

MOOR HOUSE SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the Moor House Community,

Welcome to the first magazine of 2019-20. As you will see, it has been a full and exciting start to the year. Over the course of the last term we have welcomed the largest ever number of new families to the School & College, and we end 2019 with a roll of one hundred and seventy seven. It was wonderful to see so many families, new and old, at the first parent workshop of the year and at the Welcome to MH BBQ. As ever I am grateful to the PSA for organising the latter event- read more about these on page 4.

The sponsored walk in October was sport themed, this was well supported by parents and despite the gloomy forecast, the rain held off for most of the walk. The £2350.00 raised will go towards improving facilities for the students.

For the first time this year, we started the year with two Key Stage 2 classes. Our younger students are particularly happy about the new junior playground and sensory garden that has been created in the quad area. It is lovely to watch the students making use of the play equipment and sandpit. We are extremely grateful to The Charles Lewis Foundation and Joseph Levy Foundation who were instrumental in enabling us to undertake this transformational project. (See page 18 for photos)

We have been fortunate that a number of parents and other members of the Moor House Community have gone to great lengths to support the work of the School & college this term. We are immensely grateful to all of them for this, as it enhances our ability to support our students in their learning. I hope you enjoy reading all about their fundraising efforts throughout the magazine. Their generosity enabled us to replace our DT and Pottery classrooms over the summer break. The students are thoroughly enjoying the new learning environment- see pictures on page 32.

It has been an extraordinary privilege to witness the achievements of Moor House students in their artistic endeavours this term. The Moor House Youth Theatre gave its first performance, which involved both drama and dance and retold the story of Icarus (page 9). One of our college students, who has been working towards her Gold Arts Award, created an amazing illuminated installation, entitled 'Once upon a time in Owl's Magical Den' (p31). We were also delighted to welcome back renowned artist Oliver Budd to lead us in the design and creation of a new mosaic piece for the dining room – I look forward to seeing it in situ. (p19). We were delighted to receive an invitation to take part in the Afasic Charity Christmas Concert which was held at St Andrew, Holborn in London. Two students did Christmas themed readings and our signing choir performed 'Mary had a baby'. It was a wonderful opportunity to be part of this event. (see page 28)

In November we hosted our first 'Friends of Moor House Open Morning'. This was an excellent opportunity for our Friends to talk to the students and to tour the School & College. John Stevens, the Chair of the Friends gave an excellent speech outlining ways in which the Friends can be of assistance to the students. (see page 26) If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a Friend of Moor House please share the following link with them please insert link to website page

The work of the Research and Training Institute continues at pace. The team have offered training to professionals both in the UK and overseas. Moor House published its first study on the effectiveness of intervention for college-aged students with language disorders. This is particularly important as there is very little evidence on the effectiveness of speech and language therapy intervention in students between the ages of 16-19. (See page 12)

As I finish writing this, I have just returned from Christmas lunch number two- once again Steve Manby and his team did an excellent job of providing a delicious Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. No mean feat when you have to do this on the scale required at Moor House, on two consecutive days! I am looking forward to joining the college at their meal tomorrow before heading to St John's Church in the early evening for the first of our Christmas Concerts. This year we are trying something slightly different, but I have no doubt that it will be brilliant. I hope to see many of you there to share this celebration of Christmas.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and every success in 2020,

Helen Middleton
Principal,





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BACK TO SCHOOL & COLLEGE BBQ



BIGGEST-EVER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ!

The back-to-school BBQ on the 14th September was our biggest and best yet! The day saw nearly 200 members of the School & College community come together for a glorious afternoon of sunshine, swimming, games and (eventually!) a BBQ. The weather was gorgeous and the early autumn sunshine made us feel as if the summer holidays weren't over yet!

Held every year on a weekend at the beginning of the autumn term, the back- to-school BBQ is always a great social event as it provides an opportunity for students, families and staff to catch-up and for us all to welcome new families who have just joined MHS&C, into the heart of our special community. Students and their siblings are able to play in the grounds, and generally 'hang out' – giving them an all-important social opportunity. The family swim is also very popular, allowing us to make the most of our wonderful facilities.

This year, as always, we were inundated with help from families helping with the BBQ itself, getting set-up and clearing up at the end. We were also very grateful to the members of staff who helped supervise the family swim as life-guards, as well as those who were on-hand to provide first aid. Thank you also to the catering staff for ordering and storing all the food and lending us the BBQ equipment.

The BBQ itself took a bit of coaxing, but eventually we were able to deliver record numbers of sausages and burgers for everyone. Thank you to everyone for your patience while we wrestled it alight and coped with all the cooking!

If you didn't manage to make it this year, please look out for the 2020 BBQ – it's always one of the best social events of the MHS&C calendar.

Thank you to everyone who made the event possible!



Parent Workshop - A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF SCHOOL & COLLEGE

On the 13th September, parents and carers were welcomed to our first Parent Workshop of the academic year with a focus on; 'A year in the Life of School & College'.

Mrs Middleton and Ms Williams guided parents through daily routines, therapies, the curriculum and extra-curricular provision. We were supported by our wonderful Parent Staff Association and a gathering lunch allowed an informal get together between established and new parents.

The Senior Management Team were delighted by the fabulous turn out. It is extremely valuable to the staff to have and maintain contact. The running of our school and college is only smooth if this essential collaboration is nurtured. They are an invaluable point of contact.

The next Parent Workshop which was on the 11th October 2019 was about 'E-Safety and managing screen use at home'. This was a great opportunity to find out how we support and guide students in school and college, but also created a forum for parents to share their own experiences and strategies.

All workshops begin with an optional light lunch at 12pm and we start our sessions at 1pm. If you are interested in joining us for any of them, please contact the School Office, stating whether you would like to join us for lunch.

As coordinator of these workshops, I welcome any questions or suggestions about these events.

Alison Field

MHS&C - ONE OF ETON ACTION's CHOSEN CHARITIES



Eton Action is an independent charity conceived and founded by Etonians to promote charitable activity and social responsibility. It raises money for charities and is run primarily by the boys.

The Eton Action Community Fair, which took place Saturday 21st September 2019 at Common Lane in the heart of the College, is the largest fundraising event of the year. The boys managed the day as stallholders, musicians, entertainers, gatekeepers, and carpark attendants, among many other roles. They were joined by more than 50 local charities (Moor House being one) as well as a range of artisan producers.

Over 80 stalls provided visitors with a range of games and activities as well as food, drink, bric-a-brac and handi-craft. Additional attractions included live music.



Ms Williams, Mr Mansell and Mrs Middleton attended the event. It was an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the work that we do as well as to talk to members of the public about Developmental Language Disorder. Moor House are very grateful to Max Irvine (sibling of one of our students) for nominating Moor House as one of the charities that Eton Action could support this year.



STUDENTS AT THE FOREST SCHOOL

This term year seven and eight classes each attended a 'Forest School Taster Session' run (and funded) by Surrey Wildlife Trust at Nower Wood. Activities included: den building, woodland walk, stick whittling, fire lighting and marshmallow toasting.

Students had a great time and staff made many positive comments including: how well they saw students bonding, excellent team work taking place, quiet students taking a lead and many students showing increased resilience.

Mrs Fulford.



MHS&C SPONSORED WALK 19



On Friday 4th October, MHS&C students, their parents and staff participated in the annual sponsored walk. The theme was SPORT.

This great event has raised £2,350.00 so far this year. Thank you to those who supported this long running school event.





RUN FROM THE SUN 2019



A 14 day human powered challenge

2019 was the year that Peter Irvine, and his friend Matthew Kirkby both turned 50. Both men had a desire to mark it with an event that not only challenged them but would also raise money for charity and involve their friends, to make it a real celebration.

Deciding on one of the designated charities was easy as Peter's daughter, Sophie, has thrived at Moor House School & College.

Matthew has a house in the South of France and both enjoy cycling and are partial to the odd wine. Fuelled by a few glasses, they combined all of this and decided to become MAMILs (middle aged men in lycra) on a sponsored cycling event running through the various wine regions of France from Matthew's house in Le Rouret (just outside Nice) to Moor House in Surrey.

The fundraising target was set at £50,000 each for each of the two selected charities, Moor House and Macmillan, and corporate Sponsors were secured to get the ball rolling. A huge thank you to Rees Pollock Accountants, Ballistic Beer Company, Kigu Onesies, Nicky Thomas Photography, Ascent Experiences and Le bike Butler.

Money was to be raised by individual sponsorship and donations, a charity auction and forfeit activities and fines during the event (all in good taste and fun). The forfeit activities included a day cycling in animal onesies, some forfeit clothing and cycling up some of the Alps on bikes that were not fit for purpose. All forfeits were attempted in great humour and raised an additional £6,300. The final charity auction raised £12,000.

