

WITH ALL THE LATEST FROM MOOR PARK

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THE HEADLINE



Welcome to the Spring edition of our termly newsletter. I hope that you enjoy reading about the fantastic achievements of our young people. This year we have expanded our extra-curricular provision in the arts, sport and technology. We now offer a provision that would be the envy of other schools and it is clear to us all that our students are thriving.

In this edition you will read about our electric race car club and drone club. These are both new innovations for us and our students are loving a hands-on approach to Engineering. It is also great to see our burgeoning creative arts offer. All our year 7s now benefit from free music tuition and this, plus our already comprehensive offer, makes Moor Park a great place to be creative and express yourself. We have also increased the trips that our students go on and you can read about these in this edition.

Finally, this edition contains a report about our presentation that we gave to 200 Teach First graduates in Manchester. Teach First is an organisation that trains the country's brightest graduates to work in urban schools. We have benefitted hugely from having their trainees with us and Heather and Daniel, our Head Girl and Head Boy joined me to speak to all their trainees about the impact that good teachers make to their lives. I was so proud of them both and extremely proud of our school.

I hope that you enjoy this edition.

Headteacher: **Mr B Corbett**



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ELECTRIC RACE CAR

OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS PUPILS IN THE SCIENCE FACULTY HAVE BEEN BUSY CONSTRUCTING AN ELECTRIC CAR.

This fantastic project, run by the Greenpower Education trust, promotes the development of STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) among young people.

The car kit was provided by Greenpower and our talented pupils have been building the vehicle section by section.

Eventually, when the car is finished, the aim is to compete at one of Greenpower's car racing events.

Well done to all our young vehicle engineers.



LANCASHIRE BOOK OF THE YEAR

PUPILS IN YEAR 9 ARE TAKING PART IN THE 2019 LANCASHIRE BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This very established award has been running for over twenty years, and is notable for the fact that the winner is chosen entirely by pupils from schools across Lancashire.

In early March some of the pupils went to County Hall in Preston to discover which books had been voted onto the shortlist.

In the summer term pupils from all the participating schools will come together to decide the winning book.



INTER-SCHOOL BOOK CLUB



A GROUP OF AVID READERS IN YEAR 8 ARE TAKING PART IN A PRESTON INTER-SCHOOL BOOK CLUB.

Moor Park has formed the literary initiative with Archbishop Temple, Our Lady's, Corpus Christi and Fulwood Academy.

Pupils from each school are reading a book over a half-term period and then passing it on to the next school.

At the end of the year all the participating pupils will get together to exchange thoughts about the books they have read.

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WINTER CONCERT

MOOR PARK'S WINTER CONCERT WAS A TRUE CELEBRATION OF PERFORMING ARTS TALENT.

Musicians, singers, dancers and actors all took to the stage at the University of Central Lancashire's 'Venue 53' to entertain the large audience of proud family members and staff.

All the performers displayed individual and collective talent as their weeks and months of preparations and rehearsals paid off.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the concert.



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PUPILS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN THE EXCITING AND INNOVATIVE PROJECT OF DRONE BUILDING.

Led by Mr Daud from the Science faculty, the pupils are in the process of carefully constructing the flying devices from kits.

Once the drones have been completed, pupils will have the opportunity to fly them in the Sports Hall under controlled conditions.

All the pupils are showing great enthusiasm for the process of building the drones and showing excellent team work in their endeavours.

We look forward to seeing the drones in flight.

DRONE BUILDING



ARTS VISIT



YEAR 7 PUPILS ENJOYED A CULTURAL VISIT TO MANCHESTER IN DECEMBER.

First the pupils went to the Whitworth Gallery to look at the art collection housed there, and then in the afternoon they went to the Royal Northern College of Music to listen to a classical music concert.

The visit proved to be memorable for our pupils who were inspired by the works of art and music they experienced.



WHITE SCAR CAVES

IN DECEMBER PUPILS WENT ON A SCIENCE TRIP TO THE SPECTACULAR WHITE SCAR CAVES IN YORKSHIRE.

Having ventured underground, pupils explored the longest show cave in Britain and saw an underground waterfall.

Our young explorers also followed the path of a flowing underground river which eventually led to a massive cavern.

The subterranean adventure was certainly a big hit with everyone.



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STUDENT FOCUS



HEATHER

Tell us a little about yourself.

My name is Heather and I am Head Girl here at Moor Park and reaching the end of my high school journey.

Why did you choose to come to Moor Park?

I chose to come to Moor Park because I had heard about its good reputation and welcoming environment. I was not disappointed.

What do you think of the school?

Moor Park is a nurturing school that supports every child through their secondary journey. It offers a range of enrichment activities and there is a strong sense of community.

