

WITH ALL THE LATEST FROM MOOR PARK

**MOOR  
PARK  
NEWS**

SUMMER 2018



# THE HEADLINE



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**As I approach the end of my first full year in charge at Moor Park I can reflect on the great progress that the young people at the school are making. In April our Ofsted visit confirmed what we already knew, that our 6th form is outstanding. The work done by our teachers to truly transform the lives of our students was recognised by the inspectors and by the students, who were universally positive about the school's work. The inspectors talked about the whole school being 'transformed' and although we have much work still to do, the sense of a school moving upwards quickly is palpable.**

The last week of term will see us launch our first Super Learning Week. During this week our young people will take part in a wide variety of activities and experiences that will enrich their lives. Schools are more than exam results and we hope that the experiences that the young people get stay with them long after they leave us. We have also continued to enrich the curriculum with a scholar's programme in years 7 and 8, where young people get an experience of life in the country's most prestigious universities. This, on top of a full STEM programme and a great sports and arts offer, makes Moor Park a very exciting school to attend.

Our current crop of year 11s left us in June, many will return to our 6th form in September. This year's year 11 have been outstanding and have been well taught by reliable, well trained subject specialists. It was clear during exam season that the young people were doing well, working until the final seconds and entering their examinations confidently and with purpose. We are predicting very positive results; in fact, next year we may be one of the country's most improved schools.

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter and that you have a long and restful summer with your families. There is much to celebrate and be proud of.

Headteacher: **Mr B Corbett**



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## UNITED UTILITIES VISIT

IN APRIL A GROUP OF PUPILS FROM YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12 VISITED UNITED UTILITIES IN WARRINGTON.

The pupils were given an overview of possible careers within the company and received a tour of the site. Later in the day they had to deliver a presentation to a panel based on their ideas for a new

education app suitable for use by young people.

The day provided a very enjoyable and informative insight into the operations of the United Kingdom's largest water company.



## BRILLIANT SCHOLARS

*This really is a fantastic opportunity for our young scholars.*

**PUPILS FROM YEARS 7 AND 8 HAVE BEEN TAKING PART IN THE PRESTIGIOUS 'SCHOLARS PROGRAMME' RUN BY THE AWARD-WINNING EDUCATION CHARITY 'THE BRILLIANT CLUB'.**

The Brilliant Club's aim is to increase the number of pupils from under-represented backgrounds progressing to highly-selective universities.

PhD students from Lancaster and Sheffield Universities have come to Moor Park to deliver a 'super-curricular' teaching programme covering maths, biology, engineering and geography.

After submitting an assignment, pupils will attend a 'graduation' ceremony at a top university.



# PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

**ON A SUNNY EVENING IN JUNE, MEMBERS OF THE PRESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL ASSOCIATION RETURNED TO MOOR PARK FOR THEIR ANNUAL VISIT.**

The members always look forward to seeing how the school has changed, and continues to change, from their own time spent here as school boys.

We look forward to welcoming the association back next year.

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# CITY AT HLETICS



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THE ANNUAL PRESTON CITY ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT WAS HELD IN JUNE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE'S SPORTS GROUND, AND MOOR PARK SENT A TEAM OF YOUNG TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITORS.

Preston schools competed in a range of athletic disciplines including the 100 metres sprint, the 1500 metres, the high jump and javelin.

The competition is always a fantastic celebration of sporting activity with teams supporting each other throughout the day. Well done to the Moor Park team who produced some excellent performances and were a credit to the school.

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# HAIRSPRAY

## IN APRIL MOOR PARK STAGED A PRODUCTION OF THE HIT MUSICAL 'HAIRSPRAY'.

Over two evenings, our young performers showed their outstanding talent as they sang and danced their way through the show.

The audience absolutely loved the performance and were highly impressed with the enthusiasm of the pupils on stage.

**Bravo to everyone involved in the production.**



# RADICAL REVISION

TO PREPARE OUR YEAR 11 PUPILS FOR THEIR GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAMS, THE ENGLISH FACULTY DEvised AN INNOVATIVE WAY TO DELIVER POETRY REVISION.



A 'poetry carousel' of creative display boards was set up in the School Hall. Each board contained concise revision notes on particular poems along with visual images for our pupils to use as 'aides-memoire'. Pupils thoroughly engaged with the poetry carousel and made the most of this inventive learning experience.

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## STUDENT FOCUS



**ZAINAB  
YEAR 8**

**Tell us a little about yourself.**

My name is Zainab and I'm 13 years old.

**Why did you choose to come to Moor Park?**

I chose Moor Park because I wanted to get good results. I also knew there was good accessibility for my wheelchair.