Peter admits that when embarking on organising this event, they did not really appreciate the scale of participation and interest, and hence the time and effort in the organisation. With over 70 participants, and in excess of eight crew, the event took 18 months to plan! With accommodation, celebration dinners, kit lists, mechanics and support crew, ferry crossings, route plans, event logos, websites, event branded kit, medals, insurance, airport transfers, corporate sponsorship, fund raising pages, social media pages, photographers and many more items, it become almost full time job for a number of people.

25 people set off on stage one with a couple of days ambling through the hill villages of Provence and the spectacular Gorges du Verdon. On day three the group took on the "Beast of Provence" aka Mont Ventoux and were rewarded a finishing dinner in Chateaufort du Pape.

Stage 2 - "Pain is just French for Bread". This section was not for the faint-hearted! 17 cyclists set off on a 534km, 4 day journey from Chateaufort du Pape to Beaune, which included 7851m of climbing.

The highest number of participants, unsurprisingly, took part in Stage 3. 44 members of the team spent 3 days going through the rolling countryside of Burgundy and the historic towns of eastern France such as Troyes, finishing in Champagne country with a dinner in the beautiful town of Epernay.

16 hard-core cyclists took part in the gruelling final leg, battling through high winds and relentless rain. An update from Julia let us know that in one day there had been seven punctures, 20 inner tubes, three tyres, two sets of gears, seven falls and a broken collar bone! This leg of the journey saw the cyclists visit three memorials for the battle of the Somme and lay a wreath. With three ex-servicemen in the group this proved to be a very moving and reflective part of the journey.

The final push took the group through the Downs and the Weald to arrive at Moor House where they were met with deafening cheers. Thank you to every student who cheered and clapped the final cyclists across the finish line with true Moor House enthusiasm. One team member told us, "The welcome at the school at the end was a hugely emotional and fitting finale which we will remember for a very long time."

The entire thing was finished with a wonderful dinner, auction and award presentation at a Kent vineyard.

Overall, with virtually all monies now in, including gift aid, the team have smashed their original target and raised £154,726 with over **£70,000** for Moor House School & College! This money has been instrumental in funding the new DT and pottery building.

Moor House would like to thank each and every one of the participants for their part in this event: Lorna Akers-Douglas, Sarah Allewell, Richard Allewell, Andy Batty, Charlotte Butler, Nadim Chaudhry, Ali Chaudhry, Sheryl Clark, Stuart Clark, John Crockford, Mark Curtis, William Cuthbert, Stewart de Carle, Faith Dickson, Michael Duncan, Katherine Ferdinand, Elizabeth Ferdinand, Marian Freeman, David Freeman, Doron Grossman, Claire Hansen, James Harley, James Hayden, John Hill, Daniel Hutchings, James Ingmire, Jhin, Maz Khan, Simon King, David Kitchen, Simon Knight, Shyong Lee, Jim McCafferty, Geoffrey McDonald, Janie Munday, Tim Munday, Nicholas Norris, Marcin Nowakowski, Gavin Owston, Guy Parker, Suzie Pilkington, Bruce Pomford, Andrew Rogers, Bruce Roe, Justin Rowland, Tom Royds, Rachel Scholer, Chris Sloan, David Smith, Janet Smith, Paul Spendlove, Adrian Spink, Clare Spink, Mark Stockdale, Anthony Tabor, Michael Walker, Paul Ward, Fiona Watkins, Jacqui Whyatt, Jerry Williams, Fiona Williams, Andrew Woosey, Chris Roe, Nick Marshall, Cubby Wolf, Nicky Thomas, Steve Conroy and George Taylor.

Special thanks to Jane Kirkby and Julia Irvine who not only took part in some of the cycling but who were also instrumental in the vast organisation of this event.

Finally, we must give a special mention to the magnificent 7 who conquered every stage of the journey come rain or shine - 14 days, 1,730km and 21,800m of climbs. Peter Irvine, Matthew Kirkby, James Pearson, Jon Munday, Gerard Smith, Roy Scholar and Christian Butler

Thank you again to every person involved in this event. It is not an understatement to say that you have truly changed lives.

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Hurst Green Methodist Church

From Bob Evans, Church Council Secretary

HARVEST
Festival
foodbank

Mrs Helen Middleton, Principal,
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Dear Mrs Middleton

Harvest Festival

We send greetings to the pupils, students, staff and Governors at Moor House School and College. We value very much our connections with Moor House and we are very grateful for the Harvest contributions.

These generous donations have been very gratefully received by the Food Bank. The contributions will help many families in need.

Thank you once again and best wishes to all.

Yours sincerely

Bob Evans

in behalf of the Minister, Stewards and congregation at Hurst Green Methodist Church.



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 19 YOUNG MINDS



October 10th was World Mental Health Day, and millions across the UK and the rest of the world raised awareness for mental health and the struggles that people face every single day.

Young Minds and their #HelloYellow campaign supported children and young people's mental health too.

MHS&C were no exception. The ladies in the school office dressed to impress to raise awareness — They even made the front page of the local paper!



PARENT WORKSHOP

E-Safety and Managing Screen Use at Home

GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE **BRECK FOUNDATION**

On Friday 11th October the Breck Foundation came into deliver a training session on E-Safety and managing screen use at home. The story of Breck Bednar is a powerful one. Breck had been lured to his death by Lewis Daynes, an older boy he met on the Internet. Daynes, who had spent years grooming a group of boys via an online gaming server, gradually convinced Breck to listen to only him – and ignore the advice of his mother, who had grown so suspicious of Daynes' relationship with her son that she had gone to the police.

The Breck Foundation works tirelessly to educate schools, youth and their parents about online grooming and Internet safety, by teaching them that online is not real life. MHS&C have had the privilege of hosting The Breck Foundation previously and it was another succinct and informative workshop. Moor House CEOP Ambassadors teacher Matt Crowhurst and Residential Care Team Leader, Darren Heine were on board to talk to parents and carers about how to keep their children safe online.

Tips for Safe Social Networking for Teens

- Be your own person. Don't let friends or strangers pressure you to be someone you aren't. ...
- Be nice online. ...
- Think about what you post. ...
- Passwords are private. ...
- Read between the "lines." ...
- Don't talk about sex with strangers. ...
- Avoid in-person meetings. ...
- Be smart when using a smartphone.



the Breck principles



DLD AWARENESS DAY 19

Thursday 17th October was a non-uniform day, and all at MHS&C where encouraged to wear the RADLD colours, purple and/or yellow, to demonstrate their support.

Friday, 18th October, was actually DLD Awareness Day, aimed at raising awareness to make life easier for people with DLD (Developmental Language Disorder).

The focus this year was #DLDYouAndMe and throughout the week our students supported the effort to raise awareness through tutor time activities and assemblies, whilst some created short videos to highlight their experiences and support the campaign. You can see these and other great videos on the <https://www.youtube.com/user/RALLIcampaign>



There is also an opportunity for parents and family to show their support by joining Moor House staff in signing up as RADLD Ambassadors. This is simply a pledge to spread the word and increase awareness of DLD for those with a personal or work connection. Please go to <https://radld.org/get-involved/ambassadors/> to sign up online.



DLD AMBASSADORS

To mark International DLD day, staff from across the departments manned stands at Hurst Green and Oxted stations to help raise awareness of DLD amongst our local neighbours.

Staff got up bright and early to catch commuters from 7am, handing out information packs which included information about DLD, Moor House and purple and yellow sweets to match the DLD colours!

We spoke to commuters about DLD and the work we do at Moor House, receiving lots of positive feedback, with particular interest to know more about their local school.

Huge thanks to Southern Rail and all the wonderful staff at both stations for their support. Our students regularly use Hurst Green and Oxted stations and are very lucky to be supported by such a brilliant team!

DLD Feedback:

"Can I just say thank you for the bag of 'reading material' given to me at Hurst Green station this morning. I settled down to read when I found a lovely assortment of sweets. I shall have them with my coffee mid-morning. When we first moved to the area we visited one of your summer fairs and just didn't appreciate the work that you do. I intend to pop in at your next fair, be it Christmas or next summer. We don't have children but definitely understand the hard work that is put into the children!"



TODAY I'M
R4DLD



YEAR 10 CREATIVE ARTS AND DRAMA



In Creative Arts, Year 10 have been excelling in their Drama work. They have been exploring character and working together to tell stories through movement and physical theatre. We always start lessons with a warm-up and games to prepare for team work and to help focus. I have seen some really superb storytelling where students have fully taken on a role in their drama.

