



MOULTON SCHOOL & SCIENCE COLLEGE



Headteacher's message



The final term is always busy and full of positivity and celebration, so much so that this edition has two extra pages! We enjoyed another fully inclusive sports day – congratulations to overall winners Stanwick House. Students participated in a range of trips including a History trip to the WWI Battlefields and theme park reward trips. Our ASPIRE achievement evenings are a personal highlight and it was wonderful to recognise significant student commitment. We held our annual Year 5 Science cluster day, met the new students joining us in September and said a final goodbye to Year 11 and 13 at their Prom. Now – time for a rest! I hope you and your family enjoy a relaxing break and a wonderful summer.

Culture Day

Team Moulton celebrated inclusion and diversity. Pupils learnt why Culture Day is important and were then given time to visit the Culture Day Fair, which had been put together by their peers. Students were able to learn about the diverse cultures that make up the community of Moulton and celebrate individuality within the school. This amazing event would not have been possible without the bravery and hard work of the students involved. Pupils organised their stalls and provided information ranging from cultural games to the history of their country, with many students wearing traditional cultural clothing. The leadership shown by these pupils was outstanding, as they engaged with every pupil that visited to inform and ensure understanding. We would also like to thank the hard work of the staff that helped facilitate the day and led by example in wearing their cultural clothing.



Gardening Club Trip

On Tuesday 4th June members of the school gardening club went to visit the walled garden at Delapre Abbey. Students enjoyed a talk from one of the volunteers who shared the details of their latest project – a medieval herb garden. Her passion and knowledge was incredible and the group really enjoyed learning about and tasting the edible plants. It was a very inspiring visit and gave our gardeners lots of ideas. This year we have grown a variety of fruit, vegetables and herbs.

WWI Battlefields Trip



The History Department has just returned from a wonderful trip with year 8. We visited Ypres and the Somme, our students had the opportunity to visit preserved First World War trenches, visit the graves of the fallen soldiers and visit key war memorials including Thiepval for those lost during the Battle of the Somme. Some of the pupils were able to visit the graves of relatives who had died during The Great War. For some this was the first time anyone in their family had had the opportunity to pay their respect at the grave site. Pupils were also given the opportunity to visit Ypres town where they were able to explore the Belgian culture. We are looking forward to our second trip in September with a different group of students.

Sports Day

On 30th June we held our annual Sports Day. This is a fully inclusive day where students can compete in a carousel of competitions including egg and spoon races, obstacle courses and a sports quiz.

We round off the afternoon with the elite races when the whole school gather to support their house. Year 10 also took the opportunity for their last Sports Day to wear amazing fancy dress costumes. It was a really fun day for all and a huge thank you to all the staff who work so hard to make this day a success.



Northants County Challenge

On Wednesday 19th June, a team of Yr 9 students went to Police HQ to present their idea to a panel of "dragons" as part of the Northants County Challenge. This year's focus for the Challenge is tackling misogyny and violence against women. Imogen, Amelia, Isabel, Heidi and Lilly choreographed a dance to raise awareness of being an upstander against misogyny, and also created a powerpoint and lesson plan to send to Primary Schools as part of their idea. After their pitch, the team had a tour of the control room at HQ as well as learning about the different roles within the Police and Fire Services.

The panel loved the pitch and the team went on to represent MSSC at the Grand Final at the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough - which they won! First prize is £2000 and the support of a steering group to turn their idea into a reality. MSSC Dance Against Misogyny will be touring primary schools next year. A fantastic achievement - we are so proud of you.



Year 11 and 13 Prom

Year 11 and 13 celebrated the end of exams and their final year as a cohort with a wonderful Prom. Year 11 Prom took place at Franklins Gardens and Year 13 enjoyed a fabulous evening at Sedgebrook Hall. Everyone looked amazing and it was a wonderful end to their time together and a celebration of all they have achieved.



Author visit

On Tuesday 11th June, author, Tamsin Winter, came to speak to some of our Key Stage 3 and 4 students. Tamsin Winter is a local award-winning author who has written funny, heartfelt books for children. She delivered a variety of creative writing workshops and took part in a Q&A session.



Sports News

Our Touch Rugby team were crowned Champions at the level 3 games (3rd consecutive year of winning this), getting the opportunity to compete at Franklins Gardens.

The year 9/10 rounders team came 2nd at the level 3 County games competition. Our year 8 rounders team also won their district league.

Golf - Having won the County golf championship, our team took part in the English Schools' Team Golf Championship representing Northamptonshire, coming a creditable 9th out of 24 counties and Rowen achieving 13th out of 80 competitors. Congratulations.



Year 5 Science Day



On 3rd July we invited in 240 Year 5 students from local Primary Schools for a Science taster day. Pupils took part in 3 sessions to reflect the main components of Science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Activities were hands-on and engaging including making seed bombs, invisible ink and balloon-powered rockets. It was wonderful to see these students so excited about Science and looking forward to all that secondary school has to offer.