**What do you think of the school?**

I really like Moor Park. I love my subjects, especially drama.

**How did you feel on your first day at Moor Park?**

I felt very nervous on my first day. But the teachers here are very friendly and they made me feel better.

**What enrichment activities are you involved in?**

I do table tennis, boccia and kurling and also MUGA.

**What are your plans for the future?**

I plan to become a lawyer.

# BOCCIA AND KURLING

**IN MARCH MOOR PARK'S FINEST BOCCIA AND KURLING PLAYERS COMPETED AGAINST TEAMS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

In closely fought contests our players showed tremendous skill and dexterity as they produced strong performances in both of the sporting disciplines.

Overall, the team came third in the kurling and second in the boccia.  
**Congratulations to our competitors.**



# STAR CHOIR

IN MARCH PUPILS FROM MOOR PARK TOOK PART IN A COMMUNITY CHOIR EVENT AT PRESTON'S FIFTH ANNUAL 'STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST RACISM' FESTIVAL.

The event, held at the University of Central Lancashire, saw pupils from Preston schools sing together in a harmonious display of cohesion,

demonstrating a strong commitment to challenging racism.

Well done to Moor Park's singers who took part in this excellent concert.



# EDGE HILL VISIT

PUPILS IN YEAR 9 WERE INTRODUCED TO THE WORLD OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN APRIL AS THEY VISITED EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY IN ORMSKIRK.

The purpose of the visit was to learn about university life from students currently studying at Edge Hill.

The pupils discovered the wide range of courses available to study at university and the possible career options open to them after graduating.

The visit provided excellent early preparation for our aspirational pupils.

# GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

CUERDEN VALLEY PARK IN CLAYTON-LE-WOODS WAS THE SITE OF A GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP IN MARCH.

Year 11 pupils went there to conduct a study of the River Lostock.

Fortunately, the weather was kind and pupils were able to collect data to help them prepare for their GCSE Geography exam.





# LOOK TO THE STARS

**MOOR PARK HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SCHOOL WITH VISION, BUT WITH THE GIFT OF A NEW TELESCOPE WE ARE NOW ABLE TO EXTEND OUR VIEW TO THE STARS AND BEYOND.**

The powerful telescope was donated to the school by Professor Victor Debattista who is a Reader in Astrophysics at the University of Central Lancashire. Professor Debattista has worked with Mrs King, our Head of Sixth Form, to establish links between Moor Park and UCLan.

One of our former pupils, who is now a student at UCLan, returned to help set up the telescope.

We are delighted with this new acquisition and are excited about the opportunities it will present to the school.

# ERUPTIONS AT MOOR PARK



**IN GEOGRAPHY LESSONS YEAR 8 PUPILS HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT VOLCANOES.**

To help understand the subject, pupils made their own models of these vast and volatile natural features.

Particularly impressive was the model created by two talented pupils whose model contained a fully functioning water/lava flow.

**Well done to our young geographers.**



# DONATIONS WITH A DIFFERENCE

**SIXTH FORM STUDENT EMILY AND YEAR 9 PUPIL ELLIE RECENTLY HAD THEIR LONG HAIR CUT WHICH THEY THEN DONATED TO THE 'LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST'.**

This excellent charity provides real hair wigs for children who have suffered from hair loss.

In the process, Ellie also managed to raise over £400 for Wythenshawe Hospital.

The Little Princess Trust were delighted with Emily's and Ellie's donations and gave them a certificate each as a thank-you.

**Well done to both girls for their charitable act.**



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# FOOD PARCEL DELIVERY 17



**IN MAY A GROUP OF YEAR 8 PUPILS VISITED THE LOCAL CHARITY "LUV PRESTON" TO DELIVER SOME FOOD PARCELS WHICH MOOR PARK PUPILS AND STAFF HAD KINDLY DONATED.**

Volunteers at "Luv Preston" deliver donated food parcels to families and individuals in Preston who are experiencing financial difficulty.

The charity's Director, Tim Moss, thanked the pupils for Moor Park's donation and assured them that it would help make a difference to local people's lives.

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# DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

**THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD CONTINUES TO BE A HIGHLY POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY AT MOOR PARK.**

In March our silver award candidates went on their practice outdoor expedition at Waddecar Scout Centre. After hiking over hill and dale the pupils pitched their tents and spent a night under canvas.

Well done to our intrepid D of E candidates.



# PACKING A PUNCH

**OUR VERY OWN MOOR PARK PUGILIST, MR WHITTER, RECENTLY TOOK TO THE RING IN A CHARITY BOXING MATCH AT THE GUILD HALL IN PRESTON.**

Mr Whitter was raising money for the Douglas Macmillan charity. His opponent was Rock FM DJ Steve Marsh who appears on the 'Steve and Janine' breakfast show.