MOOR HOUSE YOUTH THEATRE (MYT)

Drama Club and Dance Club were working on the same project towards a show that was performed in November. We called ourselves **Moor House Youth Theatre** and Samuel (Y9) designed a fantastic logo for us!

Our production was based on the Greek Myth 'Icarus' and included drama and dance.

On Friday 22nd November at 2pm in the Sports Hall, MYT performed their inaugural production to parents and Friends of Moor House School & College.

Together the Dance and Drama Club students told the story of 'Icarus'. The tale begins with Daedalus, Icarus's father, who invented wings made of candle wax and bird's feathers, so Icarus could escape the Labyrinth Tower. Tragically, Icarus flew too close to the sun and drowned in the Icarian Sea. The cast members told the story through dance and drama. Their performance and commitment was exceptional.

Look out for MYT's next show, which is being supported by the National Theatre scheme 'Let's Play'. These talented actors and dancers are looking forward to developing their talents in this exciting new opportunity.

Watch this space!





WATER BOTTLES FOR STUDENTS

MHS&C would like to thank everyone who has brought in a water bottle over the last academic year. It has made a huge difference to the school community and is so much better for the environment!

Our students have successfully campaigned at Moor House School & College for environmental protection. To this end both the student council and individual classes asked that we looked at reducing our use of single use plastics. Moor House is also keen to provide services in an environmentally responsible way.

MHS&C reusable bottles are available through ParentMail. We ask that the bottles have your child's name put on them in permanent pen.

A small quantity of recycled paper cups are available for emergencies.



KEY STAGE 2 TRIP TO THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

On 30th October all of Key Stage 2 went up to London on a coach to see a concert given by the world famous London Philharmonic Orchestra. Of course the first thing we all did on arrival was to eat our packed lunch – thank you to Steve and his staff. Why is it that we are always so very hungry on school trips?



After our picnic lunch in the foyer we tried on the Masks that we had made at school. They were masks of the dragon called ZOG.

Zog was the name of the main piece of music that we were going to listen to. Everyone thought that they looked great and we kept our masks on for the whole concert.

When we walked into the concert hall we discovered that we had been given really fantastic seats. They were almost on the stage. Some of the instruments were so close we could almost reach out and touch them. After listening to a fantastic concert and learning about all the different families of instruments we went back to school on the coach. It was a great trip and everyone was a credit to the school. Thank you to all the staff that supported this trip.



'Zog, the biggest dragon, was the keenest one by far. He tried his hardest every day to win a golden star.'



EX MOOR HOUSE STUDENT DONATION

Parents of Moor House 2019 college graduate, Oliver, made a kind donation in celebration of his time at Moor House.

An environmentally friendly bench was purchased and placed outside John Lea House for current and future students to enjoy a little time out in the garden.

We wish Oliver all the best and we hope he will visit us regularly.





MHS&C STAFF MEMBER SOPHIE KIM RAISES MONEY FOR MHS&C

DLD SUPERSTAR

RADLD campaign (@RADLDcam) have just posted a great video made by Sophie Franks who they described on Twitter as "@SophieFranksDLD, our #DevLangDis superstar"

Do have a watch : <https://youtu.be/jrtRp2btIz8>

Well done, Sophie and thanks for all that you have done and continue to do to raise awareness of DLD literally around the world.

A speech and language therapist in Denmark told me a couple of weeks ago how your RADLD videos led to "lightbulb moments" for her student SLTs.

What a huge impact!



Ex staff member Kim Trickey, took part in the Gatwick Half Marathon earlier in the year and raised £100 for Moor House School & College. Kim told us; "The Gatwick half marathon is a brilliant route with lots of cheering along the way. It is flat which is always a bonus and I did it with a good friend so the company was very much appreciated. I always run for charities and I couldn't have thought of a better cause than MHS&C. The staff and students are inspirational."



DLD PRESENTATION BY MRS MARR

As part of our efforts to raise awareness of DLD in October - Trainer Sue Marr, delivered a **free** talk to staff at a local school.



Will Gunston, Parent Governor and father of Harry, ran the Great North Run earlier this year in aid of Moor House. He was generously supported by sponsors, including those with a connection to Moor House, and managed to raise a fantastic £1,365.



MHS&C AND TANDRIDGE LOTTERY

To date Moor House have earned **£1,815.50** from the Tandridge Lottery ticket sales!!

In less than two years our supporters have won almost 250 free tickets and £125.00 in cash.

Moor House School & College receive 50% of all tickets sales, so please carry on supporting it.



RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON FOR MHS&C

We have once again secured a place at the London Marathon and this year our runner will be Alex Kerr, brother of Moor House teacher, Kat Taylor.

Alex is a self-confessed workaholic city lawyer and father of identical twin boys. He has chosen to run for Moor House after seeing the life changing work that his sister does at the school, and has been inspired by the passion and enthusiasm she has to make a difference to the lives of her pupils.

Alex is dedicated to raising funds for Moor House to enable us to continue achieving phenomenal outcomes for our students. We have been reliably informed that if his colleagues don't hand over enough sponsorship then Mrs Taylor has volunteered to perform karaoke on Oxted High Street continuously until his target is exceeded!

Good luck Alex!



Ecclesiastical - 12 DAYS OF GIVING

Nominate Moor House.

12 days of giving is designed to provide vital funding to charities by donating £1,000 to 120 charities over 12 days in the run up to Christmas.

We'd really appreciate all our supporters taking a couple of minutes to nominate Moor House to win some funding over the festive period.

Nominations will remain open until midnight the day before each draw. Draws will take place each weekday from **5 – 20 December 2019**.

The more nominations a charity receives the greater the chance of them winning, So please do spread the word and encourage your friends, family, colleagues and anyone else you can think of to nominate too!

<https://www.ecclesiastical.com/movement-for-good/12-days/>



FAREWELL ART PRESENTATION FOR SUE GRAY

Our wonderful Sue Gray left us in the summer; it was only fitting to present her with special gifts! One of these was a large collage of a place very dear to Sue: Three Cliffs Bay in The Mumbles, South Wales.

We decided to make this as inclusive as possible; a whole school effort, with each art class having a hand in the creation and as many staff as possible too! It was presented to Sue in assembly on her last day. She was a little emotional but very touched! It is now hanging on her wall at home!





FORMER STUDENT COMPLETES ANOTHER SPONSORED WALK FOR MOOR HOUSE!



A former student is celebrating the end of another sponsored walk in aid of Moor House, nearly 25 years after his first.

David Woodward, who attended the school from 1980-87, was featured in the Surrey Mirror (pictured) for a 70 mile sponsored walk in 1995, and recently completed his latest effort, a 50 mile trek around the New Forest.

David, who now runs his own advertising business operating across the South East, has raised £9,000 for the School Welfare Fund since 2013 alone, thanks to the generous support of friends, clients and business contacts.

He also has no plans to stop, with another walk along the south coast between Brighton and Worthing planned for February.

David said: "I enjoy walking and it's a great way for me to give something back to Moor House, who did so much for me.

"I firmly believe that if it was not for the support I got from Moor House, I would not be married, have kids or be running my own business today."

Moor House School & College Bursar & Business Manager Jemma Kingham said: "We are very proud of the fantastic outcomes we achieve for our students at Moor House and the impact it has on them for the rest of their lives.

"Many of our former students give something back to the school in various ways, but David's fundraising efforts over such a long period of time are quite exceptional and we are very grateful to him for his continued support."

YEAR 11 TRIP TO SEE WOMAN IN BLACK

As part of the GCSE English Literature course, students are required to read a text which is written after 1914. Our chosen text this year is 'The Woman in Black' by Susan Hill. This is a ghost story which, although written in the

1980's, is actually based around the Victorian Era.

As the play adaption is celebrating its 30th year, we thought it would be a great opportunity to go and see it in London and to consolidate our understanding of the novel.



The year 11 students were excited and nervous about seeing the performance as they had read all but the final chapter of the novel, so they were fully aware that it was a ghost story and that they might feel a bit scared. Some of them had seen it before, but this did not lessen their enthusiasm for a repeat performance. For those that it was new to, they embraced the often chilling atmosphere and screamed at all of the appropriate frightening moments! All in all, the play had the desired effect!

INSTITUTE UPDATE

Moor House Research and Training Institute recorded our first Podcast on Thursday 21st November, providing an insight into Moor House School & College and Moor House Research and Training Institute.

We discussed life skills and how the [The Wheel of Independence Framework](#) is used to track and measure progress.

It has been a busy and exciting term for the Institute.





2EV TRIP TO MANIC MONSTERS, EDENBRIDGE

As part of our Life Skills teaching to support social interaction 2EV recently visited Manic Monsters.

Although, there was nearly a crisis on the journey there, as there had been quite severe flooding on the road to the venue. Luckily the intrepid Debbie Clark, who accompanied 2EV and drove the minibus found an alternative route!

