

#### Headteacher's message



What a busy start to the academic year! We have welcomed new students to Year 7 and 12 and I have really enjoyed meeting the newest members of Team Moulton. We have seen a number of exciting changes over the summer including our new 'Literacy Lodge' and a very welcome outdoor canopy and food pod. Many of you have been to our parents' information evenings and I hope you are as excited as we are for all that is to come. A particular highlight is always our school production and rehearsals are already well underway for 'Shrek the Musical' – save the date 14 – 16th February 2024!

### Curriculum Day

Another fabulous curriculum day saw lessons suspended and students complete different activities depending on their year.

Year 7 and 8 spent the day in Science, completing full investigations in order to build and test their own boats or learning forensic science skills to solve crimes and then in Humanities looking at the cross subject skills required to explain the volcanic eruption at Pompeii. Year 9 took part in sample lessons across subjects available at KS4 to help their future options process which starts after half term. Year 10 and 11 completed Maths and English booster activities to help their GCSE studies. Year 12 took part in sessions on study skills and an introduction to Higher Education, run by Northampton University. Everyone had a fantastic day.





#### Ben Miller

Year 7 had an exciting visit when renowned author and actor Ben Miller visited MSSC. Lauren Digby, one of our new Year 7 students, won a national story writing competition last year, and Ben's visit was part of her prize.

Ben spoke to the students about his career, his family, and the inspiration for his stories, as well as reading from his new book. Year 7 asked him some fabulous questions, ranging from which book he enjoyed writing most, to if he was friends with Mr Bean!

Ben then stayed to sign books, planners, and bookmarks for students (and have some photos with starstruck staff!)

Thank you to Ben for a fabulous afternoon, and congratulations again to Lauren.

# Black History Month

October is Black History Month which aims to raise awareness of important figures and their positive impact on our culture and society. Students have completed a number of activities to celebrate BHM, including activities in lessons, wall displays, student led assemblies and special drama performances written and directed by students to celebrate our diverse culture.







### 401 Challenge

We were delighted to welcome Ben Smith from the 401 Foundation into school on 27th September. Ben ran a marathon every day for 401 days, covering an incredible 10,506 miles, and raising £330,000 for two anti-bullying charities. He spoke to all year groups about the importance of mental wellbeing, how to build confidence, self esteem and overcome challenges. His outlook and values align perfectly with our own ASPIRE ethos and everyone found his visit moving and engaging. Students are now working on a challenge of their own, inspired by his visit. To find out more about Ben and his incredible work, please visit: www.the401challenge.co.uk

## Bletchley Park Visit

Our school trip to Bletchley Park immersed us in WWII history. We explored the mansion where Enigma codebreakers once lived, saw Enigma machines up close, and learned about the pivotal role of women. In the afternoon, a 'Breaking Lorenz' workshop had us solving codes as a team. The exhibits offered insights into wartime espionage and artifacts. Walking through, we admired the dedication of those who worked here, knowing their efforts shortened the war.

Our trip left us deeply grateful for codebreakers and more appreciative of history's significance. Bletchley Park is a testament to human ingenuity, reminding us to honor the past. It's more than a historic site; it's a window into a world where intelligence and determination shaped history."





#### Sports News

A busy term with lots of teams playing in the early stages of cup and league competitions. Some notable results include:

Football -2nd round of National Cup - U13 boys winning 5-1 v Northampton Academy Football - 3rd round of National Cup - U16 girls winning v Robert Smyth on penalties! Rugby - Year 7 playing their first game (with some students playing their first ever!) Rugby - Year 8 reaching the final of a tournament at Sponne and playing A and B team games against Wellingborough school.

Rugby - U14 beating Campion in the County Cup and sharing the trophy for the County Cup 10s competition after drawing the final with Bishop Stopford.

Netball - Year 7 and 8 Netball playing games against CCS and Guilsborough

Netball - Year 11 finishing second in the County Plate Tournament





#### Guide dogs for the Blind

Year 11 Health and Social Care students had a special visit from the Northamptonshire Guide Dogs. They had the privilege of learning about the incredible role these dogs play in the lives of individuals with visual impairments, emphasizing the importance of empathy and care in our field. Huge thanks to the Northamptonshire Guide Dogs team for this enriching experience!

#### Moulton Open Air Carol Service 2023: Actors required

Following the success of the first Open Air Carol Service in 2022, this year's event will be held on Sunday 10th December at 4.30pm.

Moulton School pupils did a brilliant job last year and this year they are looking for 3-4 young people, to play the parts of the wise men and inn keep. There will be two rehearsals: one week commencing 27th November and one week commencing 4th December (times and dates to be advised nearer the time). There will be a full run through on the day of the event at 3pm. You will need to be available for these rehearsals as well as for the main event. Young people will at all times be supervised by a fully 'safer recruited' youth team of male and female leaders.

If you would be interested in taking part, Nick Alexander, the event organiser would love to hear from you. Please email him at n.alexander@moultonchurch.co.uk