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

To begin with I was apprehensive and quite shy, but when I realised how friendly every teacher and pupil was I knew that there was nothing to be anxious about. I felt comfortable and confident here at Moor Park from day one.

What enrichment activities are you involved in?

I am a member of Moor Park's strings group of violinists.

What are your plans for the future?

I enjoy writing and I am interested in current news events and issues, therefore I would like to pursue a career in journalism.



KENNINGTON CONCERT



IN FEBRUARY A GROUP OF TALENTED YEAR 11 PUPILS PERFORMED A MUSIC CONCERT FOR PUPILS AT KENNINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PRESTON.

Planning and performing the concert formed part of the pupils' BTEC Music course. The Year 11 musicians were ably supported by some other gifted music-makers from Moor Park.

The concert was a tremendous success, with the young audience thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Well done to all our fantastic musicians.



FURTHER AND HIGHER

EDUCATION FAIR

IN JANUARY ASPIRATIONAL PUPILS FROM YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 ATTENDED A FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION FAIR HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

The pupils were able to talk to representatives from colleges and universities to gain valuable advice and information about the wide range of courses available to them.

Many thanks to all the educational representatives who attended on the day.



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LUNCH TIME CONCERT



MUSIC STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL LANCASHIRE CAME TO MOOR PARK TO PERFORM OCCASIONAL CONCERTS AT LUNCH TIME.

This time round it was Bekka Fox who sang songs and played an acoustic guitar in front of an appreciative audience of Moor Park pupils.

Many thanks to the talented Bekka Fox.

SHAKESPEARE MASTERCLASS

IN DECEMBER A GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO ARE STUDYING DRAMA AT RUNSHAW COLLEGE CAME TO MOOR PARK TO STAGE A PERFORMANCE OF SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET.

The students acted the famous tragedy in front of our own Performing Arts pupils who were able to watch the performance and then ask the students for tips and advice about studying drama at college.



Many thanks to our visitors for bringing Shakespeare's great play to

TEACH FIRST CONFERENCE

MOOR PARK'S HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL RECENTLY AT A TEACH FIRST NORTH-WEST CONFERENCE.

Teach First is a scheme that places high achieving graduates in schools straight from university to qualify as teachers by teaching straight away.

Along with Mr Corbett, Heather and Daniel addressed a room of two hundred Teach First trainees to talk about how the teaching scheme is working very successfully here at Moor Park.

Well done to Heather and Daniel.



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SPANISH VISITORS

IN FEBRUARY MOOR PARK WAS VISITED BY TWO TEACHERS FROM A SCHOOL IN SPAIN.

Antonio and Lorenzo teach at IES Enric Valor School in Alicante and they were here as part of the Erasmus programme which facilitates exchange visits between schools in Europe.

While they were here, the teachers worked with pupils during their Spanish lessons and helped Year 11 pupils to prepare for their Spanish exams.

It was a pleasure to host our visitors and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.



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MYSTICAL WRITING ADVENTURE



PUPILS IN YEAR 7 EXPERIENCED AN ADVENTURE IN WRITING WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO YORKSHIRE TO VISIT 'GRIMM & CO' IN JANUARY.

The charity works with young people to develop confidence and skills around their creativity and writing.

The pupils had a terrific time exploring their imaginations within the wonderful surroundings of the 'Grimm & Co' writing apothecary.



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CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION

AT THE END OF LAST TERM PUPILS IN YEARS 7, 8 AND 9 DONATED FOOD PARCELS AS PART OF A 'REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR' INITIATIVE.

All the food was then delivered to local food banks to be handed out to families on Christmas Eve.

Many thanks to all those pupils who contributed to this excellent project.

READING PARTNERSHIP



MOOR PARK AND DEEPDALE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE CURRENTLY COLLABORATING ON A NEW READING INITIATIVE.

Pupils from Year 7 at Moor Park are reading a book together with pupils from Year 6 at Deepdale.

The pupils get together in the library at Moor Park and read a chapter of Alan Gibbons' book "The Beautiful Game". They then answer questions on the chapter they have read.

This is a mutually beneficial project that is encouraging pupils from both schools to support and encourage each other in their reading and literacy development.



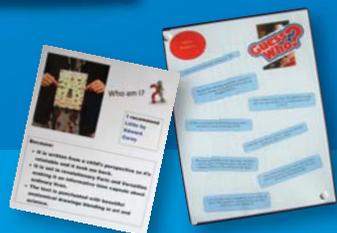
WORLD BOOK DAY



7 MARCH WAS WORLD BOOK DAY, AND AT MOOR PARK WE EMBRACED THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF BOOKS AND READING.

A 'Book Battle' was held in which pupils championed their favourite book. Pupils decorated their classroom doors as book covers. A 'book box' making competition was held in the library, and in the canteen a 'Guess Who' competition challenged pupils to match members of staff to their favourite books.

