

WITH ALL THE LATEST FROM MOOR PARK

**MOOR
PARK
NEWS**

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THE HEADLINE



I am now well into my second term as Headteacher of Moor Park and I am delighted by the progress of the young people, the supportive nature of parents, the warm local community and crucially our highly dedicated and skilled staff. It has become clear to me that Moor Park is a school of proud traditions.

In this edition of the newsletter you will see an article about the school's stained glass window and its significance. You will also see our proud tradition of welcoming young people for whom English is an additional language, we are very proud of the progress that these young people make with us and the crucial part that we play in improving their life chances. We are however in the process of making new proud traditions.

This edition demonstrates our burgeoning reputation as a centre of excellence for sports, the arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). There is also an article recounting our involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme; I can't emphasise enough the difference that this scheme makes to young people and the skills that they develop whilst participating in it.

Next year, we will be one of just a few state schools that accredit the gold award; this is usually only awarded in the country's best independent schools.

At the back of the newsletter you will see our new mission statement. It is a very simple statement of our commitment to set the highest expectations for our young people and how we are going to do it. We are all determined that only the best is good enough and I think that our mission statement reflects this. I hope that you enjoy this edition of 'Moor Park News'.

Headteacher: **Mr B Corbett**



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

IN MARCH THE SIXTH FORM WAS VISITED BY MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER GARY SKYNER WHO CAME TO DELIVER A VERY POSITIVE MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS.

Gary has a physical disability and has had to overcome many personal obstacles, but he has not allowed this to stop him from setting and achieving personal goals. In his presentation Gary talked about how to conquer fears, benefit from setbacks, change limitations into opportunities, and how to make the most of your potential.

Gary's inspiring message certainly showed the students that with application and ambition they can achieve anything they want.



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MORE MUSIC AT MOOR PARK

IN THE PREVIOUS EDITION OF OUR NEWSLETTER WE REPORTED THAT THE MUSIC AND EDUCATION CHARITY MORE MUSIC HAD VISITED MOOR PARK TO WORK WITH YEAR 8 STUDENTS.



We were so impressed with them that we invited them back to work with some Year 7 and Year 9 students.

Ben from the organisation introduced the Year 7 students to Qawwali music which is a form of South Asian devotional music with a tradition going back longer than seven hundred years.

Ash Murphy, a 'Beatboxer' and rapper, worked with some Year 9 boys to teach them the art of rapping, helping them to develop their microphone technique and writing skills.

We certainly appreciate the tutors from More Music adding 'more' to our students' awareness of the richness and variety of music genres and styles.

A WINDOW INTO OUR PAST

A rather special visitor came to Moor Park in March. Stephen Sanders is the grandson of Joseph Sanders who designed the magnificent First World War memorial window in the school hall.

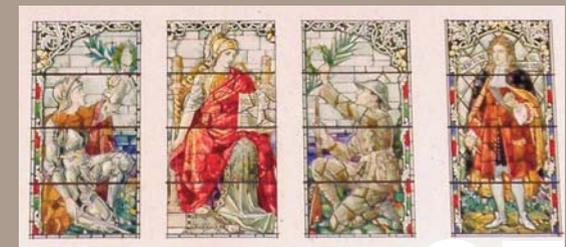
Mr Sanders owns a drawing that his grandfather produced as a design template for the window. However, he had never seen the window itself and asked the school if he could come to see the magnificent piece of glassware produced by 'Barrowclough & Sanders' in 1925.

It was a special moment for Mr Sanders as he walked into the hall and looked up to see light flooding through and illuminating the memorial window.

Mr Sanders kindly provided the school with a digital copy of the original window design which now allows us to make a visual comparison between the his grandfather's original vision for the window and the end product.

The window really is the centrepiece of our school hall and is admired by all who see it. Mr Sanders enjoyed his visit to the school and we are grateful to him for providing a link to Moor Park's past.

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'EAL' AT MP

IN APRIL STUDENTS FROM EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY WHO ARE TRAINING TO BECOME TEACHERS CAME TO MOOR PARK TO WITNESS OUR EAL (ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE) PROVISION IN ACTION.

