



WITH ALL THE LATEST FROM MOOR PARK

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THE HEADLINE



The first term has been an enormously optimistic one for staff and students at Moor Park High School and Sixth School. The term started with us celebrating a record breaking set of GCSE examination results. Our Progress 8 figure has transformed from negative to positive in one year. This, plus our already 'outstanding' sixth form means that we are Lancashire's most improved school. The work put in to radically improve behaviour and ensure that our young people receive the very best teaching, has meant that we can confidently say that the school will go from strength to strength.

Our new year 7s have started school very well and are enjoying the benefits that life at Moor Park gives them. This year all of them are learning musical instruments, as we think that this is a crucial life skill that builds resilience and concentration for our young people. Learning a musical instrument is difficult and difficult things are important in helping young people learn.

This newsletter is full of the opportunities afforded to our young people; they all take part in sport, have rich cultural experiences and gain extra opportunities to take part in STEM activities. Our Super Learning Week and Sports Day at the end of the summer term brought the whole school community together to compete, celebrate and learn.

I hope that you enjoy the Christmas break with your families. We are proud to be Moor Park!

Headteacher: Mr B Corbett



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BAE VISIT

BAE Systems brought their education roadshow team to Moor Park in September.

The aim of their visit was to inspire pupils about maths and the significant role it plays in engineering.

Our young people were certainly entertained and enlightened about the importance of maths in designing and powering technology.

**THANK YOU TO
BAE SYSTEMS.**



'DAY OF THE DEAD' CELEBRATIONS



To mark this day, in Spanish lessons Year 8 pupils made the traditional skeleton figures which are typically seen throughout Day of the Dead parades.

As Mexico is a Spanish-speaking country, this was a great way to broaden our pupils' linguistic and cultural understanding of how the language is used across the world.

EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

**FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER WAS THE DATE FOR THE
'DAY OF THE DEAD' (EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS)
CELEBRATIONS ACROSS MEXICO AND MANY
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD.**

GCSE RESULTS DAY

RESULTS DAY 2018 WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED HERE AT MOOR PARK.

A huge well done! to the class of 2018

Pupils collecting their results in August contributed to the best set of GCSE results in Moor Park's history!

There was a twenty per cent increase of students achieving good passes in both English and maths and an amazing thirty-three elite grade 9s across all subjects.

A very proud Mr Corbett said: "These amazing results are down to one thing, hard work. Our students and staff worked incredibly hard and these results are a testament to this work."

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MP SUMMER GAMES



IN JUNE THE ANNUAL MOOR PARK SUMMER GAMES WERE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE'S SPORTS ARENA.

This event is always a highlight of the school year for many of our pupils. Teams competed in nine track and field events including the 400 metres race, long jump, shot put and 100 metres relay.

At the end of the games, Miss Kalik's team prevailed as worthy champions.

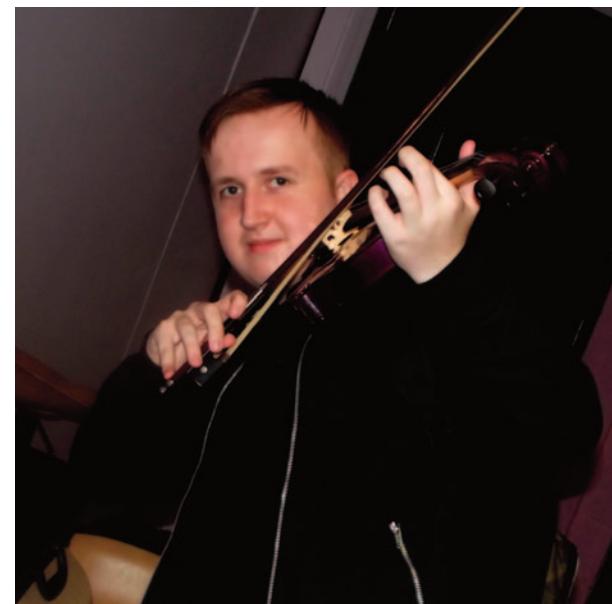
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SUMMER CONCERT

THIS YEAR'S SUMMER CONCERT WAS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE'S '53 DEGREES' VENUE.

Our young performers made the most of this large performance space by delivering grand-scale musical and theatrical routines which had the large audience applauding and cheering appreciatively at the end.

Many congratulations to everyone who took part.



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OPEN EVENING

MOOR PARK WAS LOOKING AT ITS BEST FOR OPEN EVENING IN SEPTEMBER.

Staff and pupils welcomed a record number of visitors to the school who were keen to see what makes Moor Park the success it is.



A wide range of events and activities were taking place round school including the popular annual treasure trail. The evening concluded with a speech from the Head Teacher to a packed School Hall. We look forward to welcoming back many of the children who visited us on the evening when they join Moor Park as pupils next year.