World Book Day is always a great way to promote reading at Moor Park, and this year's celebration was a literary triumph.



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CATERING EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE IN OUR FABULOUS CATERING TEAM WHO, ONCE AGAIN, HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE MAXIMUM '5' RATING FOR FOOD HYGIENE STANDARDS BY THE FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY.

This maintains the catering team's 100% record for achieving the highest possible rating.

Well done for this fantastic achievement.

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SCHOLARLY SUCCESS



A YEAR 9 PUPIL HAS RECENTLY HAD A PIECE OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN A JOURNAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG SCIENTISTS.

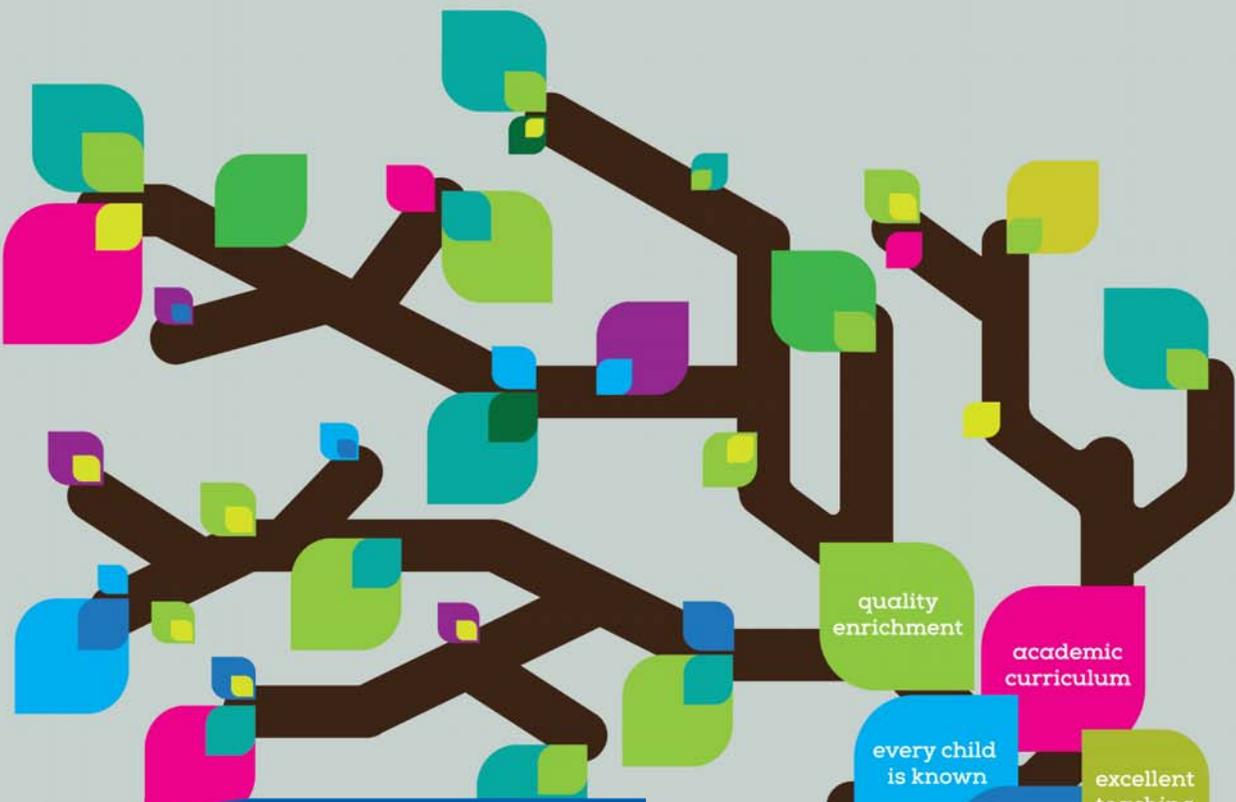
Maryam was part of last year's 'Scholars Programme' run by the 'Brilliant Club' university access charity. After being taught by a PhD student, Maryam set to work on producing a piece of scientific research.

The outstanding article Maryam produced was based on her research into methods of measuring muscle oxygen levels for athletes.

Only the very best articles submitted from pupils around the country were selected to be in the journal, which makes Maryam's inclusion extremely impressive.

Many congratulations to Maryam.

DIARY DATES



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2 & 3 APRIL	SCHOOL PRODUCTION (VENUE 53)
3 APRIL	FULL GOVERNORS MEETING
8 APRIL	END OF TERM
23 APRIL	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
6 MAY	BANK HOLIDAY
13 MAY	GCSE & A-LEVEL EXAMS BEGIN
27 MAY	HALF TERM
6 JULY	SPAIN TRIP

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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