



MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE



Headteacher's message



January can be quite a difficult month after all the excitement of Christmas. However, we have packed a great deal into this term enjoying many wonderful events, trips and activities. Students have enjoyed a Drama trip to the Harry Potter Studio. The WWI battlefields came to life for our History students, courtesy of a visiting History Workshop, and our sports teams have once again been in action across the county. Some of our Business Studies students enjoyed a visit to Disneyland Paris and Year 12 students have represented MSSC in local debating events. The end of term came to a close with another stunning school production, 'Shrek The Musical'. What a fabulous show – well done to all the staff and students involved.

Shrek

This last week has seen a fantastic set of performances for our students in Shrek. The musical, based on the popular animated film, tells the story of an Ogre who agrees to a deal with the evil Lord Farquaad in order to save his swamp. He sets out on a quest to defeat the fearsome dragon and rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona. On the way he meets up with Donkey and many twists of plot follow. With a range of toe tapping songs and a heartwarming story, our students did an amazing job of sending the audiences home happy. Congratulations to all the fantastic singers, performers, dancers and of course everyone behind the scenes for such a brilliant production. A massive thank you goes as well to our superb staff for all their time and efforts supporting the students.



Macbeth

MSSC were thrilled to welcome back Box Clever Theatre on Wednesday 7th February, who performed a fantastic version of Macbeth for our Year 11 students. As usual, the performance was engaging and fun, helping students to remember quotations and clarify plot points, with chances for audience participation and many students invited to the Macbeths' banquet! Following the performance, students took part in a workshop which invited them to consider whether fate or individual choice guides Macbeth's actions, and then allowed them to take part in some stage fighting.

Thanks Box Clever – we'll see you next year!



Disneyland Trip

29 intrepid students and teachers visited Disneyland Paris and took part in a Business study visit for KS4 and 5 students. A day in the park looking at customer service and segmentation was followed by a Business conference where students asked questions to the panel of speakers from Disney and Le Shuttle. Moulton students were praised for the quality of their input. Although the farmers tractor blockade did stop us getting into Paris for a sight seeing visit, we ventured to a local shopping mall to experience a bit of real life customer service. Overall, the trip was a huge success. A world class theme park, attended by world class students, and very tired but very happy teachers.



History

This term we invited a company called Frontline History into school to deliver a workshop covering the content related to the History GCSE on WWI.

The presenters David Allton and Richard Townsley, are an authentically-uniformed Regimental Medical Officer and Royal Army Medical Corps Orderly. They guided students, through a hands-on experience using authentic artefacts, role-play activities, and carefully chosen period images and film. Students had to act out the role of an injured soldier and try their might as stretcher bearers - much harder than it seemed, even without the mud of No Man's Land.

Other students volunteered their services as models for the different gas masks developed during WWI. This session really brought their studies to life as they saw and handled artefacts they had only previously read about in books.



Debating Event

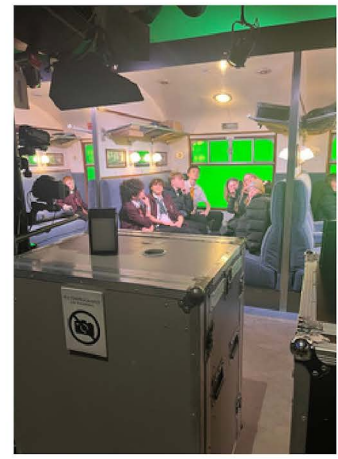
A group of year 12 students attended the inaugural West Northamptonshire County Debating Event at the County Hall on along with 7 other local schools. Our students attend the Sixth form Debating Society but were new to this event.

We did amazingly, winning 3 debates to reach the final before losing out on a controversial shared vote to finish runners-up. Congratulations to all involved.



Drama Trip

As part of our enrichment programme in drama, we took our year 9 students to the Harry Potter Studio Tour, London for a 'behind the scenes' costume distressing workshop and a full magical tour of the incredible studios.



Geography Fieldtrip

Year 11 braved the early start for their coach ride to Epping Forest to study rivers. The students carried out fieldwork to investigate how and why river characteristics change as you go downstream. A highlight was the hands-on experiment at Debden Brook, where students measured water flow and analysed sediment, bringing their classroom learning to life. This enables pupils to explore the interactions between human and physical influences in impacting river environments and river discharge.



Sports News

Contrasting results for our football teams in the County Cup, with Year 10 and 11 both drawn against Magdalen. Year 11 unluckily losing out in the last minute against the run of play but Year 10 going through to the last 4 with a 3-0 win. Year 7 and 9 also progressed through to the next round. Away from football, our year 11 boys badminton team put on a brilliant performance to become runners up in the County competition, while our year 8 boys dodgeball team won the district competition and go through to the county finals. Our year 8 boys have also played their first games in a Junior NBA competition where we have been linked with the Memphis Grizzlies Basketball team. Girls sport continues to expand with increasing numbers of girls playing for sports teams. Both U13 girls and U15 girls won the Saints Schools Hockey tournament and have been busy in other competitions. The U15 futsal team and Indoor cricket team both got to the final of their district cups while the U13s won the Indoor cricket and won their game in the National cup.

LGBT+ History Month

With kindness and fairness as values, diversity is an important component of school life. February represents Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender + month and students will have seen a number of initiatives, including assemblies that aim to encourage honesty and openness about LGBT+ and to raise awareness of key figures in history who were gay or bisexual and who may not have received recognition as a result of that. The theme for 2024 is Medicine, looking at key contributors to the fields of medicine and healthcare whose work is under-celebrated.