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PUPIL FOCUS



MANSURAH
YEAR 8

Tell us a little about yourself.
My name is Mansurah and I am twelve years old. My hobbies include reading and art. I also enjoy playing sports such as netball.

Why did you choose to come to Moor Park?
I chose to come to Moor Park because on the induction day I really enjoyed all the activities. The teachers were friendly, and I instantly knew I would fit in.

What do you think of the school?
I like this school because of all the teachers and subjects. I particularly like Art as it is one of my favourite hobbies.

How did you feel on your first day at Moor Park?
At first I felt a little nervous, but as soon as I arrived I knew I would be fine and would fit in as the teachers welcomed me to Moor Park.

What enrichment activities are you involved in?
Last year I thoroughly enjoyed Film Club which I hope to continue with this year. I also hope to be joining art club as I am currently an Art Ambassador. I also want to join the netball club.

What are your plans for the future?
When I am older I would like to become an immigration officer.

BOCCIA AND KURLING

MOOR PARK HOSTED AN INTER-SCHOOL BOCCIA AND KURLING COMPETITION IN OCTOBER.

Five schools from Preston competed against each other in the Sports Hall. Each team played with skill and dexterity as they attempted to secure victory for their school.

After a hard-fought contest, Moor Park finished second in two boccia matches and prevailed as champions in a kurling match.

Congratulations to all who took part.



AWARDS EVENING

Guest of honour for the evening was the Mayor of Preston who was impressed with all our pupils' efforts and handed out certificates to each award winner.

IN JULY MOOR PARK HELD ITS ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION TO CONGRATULATE ALL PUPILS WHO HAD WORKED HARD OVER THE SCHOOL YEAR TO ACCOMPLISH FIRST-RATE RESULTS.

Throughout the presentation the sense of achievement and pride was palpable among pupils, parents and staff alike.

Well done to everyone who contributed to the evening's success.



WELCOME TO YEAR 7

AT MOOR PARK WE WORK HARD TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SECONDARY SCHOOL AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR YEAR 7 PUPILS.

One of the ways we achieve this is to tailor lessons around a book that the pupils read during the summer break.

All of Year 7 read Elizabeth Laird's "The Fastest Boy in the World" during the summer holiday. When they arrived at Moor Park in September their lessons were based around the story.

Across the curriculum our new pupils produced excellent work centred on Laird's book, including some fantastic key rings made during Design Technology lessons.

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MUSIC CONCERT

JOPSON MUSIC ACADEMY IS A MUSIC SCHOOL IN THE CENTRE OF PRESTON. EVERY YEAR THE SCHOOL STAGES A CONCERT IN WHICH THEIR PUPILS PERFORM ON A VARIETY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

This year's concert in June saw two Moor Park pupils perform on guitar and drums.

Well done to Kian and Vladimir for their confident and virtuosic performances.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

NATIONAL POETRY DAY WAS ON 4 OCTOBER AND AT MOOR PARK WE LIKE TO GRAB ANY OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE ALL THINGS POETICAL.

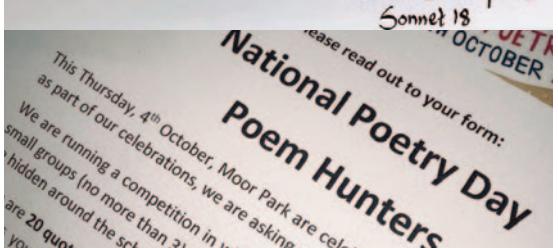
The English faculty organised a poem hunt in which pupils had to search for famous poetry quotations hidden around the school.

In the library, pupils were set a challenge to learn Shakespeare's famous 'Sonnet 18' off by heart. The day captured the imagination of our pupils and provided an enjoyable way to explore the wonderful world of poetry.

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimmed;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor death brag thou warest in its shade,
When in eternal lines to Time thou grow'st.

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee."

- William Shakespeare
Sonnet 18



BOOKBUZZ

AT MOOR PARK WE LIKE ENCOURAGE A HABIT OF REGULAR READING AMONG THE PUPILS. THIS PROCESS BEGINS AS SOON AS PUPILS ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL IN YEAR 7.

One of the ways we promote this early engagement with books is through the Bookbuzz scheme.

Bookbuzz is organised by the Book Trust reading charity and involves pupils selecting a free book to keep from a choice of titles.

In September every Year 7 pupil chose their book and in October all the books arrived.

Pupils enjoyed the Bookbuzz experience. It provided the best possible start to their reading adventures at Moor Park.

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THEATRE TRIP

IN OCTOBER A GROUP OF YEAR 11 BTEC DRAMA PUPILS WENT TO THE PALACE THEATRE IN MANCHESTER TO WATCH A MUSICAL PRODUCTION OF 'MATILDA', BASED ON THE MUCH-LOVED ROALD DAHL BOOK.