The students had an excellent morning flying down the slide, practising their driving skills and even looking out from a helicopter! They also used their money skills to purchase a snack. We returned to school having had an exhausting but entertaining trip which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



Looking for a post New Year fitness goal?

We're currently recruiting for the Surrey half marathon/ 5k/ kids run.

It takes place on closed roads in Woking and the surrounding countryside and is a relatively flat course. It's chip timed and the route is lined with live music and plenty of cheering spectators.

The fun all happens on **Sunday 8th March 2020** and we will be on hand to help with all things fundraising.

For more information or to sign up, contact Tia on fundraising@moorhouseschool.co.uk



MOOR HOUSE RESEARCH & TRAINING INSTITUTE

TES & OT Conference

We attended the Children's, Young People and Families RCOT Conference in September to talk to delegates about the WHEEL OF INDEPENDENCE™ Framework. The focus of the conference was 'learning through doing', so discussions on life skills and how our framework can be used to help young people learn to be more independent by taking part in different functional activities and skills, fitted into the conference very well. We received lots of positive comments on our easy-to-use tool and the benefits of the visual elements and reporting functions.



We also attended the TES SEN Show in October at the Business Design Centre. We spoke to a wide variety of professionals and parents about the SHAPE CODING™ system, the WHEEL OF INDEPENDENCE™ Framework, our bespoke training packages and Moor House School & College in general. This was a fantastic opportunity to network with organisations working with the similar client group and to learn about and share new ideas.



New Research Paper

Moor House has published its first study on the effectiveness of intervention for college-aged students aged 16-19 years with language disorders.

Little evidence exists for the effectiveness of intervention for older adolescents and young adults with language disorders, particularly for those over 16 years old.

The study, by Lisa Campbell and Hilary Nicoll, both Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapists, and Dr Susan Ebbels, Director of Moor House Research and Training Institute, investigated progress in word finding following 1:1 semantic intervention with 25 college students (20 males and 5 females). It concluded that four hours of semantic intervention led to significantly greater gains on a standardised test of word finding than during a baseline period of equal length.

The findings show that intervention (at least for Word-Finding Difficulties) can be effective for college-aged students and therefore the effectiveness of Speech and Language Therapy services for this age group in a wider range of areas of language should also be investigated.



University of
Kent



EX STUDENT CHRIS GRADUATES FROM KENT

Ex student Chris J has just graduated from the University of Kent at Rochester Cathedral.

He received his degree - BA with Honours in Fine Art.





FORMER STUDENT - COLIN NORRATE -

FURNITURE MAKER, SCULPTURAL TURNER AND LETTER CARVER

Colin Norrate has lived in Petersfield and worked in its surrounding villages for most of his life. He has been working in wood for about 35 years, from turning his first piece – a simple bud vase in beech, to the latest large furniture commissioned piece – a window seat with cupboards and bookcases in English oak and brown oak.

Colin's interest and passion for wood and trees came to him at an early age because of his loss of his speech and comprehension of speech, due to his Landau Kleffner Syndrome. As a result Colin spent three years at Moor House School & College. Since leaving and becoming an incredibly talented furniture maker, Sculptural Turner and letter carver; Colin has returned to the Moor House's annual school fete to show his art and sell his wares.

For the last four years Colin has exhibited with Craft in Focus, to expose his designs and creations to a wider audience. Colin says 'although this is a positive move for me – I am still affected by the effects of the Landau Kleffner Syndrome – so I may lip read with some conversations with visitors at the busier shows which can be challenging and tiring.

<https://www.colinnorrate.co.uk/>



RYAN'S FILM

A
KALIPAOGRAHY
PRODUCTION

'The Hidden Disorder' was a very challenging but rewarding film to produce. Talking about DLD and then sharing it with the world was scary, but I did it because I wanted to learn about myself and also to create something that would allow me a voice. I also wanted to give something back to Moor House for the help they have given me.

This film was created as part of my final dissertation in my last year at university. I wrote, produced, directed, shot and edited this film completely on my own. I felt that it was right for me to make this film on my own because I wanted to experience this journey of self discovery and acceptance for myself.

The inspiration of the film came from one documentary... a small American indie doc called 'The Way We Talk'. This was a film about a man who suffers with a stutter and he goes on a journey to learn how others cope with their own individual challenges. This film was raw and not at all glossy. It was an earthy story about his personal journey. This film motivated me to create and tell a story about myself with DLD. At first, I didn't want to make a film about DLD because it was too personal and I didn't want to be reminded of my difficulties, but after seeing 'The Way We Talk' it inspired me to make my film.

There were times during filming that were emotionally difficult to cover, such as the scene where I ask Lisa, (my speech therapist), What had I found difficult to do at school? I asked it unrehearsed to get her spontaneous reaction because she knew me well and has been with me almost all my time at Moor House and had seen me grow and develop from the age of 11 to a 19 year old. Her answer was honest and revealing but painful to hear.

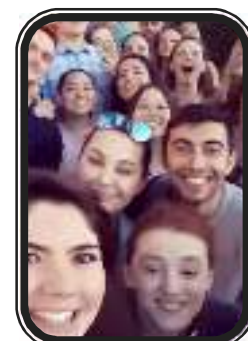
After filming the documentary I started to edit the film, I think I made seven rough cuts (seven drafts of the film) to make sure the story worked in the way I wanted it to. It took lots of hours and many late nights to edit.

I suddenly hit a brick wall, how was I to end the film? I wanted to make sure the film ended on a high and strong note. So I reflected on my experience of filming and I asked myself what had I learned. Simply, I learned that it's ok to talk about my difficulties instead of running from it!

The film is out now and it has taught me to appreciate myself with this condition. It was an emotionally, exhausting journey but it was worth it.

I hope you enjoy watching my film.

https://youtu.be/gb7Xp_oJooU





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITANS PURSE

There are many young people around the world who do not have access to the amenities and education that our students do. With Christmas approaching many of these children will not enjoy the festive period as we will here. As such we have supported the Samaritans **Purse Christmas Shoebox** initiative.

Moor House School & College students have been busy packing shoe boxes in aid of Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Shoe Boxes which have been carefully packed with gifts for a specific gender and age range are taken to countries where children lack the basic amenities. These boxes offer hope, love and joy to those less fortunate than ourselves.



How to Pack a Shoebox

A small group of year 10 students took the boxes to Holy Trinity Church in Redhill on Monday 11th November.

A group of volunteers met us to collect the boxes; they took the students around the church and explained what happened. Students learnt that a team of volunteers work until late in the night to check donated boxes, add to any that are sparse and make new boxes from supplies that have been donated or bought through donations given to the church.

Students found out that the boxes were hoped to be sent to Belarus in Russia. When we got back to school we looked up on a map and researched the area in more detail.

Students felt a sense of pride and are looking forward to producing a box next year for this wonderful cause.



Find an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap box and lid separately.



Download and print the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category and attach the label to the outside of your shoebox.



Fill your shoebox with a variety of new gifts that will bring delight to a child, add a suggested project donation of £5 which includes shipping, and take it to a Drop Off Point which will be listed on the website from September. You can also pray for the child who will receive your shoebox gift.



Find Your Drop-off Location





Barbara Martin
Head of Care

MHS&C STAFF PROFILE

It's nearly three months since I started working at Moor House School & College and the time has passed very quickly. One of the most important areas for me has been getting to know all of the students across the school and college; not only the residential students but all of the day students too. This is proving to be quite a big task as there are so many names to remember!

Moor House School & College is an amazing place to work and I have met some wonderful staff who all work so hard to support each individual student. I witnessed a speech and language session with one student and was amazed to see how the student was supported to access his education. I have also seen the wonderful work that the Occupational Therapy Team do and feel they are instrumental in supporting and promoting students independence skills.

The residential staff team have had a very busy term; there were a number of new residential students at the beginning of the term all of whom are settling in to Moor House very well.

The students have enjoyed many outings this term including visits to the cinema, Jump (trampolining and climbing venue) various restaurant visits, played golf, visited Halloween events off site; as well as organising a gathering on Halloween on site where both school and college joined together to acknowledge this event.

One of the highlights of the term was the cultural night which took place during the last week of the first half of the term. The school students celebrated Italy and the chef's very kindly prepared an Italian evening meal which all of the students enjoyed. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to all of the canteen staff for their help and support with this event.

The college students decided to do a Spanish Themed night and most of the students were involved in the planning and cooking of the food for this event. John Lea House was decorated and set up so that all of the students could eat together on one long table. There was a wide variety of Spanish dishes to choose from and all of the students, guests and staff had a most enjoyable evening.