"Moulton Science day was incredible. The crafts were spectacular."

"By the end of the day I was speechless. I learnt a lot about Science and we all had so much fun!"

Creating Digital Futures

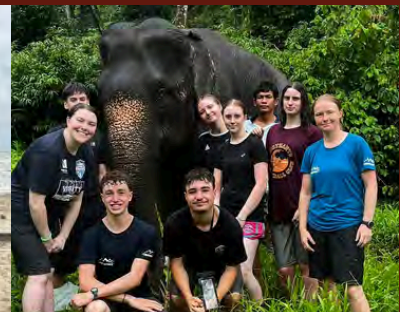
Some of our Year 10 students visited Northampton College for their "Creating Digital Futures" day, to look at the role of computers, virtual reality and the implementation of technology in a variety of careers. Students heard about Artificial Intelligence and then ran their own e-sports event; complete with people competing, a broadcast team, commentators and even operating the cameras. They then had an opportunity to use software packages to design a video game character before trying some virtual reality technology! The college implements VR in their courses as a means of training, and our students were able to try careers such as welding, counselling, early years education and plumbing as a virtual reality course. The students were fantastic, very engaged and asked some excellent questions.



Thailand 2024



18 of our Year 11 and 12 students and teachers have recently returned from an amazing trip to Thailand. This was an action-packed trip learning about the local culture, ecosystem and wildlife, visiting a turtle conservation site and the Tsunami memorial. The group spent time at the Phang Nga Elephant Park in Phuket helping on projects and taking care of the elephants. They learnt lots of skills including, resilience, teamwork, and improving their levels of self-confidence. What a truly unforgettable experience.



Gold DofE



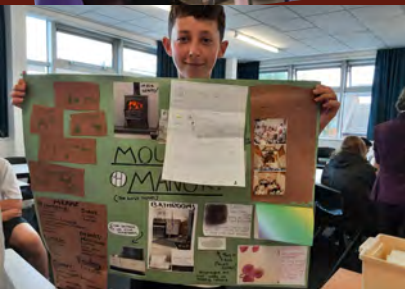
We have long been running successful Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions but for the first time this year we have had students completing the Gold DofE award. They took part in a practice expedition at the Frontier Centre before undertaking the qualifying expedition. This included 4 days of canoeing from Hay on Wye to Monmouth. We are really proud of this committed group.

Royal Society Summer Exhibition 2024

For the third year in a row our students have been invited to present our scientific research on flow cytometry at the Royal Society's Summer Science Exhibition in London! On the 4th- 5th July, six of our Year 11 and 12 students presented to visitors ranging from school children, to members of the public and established academics and scientists. This also included an evening black tie event, where the exhibition is only open to guests of the Royal Societies and Fellows (this includes famous scientists such as Sir Martyn Poliakoff and Saiful Islam, Dames and Sirs – and even a Lord and Lady!). Our students were absolutely fantastic and a testament to everything that makes Moulton School and Science College! We had fantastic feedback and several people who are interested in collaborating with us after speaking to our students!



Enterprise Day



On 11th July, we held our annual Enterprise and Employability Day. Year 7 and 8 completed challenges, pitching a product or service for the Olympics or presenting a business plan to revitalise a failing hotel. Students worked in teams, using all their Employability Skills to impress the judges (our Careers Link Governors Karen Godfrey and Lucy Allison and volunteers from Office Angels). In the afternoon, both year groups competed in House Sports tournaments; the Yr 7 champions were Stanwick and the Yr 8 champions were Ravensthorpe.

Year 9 and 10 completed Employability Skills carousels with experts and visiting employers: working on their CVs; honing study skills; learning about pathways into careers; participating in interview workshops and understanding how to make a good first impression. All of our visitors were very complimentary about our students' skills and attitudes. Mrs Savage, who ran the day, was very proud of all the students who engaged so enthusiastically and would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who made the day such a success.

YR 12 Biology Trip

In June the year 12 Biologists attended a field trip to Amersham where they worked towards achieving their practical endorsement. This included investigations on woodlands and plantain with statistical analysis using mathematical techniques they have learnt in class. They used various pieces of equipment including quadrats and pH meters. All students achieved their sampling endorsement on this trip! Well done to the year 12 biologists and to Miss Clifford and Mr Golsby who organised the trip.



YEAR 10 Rap Workshop



Year 10 had the rap and hip-hop artist Breis present an assembly to the whole year group before delivering two workshops. He explored the history and development of hip-hop in terms of music and lyrics before working with students on creating their own raps – using rhyming couplets and similes, expanding this into verse. Well done to all the students who really engaged and created some fantastic rap pieces.

MSSC will be 70 years old this year and we would like to invite our whole school community to celebrate with us on Saturday 7th September. A reminder that you can still book tickets – <https://www.moultonschool.co.uk/anniversary-tickets>.



Don't forget that you can find up-to-date news on the school's facebook page

