow defeat for year 10 in the opening fixtures of the league season whilst the year 11s took part in their final competition before their exams.

Coronation

Did you enjoy the Coronation Day?

This was a historic event, the first time in 70 years that we have crowned a monarch. To celebrate its importance all students learnt about King Charles and his role as the King in assemblies during the week leading up to the big day. The History department also spent the week teaching students about the role of the monarchy, development of the United Kingdom and the royal family.

We hope that you all took the time to celebrate and be part of the local community and got involved in 'The Big Help.'