I would like to thank the residential team for their commitment to all of the students at Moor House School & College; this team have also supported me with my transition into this school and have made me feel very welcome.

This half term the team focused on the arrangements for Christmas. It is always a very busy half term as there are many activities arranged for all of the children. Delivery of the Christmas Trees was on the 2nd of December; and with help from the children all of the houses it was decorated to celebrate the arrival of Christmas.

The Christmas lunches took place on the 10th and 11th of December; this is one of the highlights of the year and I really enjoyed being part of both days. The college have planned to have their Christmas lunches off site and have booked into a local restaurant. This took place on December 12th at the Red Barn. Finally may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

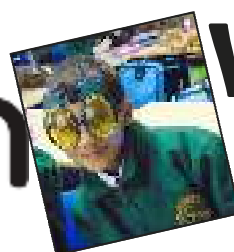
ANTI BULLYING WEEK & ODD SOCK DAY

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun!

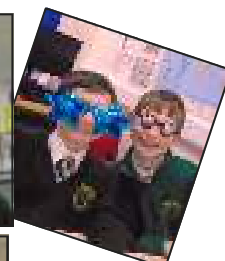
Odd Socks day was an opportunity to encourage students and staff to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There was no pressure to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All everyone had to do to take part was wear odd socks to school! Odd Socks day takes place on the first day of Anti Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying. Anti Bullying week ran from 11th-15th November.

Anti-Bullying Alliance



WACKY GLASSES!





GRAND OPENING of the MHS&C SENSORY GARDEN AND JUNIOR PLAY AREA

THE CHARLES LEWIS FOUNDATION

JOSEPH LEVY FOUNDATION

WHOLE KIDS FOUNDATION

SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS

In our last newsletter you will have read that representatives of The Charles Lewis and Joseph Levy Foundations visited Moor House to plant the first tree and signal the start of the work to our new sensory garden and junior playground. In October, Trustees from The Charles Lewis Foundation returned to open the completed project formally, which includes raised planting beds, a sensory path, sandpit and play area for our school children to experience and enjoy.

The project was made possible thanks to an overwhelming response to our Christmas campaign last year including generous donations from The Charles Lewis Foundation, Joseph Levy Foundation, School Food Matters and many other individuals.

Deputy Head Teacher Stephanie Williams, who led the project, said: "Our approach at Moor House is to empower our children, who all have language disorders, to reach their potential and develop communication skills, friendships and self-belief.

"The new sensory garden and play area will help stimulate the children's senses and offers a learning environment which is essential to their development.

"The transformation of a grey, concrete space into a beautiful, inspiring sensory garden and play area has been incredible and we are hugely grateful to The Charles Lewis Foundation, Joseph Levy Foundation, School Food Matters and everyone who responded to our appeal who made it possible."

Della Skeates, Trustee at The Charles Lewis Foundation, said:

"Much like every other time I have visited Moor House, the opening of the new playground and sensory garden left me smiling from ear to ear. The positive and happy atmosphere surrounding the students and staff at Moor House is incredible. We feel truly honoured to have been part of a project that we have no doubt will provide joy, fun and laughter and new opportunities to all for many years to come. A huge well done to everyone who has been involved – you're wonderful."



LEST WE FORGET

On Monday 11th November, School and College staff and students congregated in the playground to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The first Remembrance Day was used to think about those who had died during the First World War however, sadly, there have been many more wars since then and so we gather together to remember all of those people around the world, who have died during conflict since that time.

Students from the School Council placed poppy wreaths and crosses around our flag pole, observed the two minute silence at 11 o'clock and then listened in quiet contemplation to readings taken from "The Ode of Remembrance: They shall not grow old", by Laurence Binyon and "The Kohima Epitaph" by John Maxwell Edmonds. We were joined by Joseph Grant, the grandson of Jock Grant who was an ex-serviceman and once part of our Maintenance Team, who raised and lowered the Standard during the ceremony.



GCSE STUDENTS SEE MACBETH

The Shakespeare Project is a group of professional actors and creatives who are bringing Shakespeare productions to the South East. They are based at the beautiful Salomons Estate in Royal Tunbridge Wells, making use of their Victorian Theatre space. Their aim is to bring Shakespeare's plays to life, with exciting storytelling. The Shakespeare Project was founded in 2019.

The Shakespeare Project are passionate about the works of Shakespeare and their relevance today. They believe that it is vital that Shakespeare remains on the syllabus in schools.





OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY WEEK 2019

4-10 NOVEMBER

The Occupational Therapy team at Moor House School & College wore special t-shirts to raise awareness of Occupational Therapy Week (4-10 Nov). Run by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT), the week is a national awareness campaign aimed at promoting the value of occupational therapists and the fantastic work that they do across the UK.

Moor House employs one of the largest onsite Occupational Therapy (OT) teams in the country within a school, providing over 220 hours of direct or group sessions to our students every week.

Our highly specialist team lead on a whole school approach, ensuring our students' sensory needs are met and integrated throughout the school day.

OTs work with students intensively in 1:1 sessions, small groups and directly in the classroom developing their motor, sensory and independence skills using a range of specialist approaches.

These approaches include the **WHEEL OF INDEPENDENCE™ Framework**; the **COMPASS OF INDEPENDENCE™ Framework** and the **Moor House School & College Independent Travel Pass system**, which are used to deliver, track and measure students' skills.

In the last year, all our college students have shown progression on the WHEEL OF INDEPENDENCE™ Framework, maximising their independent living skills, whilst a significant number of our school and college students have progressed up at least one level of the Independent Travel Pass system, increasing their access to the community.

OT Team Leader for Key Stages 4 & 5, Milla Johnson said: "Occupational Therapy is a crucial part of the inter-disciplinary approach here at Moor House, supporting our students to achieve fantastic outcomes and that small changes have a big impact #SmallChangesBigImpact."

"Occupational Therapy Week is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the work we do and thank our dedicated team for the difference they make to our students lives."



MHS&C 2nd MOSAIC PROJECT with OLIVER BUDD

On 20th, 21st and 22nd November MHS&C welcomed back Oliver Budd, world renowned Mosaic artist, who worked with us to produce a large scale piece for our school dining room.

All of the students and staff got a chance to be part of this, as they got to work on the mosaic too.

There is an example of the last design we produced in the school reception area, hopefully you have all seen it!

It was really good fun and it will brighten up our dining hall for many years to come! It should be complete and mounted in the New Year.

If you would like to know a little more about Oliver's work, please take a look at his website:

<http://www.buddmosaics.co.uk/?LMCL=rkKs8E>





THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON comes to MOOR HOUSE

The students in KS2 have been studying 'The Great Fire of London' in history this term and have worked really hard to make Tudor houses in DT. In order to give the students a real life experience Mrs Evans contacted Godstone Fire Station who kindly agreed to put out a fire in our own Pudding Lane.

The students and staff were so excited at the prospect of a fire crew and their fire engine visiting school to support our DT project.

The students produced a superb range of houses which looked amazing. They were stacked deliberately close together just like they would have been in 1666 at the back of the cage. On the morning in question the site team kindly put out a barricade in order to keep the students safe and covered the houses with a tarpaulin to keep the houses dry to avoid rain spoiling the re-enactment.

Blue Watch from Godstone station were excellent and tested the students' knowledge and were very impressed! The fire was set and we smelt the smoke before the fire got going and soon Pudding Lane was disappearing. The lead fire fighter used a fire hook to create a fire break and a small pump to put out the fire to make it as authentic as possible. Eventually our great fire was put out!

After break 2EV and 2EN were given a guided tour of the fire engine, tried on helmets and even sat inside which was such fun. As Blue watch left they even kindly put on the 'blues and twos' which the students thought was fantastic!

What a great morning we all had.



MHS&C FAMILY RAISING DIABETES AWARENESS

On Wednesday 13th November, the day before **World Diabetes Day**, KS4 & 5 students were showered with gifts from JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and Neil and Victoria Kelsall.

The Kelsalls, whose son Thomas is in year 11 and has Type 1 Diabetes; have as a family raised awareness of Diabetes and a considerable amount of money for a number of charities, most notably JDRF.

The Kelsalls used Thomas's story to explain to students what Diabetes is and how it is currently treated; with 1 in 13 of us in the UK living with diabetes the students found it easy to connect. Many of them knew people living with the condition.

JDRF are just one charity hoping to provide the money needed to fund research into finding a cure for Diabetes. It's therefore very important that our students have an awareness of Diabetes and can contribute in some way towards finding that cure.

Our thanks again to the Kelsalls.