The production has earned world-wide plaudits for its wonderful song and dance routines and hilarious depiction of Dahl's characters.

Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed the show and saw for themselves how different aspects of theatre production and performance can result in on-stage magic.



THEATRE GROUP

MANCHESTER-BASED THEATRE COMPANY 'MANACTCO' VISITED MOOR PARK IN OCTOBER TO DELIVER A PERFORMANCE IN FRONT OF YEAR 11 PUPILS.

The production was based on fifteen poems the pupils are currently studying as part of their GCSE English course.

The performance provided a form of visual revision for the pupils who thoroughly enjoyed this original way of engaging with poetry.



EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOP

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGAN IN EARNEST FOR YEAR 11 AS THEY TOOK PARK IN AN EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOP.

The workshop was run by 'Future U', an outreach organisation that looks to empower young people by teaching sustainable skills which will lead ultimately to successful employment.

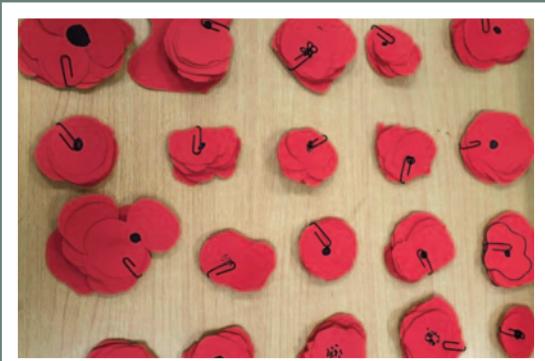
Later in the month, the pupils took part in mock interviews with a number of prestigious companies which put their 'employability' skills to the test. Our pupils found this experience invaluable as they start to think about future career paths.

Our thanks go to 'Future U' and all the companies involved in this excellent project.

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Moor Park High School
and Sixth form remembers
the sacrifices made by
all soldiers in the First
World War and conflicts
since!

IN THE WEEK LEADING UP TO REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, AND THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR, PUPILS AND STAFF AT MOOR PARK MADE 1,956 POPPIES AS A WAY OF COMMEMORATING THE 1,956 SOLDIERS FROM PRESTON WHO DIED DURING THE GREAT WAR.

This simple gesture from everyone at Moor Park conveyed the debt of gratitude today's Prestonians owe those from the city who laid down their lives during the conflict a hundred years ago.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this act of remembrance.

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A TERRIFIC ADDITION TO THE
MOOR PARK CALENDAR WAS
MADE AT THE END OF THE
PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR.

SUPER LEARNING WEEK



In July we had our first 'Super Learning Week' which was a week-long series of enriched learning experiences for our pupils.

Trips out to The World Museum and Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool, and to Waddecar Activity Centre in the Forest of Bowland, provided active and culturally enriching activities for all our pupils.

In school a specially designed curriculum saw pupils kite making, cooking, t-shirt screen printing and taking part in a 'Celebrity Get Me Out of Here' taste challenge.

This new Moor Park tradition made a very positive impact on everyone involved, and we are already looking forward to our next Super Learning Week.



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AT MOOR PARK WE OFFER A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE WHERE EVERY PUPIL IN YEAR 7 CAN LEARN A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FREE OF CHARGE FOR A FULL YEAR.



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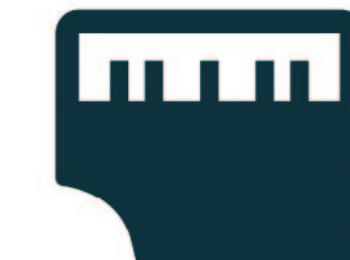
MUSIC FOR ALL



Pupils are taught in small groups by specialist tutors.

Many of the pupils who take part in a music club will perform in our annual winter and summer concerts.

All of this makes us a highly musical school with a strong belief in the importance of broadening the cultural experiences of our pupils.





SPORTS DAY

MOOR PARK'S WHOLE-SCHOOL SPORTS DAY WAS HELD DURING THE LAST WEEK OF THE SUMMER TERM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE'S SPORTS GROUND.



Teams of pupils represented Olympic nations and competed in a wide range of track and field disciplines, including high jump, long jump, javelin and the 100 metres sprint.

The day was rounded off with an entertaining relay race involving members of staff. Mr Seva provided a master class in sprinting as he brought his team home to victory. Congratulations to everyone who took part in this enjoyable event.

RIBBLE VALLEY CHALLENGE

IN OCTOBER STUDENTS FROM THE SIXTH FORM COMPETED AGAINST STUDENTS FROM HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL IN THE RIBBLE VALLEY CHALLENGE.