Mr Whitter raised £591.34 for Douglas Macmillan - a great total for a wonderful charity. Everyone at Moor Park is rightly proud of Mr Whitter.



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# AN INSPIRATION

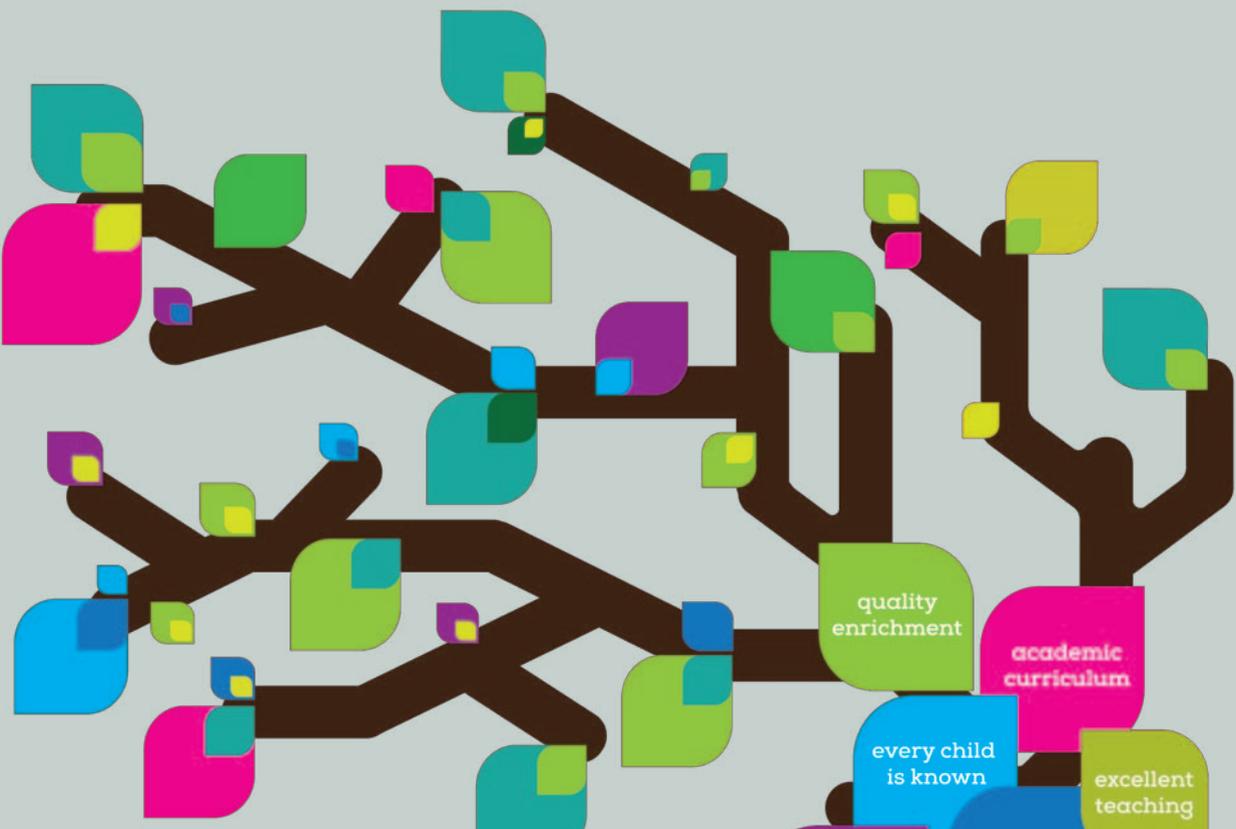
**A GROUP OF YEAR 11 GIRLS HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP WITH A TRULY INSPIRATIONAL INDIVIDUAL.**

Jenny Mullinder won the 2016 'Inspiring Young Woman' award at the 'Inspiring Women' annual awards ceremony.

Jenny came to Moor Park to deliver a positive and aspirational message to our Year 11 girls and to help them aim for the best possible results in their final year at school.

Many thanks to Jenny for her encouragement and advice which our girls found invaluable.

# DIARY DATES



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16 JULY	ENRICHMENT WEEK BEGINS
18 JULY	FULL GOVERNORS MEETING
20 JULY	END OF TERM
16 AUGUST	A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY
23 AUGUST	GCSE RESULTS DAY
4 SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN TERM BEGINS

quality enrichment

academic curriculum

every child is known

excellent teaching

high expectations

exemplary behaviour

so that all students will be able to access higher education and participate fully in our democratic society



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