The trainees had the opportunity to see how our EAL students are supported throughout the school through classroom support, the use of tailored resources and pastoral care. They also talked to the students themselves to learn about their wide range of cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds.

This is a vital area of education and the Edge Hill students certainly benefitted from seeing how best practice is employed at Moor Park and how being an EAL student at this school is not a barrier to success.

MICRO TYCO TRIUMPH

MOOR PARK'S ANNUAL PARTICIPATION IN THE "WILDHEARTS MICRO TYCO BUSINESS CHALLENGE" PRODUCED A SPECTACULAR RESULT THIS YEAR.

The worldwide challenge establishes the task of turning £1 into as much money as possible which is then used by the WildHearts charity to support business and enterprise in the developing world.

A range of micro-enterprises were established by students over the month long project including a very lucrative 'sponge the teacher' event.

Overall, students used their initiative and business acumen to raise a final total of £1850. This total was confirmed by WildHearts as the second highest total raised by a secondary school anywhere in the world!

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERY ONE WHO TOOK PART.

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RECORDING STUDIO VISIT

YEAR 10 BTEC PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS RECENTLY COMPLETED A UNIT OF THEIR COURSE WITH A VISIT TO THE WHITELAB MUSIC STUDIO IN PRESTON.

Some of our young musicians had the opportunity to record tracks with their own instruments while others gained experience in the intricacies of music production using a mixing desk.

THIS WAS A HIGHLY PRACTICAL AND ENJOYABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE NEXT LEVEL.



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STUDENT FOCUS



**BLAKE
YEAR 8**

Tell us a little about yourself.

Hello my name is Blake. I'm currently in Year 8. I play the saxophone and I also play the E-flat bass in a brass band.

Why did you choose to come to Moor Park?

I chose to come to Moor Park because out of all the schools that I looked at this was the one I liked the most.

What do you think of the school?

I think Moor Park is a great school and I would recommend it to anyone. I think the pastoral care here is outstanding.

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

I was nervous because I didn't know anyone, but it didn't take long for me to make some friends.

Tell us about your recent achievements.

I recently received an award for doing well in the Progress Tracking exams.

What enrichment activities are you involved in?

I have saxophone lessons.

What are your plans for the future?

I plan to go to Sixth Form at Moor Park and then go to university, but I've not decided what I want to study there yet.

IN MARCH MOOR PARK STUDENTS WERE TREATED TO A SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE FROM 'YES LAD', A LOCAL BAND THAT APPEARED ON LAST YEAR'S 'X FACTOR' TV SHOW.

OH YES!

THE FIVE 'LADS' PERFORMED THREE SONGS INCLUDING THEIR LATEST SINGLE 'WALK AWAY'.

After the performance, the group spoke to the excited audience on serious topics including bullying. They talked about their own personal experiences from school and offered advice on how best to resolve any problems.

The band also took the time to answer questions from the audience, sign autographs and pose for photographs.

This was a musical treat for the students who gave a resounding 'yes' to the star quality of our special guests.



WORLD BOOK DAY



MOOR PARK MADE THE MOST OF WORLD BOOK DAY BY CELEBRATING ALL THINGS LITERARY.

Members of staff decorated their classroom doors based on book themes and dressed as story characters.

A book swap was held in the library and book tokens were given to students.

Students also voted for their favourite book-themed classroom door with Miss Chambers' Harry Potter door proving the most popular.

THIS WAS THE TWENTIETH OFFICIAL WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION AND YOUNG READERS AT MOOR PARK CERTAINLY ENJOYED THE SPECIAL DAY.



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IN MARCH MOOR PARK ENTERED THE ROTARY TECHNOLOGY TOURNAMENT HELD AT PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS RUGBY CLUB.

Four teams entered the competition: two teams from Year 10, one from Year 11 and one from Year 12.

The challenge for the competitors was to design and build a mole-device powered by an electric motor. The device had to travel smoothly and unaided along a test pipe either pushing or recovering debris in a given time.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO COMPETED IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION.

All of the teams performed well, applying their knowledge and skills to the creation of their electric devices.

However, it was the team from Year 11 who particularly impressed as they finished runner-up in the advanced category.