Diabetes UK also sent some stickers and t-shirts to raise awareness for World Diabetes Day, and we would like thank them for their support too. They organise weekends for everyone in the family touched by

Diabetes—**Type 1 Family Weekenders**

https://www.diabetes.org.uk/how_we_help/type-1-events



On the 14th November we had an amazing turn out of staff dressed in **blue** to highlight the day and the cause.

Next year it will be added to the list of awareness days that we support throughout the school community.

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

JDRF IMPROVING LIVES. CURING TYPE 1 DIABETES.



Thomas meets our previous Prime minister, Theresa May (whom lives with Diabetes), having raised money for JDRF.



MHS&C KS3 & KS4

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 20th November a select group of Key Stage 4 students took part in the Surrey Special Schools Sports Association (SSSSA) Dodgeball tournament.

The following day, Key Stage 3 also took part in the SSSSA Dodgeball tournament.

We took two teams for each key stage and all of the students did incredibly well, working in their teams and dodging balls left, right and centre! It was fabulous to watch the energy levels of all students involved and whilst refereeing, it was not uncommon to dodge a few balls myself!

In Key Stage 4, the first team came in first place, in the plate competition, whilst the second team to came sixth.

In the latter competition for Key Stage 3, the first team came in second place, losing out narrowly in the final, based on sudden death between two opponents.

Once again the second team came in six place. It was a very busy and popular tournament, with 12 teams in play at any one time. I'm really proud of our students for the honesty and good sportsmanship demonstrated whilst in play. All students involved should be proud of their achievement.



PANATHLON SWIM GALA



We were again invited to the Panathlon Under 14's National Swimming Gala for SEN schools.

This took place at the Aquatic Centre at the Olympic Park, in London on Tuesday 26th November.

Eight students were able to take part and represent Moor House School & College. The event saw 12 schools competing from around the United Kingdom and each race comprised of three heats. Moor House students competed in heat 1, Lane 1, and were really excited to start the race.

Our swimmers demonstrated a strong effort and excellent team skills and finished in a worthy fifth-place. I am pleased to report that they all enjoyed the event and the experience of attending the Olympic swimming pool.

They each received a fabulous medal and I am sure they will remember this for a long time to come.



MOLLY & BOURBON - THERAPY PUPPY UPDATE



Here are Molly and Bourbon wishing you all a very Merry Christmas



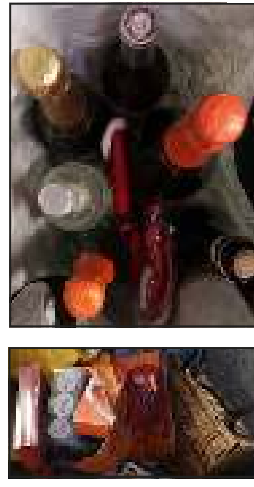
Molly and Bourbon are now 8 months old and very settled into school life. They meet children in the corridors and love tummy rubs and all the attention. A number of staff regularly walk them and they are well socialised. Molly is just starting to make short guest appearances in classrooms in a carefully controlled manner (initially avoiding contact with any children who are particularly nervous around dogs).

We are planning an initial assessment of temperament by Canine Concern in December as part of membership of a literacy dog scheme which is run to Kennel Club standards.

Molly & Bourbon are looking forward to Christmas and are hoping for some nice bones and some doggie chocolate in their Santa stocking – They are under strict instructions not to woof or even peek at the visitor in red on Christmas Eve, and on no account to eat Rudolph's carrots!



Molly with a student in the new Sensory Garden.



CHRISTMAS FAIR PREPARATIONS



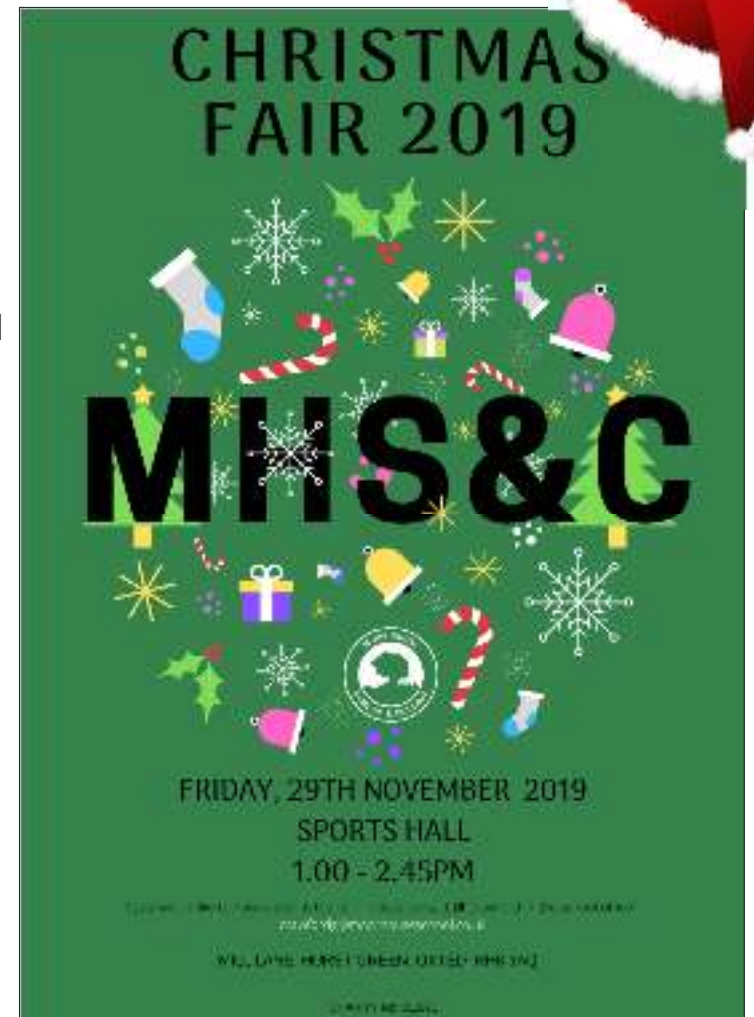
The donations came thick and fast for the PSA and staff, to help them prepare for the MHS&C Christmas Fair. Thank

Plants donated by a student's family member

CHRISTMAS FAIR 19

The day of the Christmas fair started with a raft of new volunteers helping the PSA to assemble the Hampers for the ever popular raffle. They were like a well oiled machine and each group had jobs decorating boxes, separating goods and re-grouping them to make gorgeous and varied baskets for the rest of the school community and their guests to win.

It was a great turnout and everyone did the school proud, starting the festive season off with Christmas songs, festive games and lovely home made gifts to buy. Thank you to everyone who gave up their morning to help wrap hampers and stay for the PSA meeting. An incredible **£1385** from raffle tickets sales alone, so a huge thank you to both those who donated to the hampers and those who put them together. Overall the fair raised over £2500.00. This money will be going towards our new food studies room which will be created in April 2020.





Village Students see DICK WHITTINGTON



On Tuesday 10th December all the Village students and staff travelled by coach to the Crawley Hawth Theatre.

On arrival we all sat down in the front stalls, where we had a good view of the whole stage.

The students enjoyed engaging with the actors; singing, dancing and clapping throughout the performance.

They also really enjoyed the change of outfits by the Pantomime Dame, who was really funny.

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

West End
in Schools



On Wednesday 11th December, following the Juniors Christmas Lunch; West End in Schools came to MHS&C to perform Beauty and the Beast in the sports hall.

It followed Beauty on her brave journey to a mysterious castle, hidden deep in an enchanted forest. As the students shared enchanted castle life with Beauty and the Beast, they helped them learn the true meaning of friendship and fun in this re-imagined tale where both Beauty and the Beast were trapped in his castle.

Beauty's magical adventure, with her new friend the Beast, showed them that kindness and beauty are much more than skin deep.

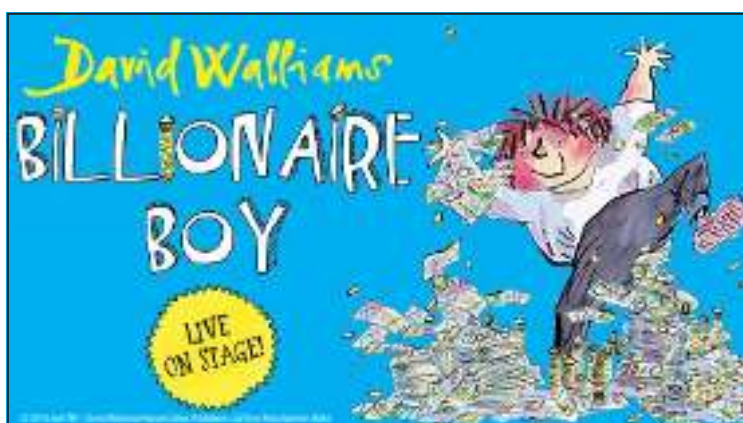
The production was greatly enjoyed by all the students and staff.