The 'Challenge' consisted of a formal debate and a 'University Challenge' type quiz – with buzzers included!

The debate motions proposed by the teams were: 'Monuments to controversial figures should remain' (Hutton), and 'We should have an open borders policy for migrants' (Moor Park). After some very informed and eloquent debating the contest ended in a draw.

In the quiz, the two teams displayed some impressive general knowledge as they pitted their wits against each other. At the end of the quiz Hutton were narrow winners. Another general knowledge quiz will take place in January.

Well done to all our students who took part in The Ribble Valley Challenge.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

IN SEPTEMBER PUPILS AT MOOR PARK CELEBRATED 'EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES'.

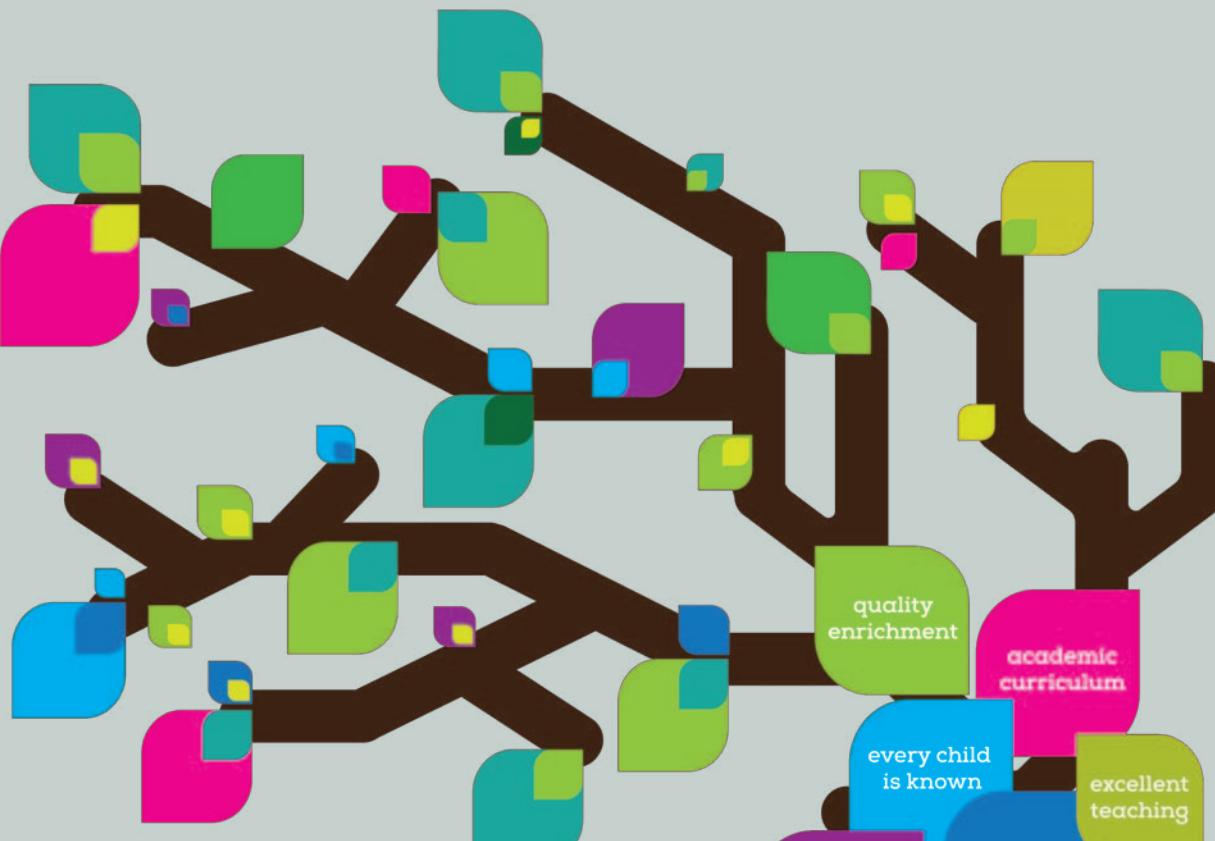
The official European Day of Languages competition required schools to illustrate how many languages were spoken among their staff and pupils.

Bilingual pupils at Moor Park designed the school's entry which was a true celebration of our multilingualism.

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DIARY DATES



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| 12 DECEMBER | FULL GOVERNORS MEETING |
| 19 DECEMBER | WINTER CONCERT |
| 20 DECEMBER | END OF TERM |
| 8 JANUARY | SPRING TERM BEGINS |
| 10 JANUARY | SIXTH FORM CONSULTATIONS |
| 18 FEBRUARY | HALF TERM |

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excellent
teaching

high expectations

exemplary behaviour

so that all students will be able to
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