PSYCHOLOGY AND BIOLOGY TRIP

OUR SIXTH FORM PSYCHOLOGY AND BIOLOGY STUDENTS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE'S PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT IN MARCH.



A lecturer from the department delivered an interesting session on memory research and offered our students some useful tips on memory techniques in order to help with their impending exams.

Psychological advice on exam success was supplemented with biological advice as the benefits of staying hydrated and eating almonds were shared with students as strategies for keeping the mind and body alert.

Current undergraduates at the university were available to answer questions about studying psychology and biology at UCLan as well as providing insights into student life in general.

The day was a productive experience for the students who came away feeling well equipped to tackle their summer exams with confidence.

STAY HEALTHY



DR STEPHANIE DILLON FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CAME TO THE SIXTH FORM IN MAY TO DELIVER A TALK ON HEALTH AND NUTRITION TO THE YEAR 12 STUDENTS.

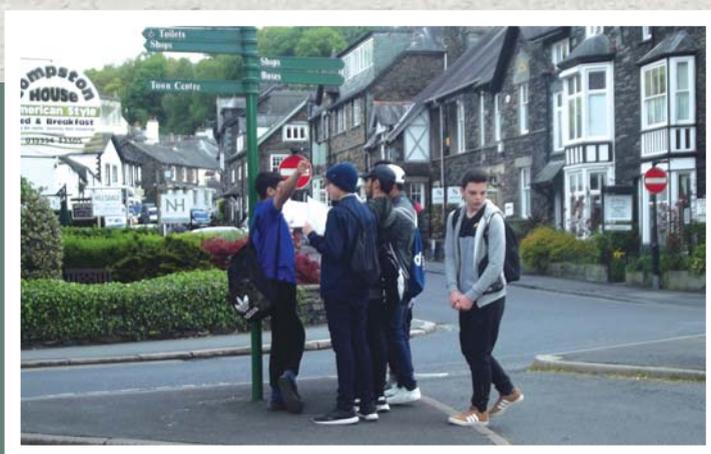
Accompanying Dr Dillon were two final year Sports Science students from the university. Together they discussed the importance of a balanced diet and the

effects different lifestyle factors can have on health and fitness. The session was certainly insightful and provided our students with the ideal recipe for leading healthy lives.

GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



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IN MAY FIFTY YEAR 10 STUDENTS TRAVELLED TO THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK TO CONDUCT THEIR GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK.

The group visited Ambleside and White Moss Common to collect data for their study on the social impact of tourism on the area.

Pedestrian counts, tourist questionnaires and land-use surveys were conducted by the students who will be questioned on the field work during their geography exams.

The weather in the Lake District was glorious, as was the behaviour of the students who worked hard and had an enjoyable time.



TOM PALMER VISIT

TOM PALMER IS A VERY SUCCESSFUL WRITER OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE, AND IN MAY HE CAME TO MOOR PARK TO TALK ABOUT HIS LIFE AS A WRITER TO YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS.

Tom writes stories predominantly about sport including his 'Football Academy' and 'Rugby Academy' series.

During his presentation Tom talked about how he wasn't always keen on reading when he was young. However, his mother encouraged him to read about football in magazines and newspapers. Eventually he developed a love of reading and decided to start writing his own stories.

Tom rounded off his visit by taking the students on to the playground for a penalty shoot-out. Not all author visits end this way!

The students thoroughly enjoyed meeting Tom and hearing about his life as an author.



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS

THE 'AMELIX THEATRE GROUP' CAME TO MOOR PARK IN MAY TO PERFORM TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY WORKING TOWARDS THEIR BRONZE LEVEL ARTS AWARD.

The group performed 'One Road Many Users' which is an interactive production that aims to communicate road safety awareness among young people.

Using a combination of information, games, dance and music the group conveyed their important message by involving students in the performance.

As part of their Arts Award qualification the pupils will now review the performance and write about their experience of the show.



WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

A WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL COMPETITION HELD AT MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY WAS THE DESTINATION FOR A TEAM OF MOOR PARK STUDENTS IN MARCH.

This sporting discipline is very demanding as it requires strength, speed and accuracy as players must manoeuvre their wheelchairs round the court as well as pass the ball to their teammates and score goals.