It was wonderful entertainment after the delicious Christmas lunch!

The pantomime used a specially written scripts and songs focussing on storytelling with charm - and lots of joining in!



Starring
Mel Giedroyc
as the voice of the Magic Mirror



7F UPDATE

On Wednesday 30th October 7F went to see Billionaire Boy at Richmond Theatre. We travelled on the mini bus to the theatre. When we got there it was really busy. There were lots of children waiting for the show to begin. There was lots of shouting, singing and dancing in the show. It was great. My favourite character was Raj because was really funny. My favourite part was when Joe's Dad made mint favour toilet paper that turned everyone's bottom purple. We laughed a lot.

By Christian Murray 7F

7F Visit Oxted Library

On Wednesday 6th November 7F went to Oxted library to find books about animals. We went on the train and walked through Oxted to get to there. We were met by Nigel, who showed us around. Nigel read us a story which we really enjoyed. After looking at all the different parts of the Library, we searched for the animal books. I found one on dogs. We got a group Library card so that we could take a book back to school. Then we got the train to Hurst Green and walked back to school.

By Rebecca Hamm 7F



8FG UPDATES

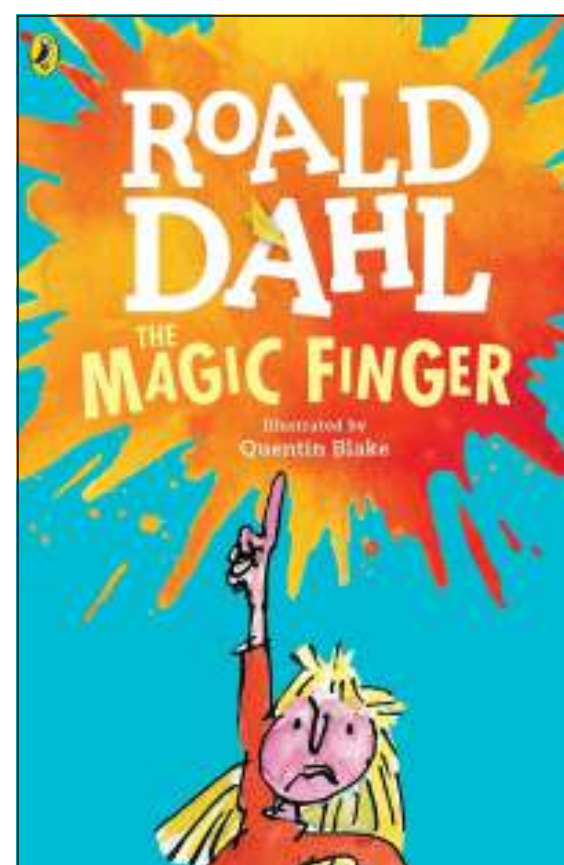
In English we started reading a book called 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. We have learnt about the book's author and found out some interesting facts about him. We have also learnt what a narrator is and have answered questions about the narrator in the book.

During PSHCE we learned about how to vote. We had to vote for our favourite chocolate bar to see which one was the most popular. Life Skills has been fun, as we have focused on the meaning of personal hygiene and the areas of the body we need to clean. We did this by drawing a body and labelling those specific areas. We then did some teeth brushing, hand washing, and identifying when clothes need to be washed and changed.

In Geography this half term we started looking at what Global Warming is, what contributes to it and what we can do to help reduce Global Warming. As a school community we have already stopped using disposable single use plastic cups and replaced them with our drinking bottles.

In DT we made a draw string bag. We sewed using a sewing machine.

It has been a really busy term.



YEAR 11 AT HADLOW



8A CLAY PLAY



YEAR 10 DT





2EV UPDATES



In English this term we have been practising using the SHAPE CODING™ system with sentences this week using 'what', 'who' and 'what' doing words. We have also been practising writing the alphabet in small and capital letters. We have also been practising our sounds and spellings using our THRASS charts. We acted out the story of Aladdin and made our own three wishes!



In History, DT and ICT we learnt about **The Great Fire of London!** We did our own story boards and acted out the Fire of London together; and made our own Tudor houses out of cardboard boxes and when we finished them, we set them on fire! The Fire Brigade came to visit too.

In Maths both groups practised money skills. In Life Skills we visited the Occupational Therapy room and tried lots of different equipment to see if it made us calm or more awake.



We used our different senses to find more things that help us feel calmer or more awake so we are ready for learning in lessons. We enjoyed smelling lavender and mint and listening to pop music to see how they made us feel. In Social Skills, we talked about what people's personalities are like and what we think about ourselves.

8A UPDATE

8A have been studying the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

We have looked at different text types including letters, recipes and news reports. We also painted parts of his body to create our own life-size iron man with glowing red eyes, as big as headlights.

This model has helped us to create some great similes and descriptive sentences.

He is as enormous as the Eiffel tower

He is bigger than a double decker bus

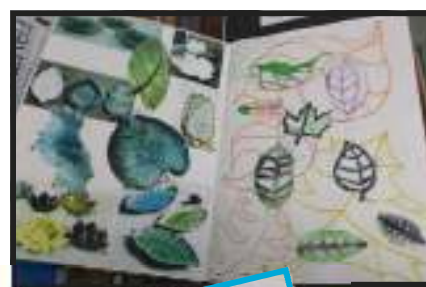
His eyes are like glowing infrared headlights

His head is like an upside-down bucket

We have really enjoyed studying this text so far and we look forward to explore it more for the remainder of the autumn term.



YEAR 10 POTTERY





Friends of Moor House

Friends of Moor House is a voluntary association, with no membership fees or obligations, for those with an interest in the School & College who would like to be kept informed of news and developments. Local residents with no family links to Moor House are especially welcome.

What we do

The association aims to help and support students and staff in various ways from offering advice to practical support. For example, we have asked our members if any could help us find work experience opportunities for our College students, and recently we have invited offers of help with walking one of Moor House's two therapy puppies.

In our foundation year, 2018-19, we introduced two shields to be awarded annually, in the School and the College, to students who have shown special merit in looking outwards to the wider community.

Members receive a newsletter each term and occasionally other communications, and in November 2019 we welcomed some twenty members to an **open morning** which included a tour of the School (see over).

New members are very welcome

Many of our members are former students or their parents. Some have served as members of staff or voluntary governors. And we especially welcome local residents and those who have kindly contributed to fundraising or other activities.

If you would like to join, please download the application form below and email it to info@moorhouseschool.co.uk or call us on **01883 712271** to request a form to be posted to you. There are no obligations other than to provide your details and consent so we can contact you.

How we are organised

We have a small Steering Committee which meets at present twice a year.

The Chair is elected by members, and other committee members are appointed by the Chair and the Governors' representative.

The current committee comprises:

John Stevens (Chair)
 Donald Payne
 Anders Stead
 Clark Townley
 Veronica Connery
 Sue Brady
 Jane Vallance (Governors' representative)
 Helen Middleton, as Principal, *joins our meetings and advises us, and brings other members of staff as she sees fit.*

Here's the link to Friends of Moor House. The application form can be downloaded at the bottom of the page.

<https://www.moorhouse.surrey.sch.uk/friends-of-moor-house>



FRIENDS OF MOOR HOUSE



Puppies Seeking Volunteer Walkers

We had our first Friends Open Morning in November and it went very well.

About twenty people were able to come, including former students and parents, and former staff and governors. It was particularly heartening to be joined by local residents with no direct involvement in the school or college – and by several former students whose enthusiasm for Moor House was inspiring.

Several current students were also on hand at the beginning, serving coffee against a backdrop of students' work. They also chatted with some of the visitors. This of course is not easy for our students and was much appreciated. After a brief talk we showed the new Moor House video (which is on the website) and then took our guests on a tour of classrooms, seeing students in class, and the residential village.

And we had a celebrity on hand: Molly, one of the two therapy dogs who have now joined Moor House. She was a delight: well behaved, full of curiosity, eager to sniff feet and make everyone's acquaintance.

I was keen to emphasise that Friends is a voluntary organisation with no membership fees or obligations; we simply want people who are pleased to receive news of Moor House and occasional invitations. We also have the idea that from time to time a few of our members might find they are just the right person to help with something. To give one example, we would welcome one or two volunteers to help exercise our therapy dogs, reducing pressure on the private time of some of our staff.

If you might be interested in helping, or would like to join Friends of Moor House, please get in touch with Taricia Melbourne. Tia, the Community Fundraising and Events Officer, also supports Friends and she can be contacted on 01883 770990 or at: friends@moorhouseschool.co.uk

John Stevens
Chair
Friends of Moor House



Get Involved





Afasic CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

voice for life

On the evening of Thursday 5th December, students and staff attended the Afasic Charity Christmas Concert at the Sir Christopher Wren designed church of St Andrew, Holborn, London. The concert was attended by HRH the Duchess of Gloucester, and one of our students was asked to present a bouquet to the Duchess. She did this very well.