Our team performed tremendously well against more experienced opposition, finishing second overall.

WELL DONE TO OUR WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL PLAYERS.



BOCCIA AND KURLING

THE SECOND ROUND OF THIS YEAR'S BOCCIA AND KURLING TOURNAMENT TOOK PLACE IN MARCH AT FULWOOD ACADEMY.

Two teams entered the Kurling contest and combined competitive instinct with composure during the tight match-play. Both teams gave a very good account of themselves securing second and third places.

The Boccia team also performed strongly against stiff competition finishing third overall.

WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR BOCCIA AND KURLING PLAYERS.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME CONTINUES TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AT MOOR PARK. STUDENTS FROM YEAR 11 AND THE SIXTH FORM RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR SILVER AWARDS WITH AN OUTDOOR HIKING EXPEDITION.

The group was based at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe for three days and two nights. Sunshine blessed the walkers on their cross country ramble, and sightings of deer, hares and young lambs confirmed that spring was in the air.

All participants successfully passed their assessment and secured their well-deserved silver awards. **Congratulations to all of our Duke of Edinburgh award candidates.**

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DURING THE SUMMER TERM AT MOOR PARK, FOURTEEN YEAR 8 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SKY SPORTS 'LIVING FOR SPORT' INITIATIVE.

This esteemed programme aims to use sports as a way of developing young people's life skills and self-confidence.

Directing the programme and working with the students was Sky Sports ambassador Charlotte Hartley. Charlotte is a former England international hockey player and represented her country in the Commonwealth Games.

Charlotte used her own experiences as a sporting professional to establish a programme for success with the students. Mental toughness, people skills, breaking barriers and planning for success were all aspects of the programme which our students were aiming to develop.

As a way of putting their new skills into practice, our students will now help to deliver this year's Moor Park Sports day.

THE 'LIVING FOR SPORT' PROJECT HAS BEEN A TRIUMPH AT MOOR PARK AND HAS PROVIDED A TRULY MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR STUDENTS.

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ULTRA VIOLET FOOTBALL

A TEAM OF MOOR PARK GIRLS ATTENDED A FOOTBALL COMPETITION WITH A DIFFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON IN MARCH.

The ultra violet football competition for girls involved teams applying ultra violet paint to their faces, arms and legs and playing matches under special lighting which made them glow in the dark!

Each team represented a football league team from their area. As the only school from Preston competing in the event, our Moor Park girls represented Preston North End. The girls played matches against Manchester United,

Bolton Wanderers, Blackburn Rovers and Bury. It is no exaggeration to suggest that the girls' football skills lit up the pitch and dazzled their opponents.

WELL DONE TO OUR GLOW IN THE DARK FOOTBALLERS.



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SIXTH FORM WORK PLACEMENT

A SELECT GROUP OF A-LEVEL PRODUCT DESIGN STUDENTS RECENTLY HAD A TASTE OF LIFE IN INDUSTRY DURING A FOUR DAY WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT AT ALSTOM, A LARGE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANY.

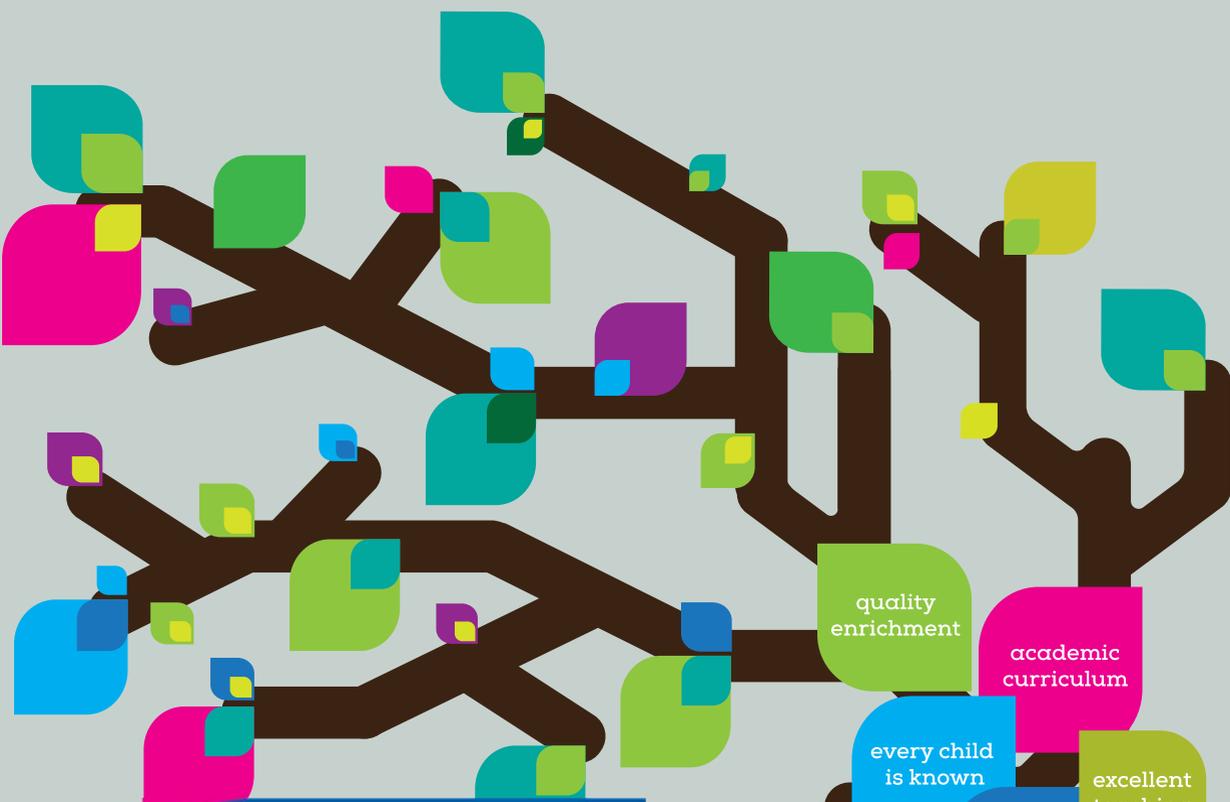
Over the four days the students had the opportunity to interact with some of Alstom's graduate engineers and were able to ask them relevant questions about the engineering profession.

This exposure to a working environment provided our students with a valuable insight into how the 'theory' behind their Product Design course at Moor Park is put into practice in a 'real world' professional setting.

When the four days were over, our students certainly felt fortunate to have had this experience and felt it had equipped them with the kind of knowledge and skills necessary to make the transition from education to employment.



DIARY DATES

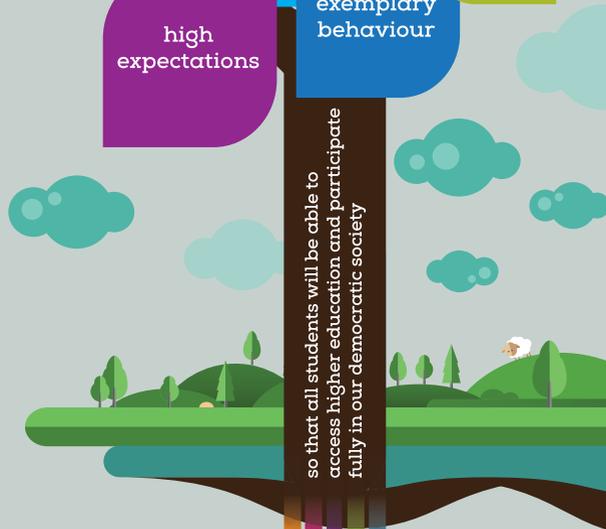


DIARY DATES

5 JULY 2017	FULL GOVERNORS MEETING
7 JULY 2017	BARCELONA TRIP
12 JULY 2017	SUMMER CONCERT
13 JULY 2017	YEAR 7, 8 & 9 TUTOR CONSULTATIONS
20 JULY 2017	REWARDS DAY
21 JULY 2017	END OF TERM
17 AUG 2017	A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY
24 AUG 2017	GCSE RESULTS DAY
04 SEPT 2017	AUTUMN TERM BEGINS

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every child is known
excellent teaching
exemplary behaviour
high expectations

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