Two of our students delivered Christmas readings, while our newly formed signing choir gave a performance of 'Mary had a Baby'.

Sir Derek Jacobi, also did a reading and the Concordia Chamber Choir provided music throughout the evening. Thanks to Mrs Field and Mrs Enfield for bringing together the students as a signing choir for this event. I have no doubt that we will be invited back to the next Afasic Christmas concert.

Mark Thompson at Afasic wrote in an email:

"This is just to say a very big thank you to everyone from Moor House for coming along and taking part in our Christmas Concert and helping to make it such a special evening.

Please do pass on our special thanks to Oliver and Samuel for their readings, and to everyone in the choir, they were all brilliant! Many thanks again to all of you for giving up your time to take part, it really is greatly appreciated".



Samuel and Oliver with Sir Derek Jacobi and HRH Duchess of Gloucester



SCHOOL COUNCIL EVENTS THIS TERM

Tuesday 12th November 2019 – Odd Sock Day

Anti-bullying Week was during the 11th-15th of November. Part of this campaign was Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November. The Student Council encouraged everyone to wear odd socks to school to help raise awareness of the event.



Friday 15th November 2019 – Children in Need Day

On Friday 15th November it was Children In Need day. To help raise money for this charity, the School Council decided to have a 'wacky spectacles' day. Students were encouraged to wear a pair of wacky glasses to help raise money for this charity.



Wednesday 4th December - Hot Chocolate sales start

The School Council have chosen to support **Cancer Research UK** as their chosen charity for this academic year. For their first fundraising event, they hosted a hot chocolate morning during morning break. They sold each cup for 50p.



Friday 6th December 2019 – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 6th December 2019, Moor House School & College had their annual Christmas Jumper Day! Lots of people wore their Christmas jumpers for a £1 donation to the charity Save the Children. A prize was given to the student in each key stage for the best Christmas jumper.



Tuesday 10th/Wednesday 11th December 2019 – Show us your sparkle!

To support the charity NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), the School Council decided to donate any money made during the school Christmas lunch. Staff and students were urged to wear any sequined, jewelled or shimmery clothing or accessory to reflect our 'sparkle' theme.



The School Council really enjoyed organising these events!



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PUDDING STIR

On Wednesday 2nd of October, MHS&C did their traditional Christmas pudding stir—As always it was brilliant fun. Thanks to Jonathan and the other members of the catering team for their help in making the pudding. We are looking forward to eating it as part of our Christmas lunch!

MHS&C STAFF CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP



We have been getting into the festive spirit this term as some of the MHS&C staff gathered for a Christmas floristry workshop on Tuesday 10th December.

Rachel Enfield (a teacher in the school) gave a demonstration and staff learnt how to make their own candle table decoration using foliage, baubles, ribbons and more. They had a lovely time listening to Christmas music and enjoying a mince pie, whilst creating their own arrangements. The evening raised about £140 from ticket sales and the proceeds will go to MHS&C.





MOOR (HS&C) ELF ANTICS

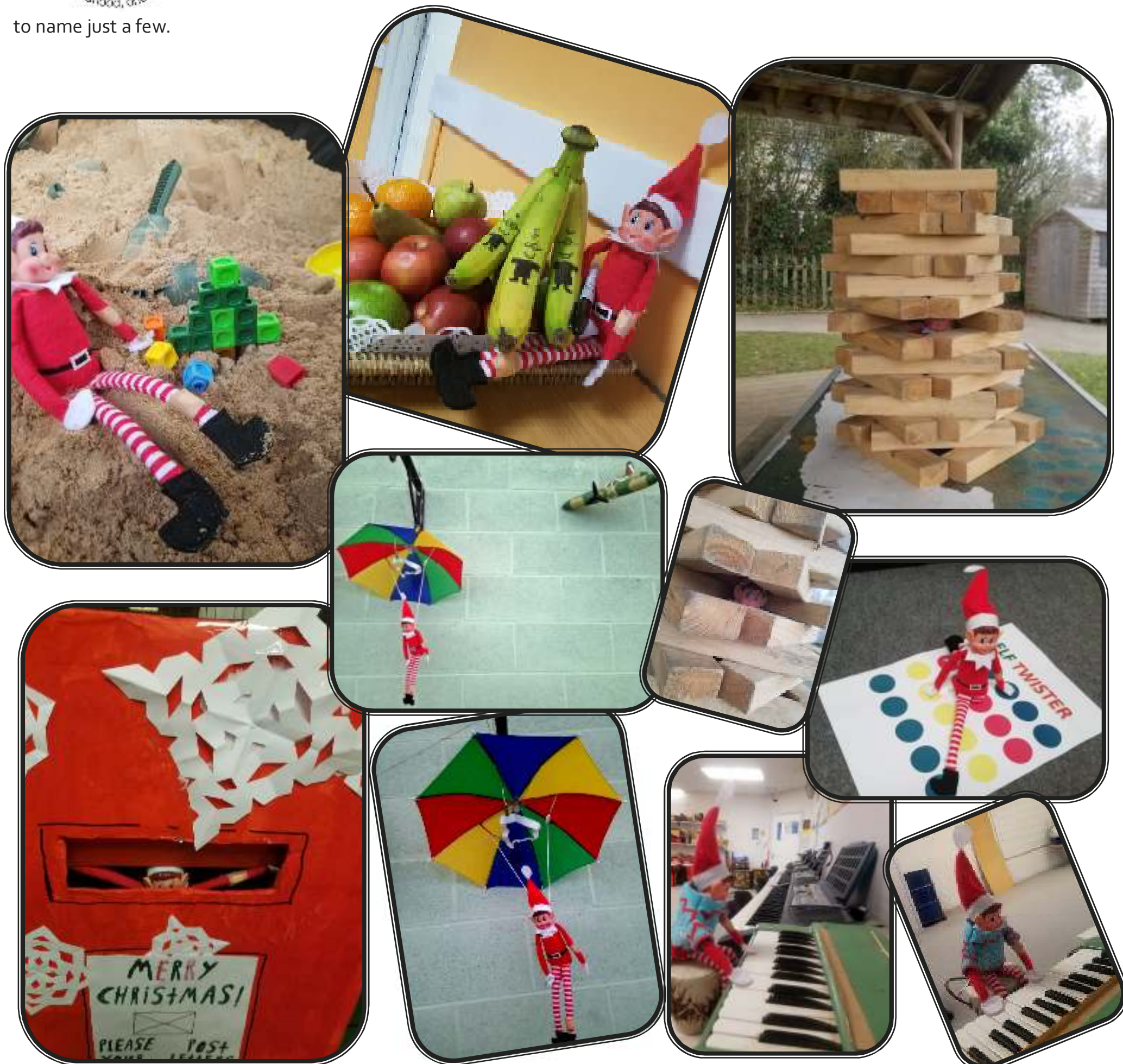
Throughout the school days in December, a naughty Elf has been causing mischief in the school. He has been found parachuting from a Spitfire with engine trouble, playing 'Elf Twister' in Mr. Mansell's office, hiding in a Jenga tower and playing the piano whilst wearing his sparkly Christmas jumper.

Students have been challenged to find the naughty Elf and reporting his whereabouts to reception. In return the two students to find him have been rewarded with sweets and an opportunity to support a range of different charities.

Charitable donations have been made to:



to name just a few.





SANTA SURPRISES KS2

Today Santa came to MHS&C and visited the students in KS2.

We were so lucky that Santa came to visit both KS2 classes today.

First he thanked 2EV for the chocolate biscuit that they had left out for him and that Rudolf loved the carrot too!

Charlie G said that he had seen him in Lapland and Santa said that he remembered waving to him. What a special visit!

They must have all been very good as everyone got a present each.

Thank you Santa.



Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

AT MOOR HOUSE!





IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO CONTINUE WITH MULTI USE GAMES AREA AND FOOD STUDIES ROOM

Improvements at Moor House are set to continue in the spring with upgrades to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and Food Studies room.

Following the DT & Pottery and Sensory Garden and Playground works in 2019, the MUGA will be upgraded with new fencing and a high performance, durable surface. Whilst the food studies room will be relocated to a larger, ground floor classroom with easier access, increased space and new worktops and appliances.

Both projects are due to be completed ready for use in the summer term.



MOOR HOUSE NEW DT & POTTERY HUB



Bigger and brighter for DT & Pottery

We officially opened our new DT & Pottery classrooms at the end of September following works over the summer.

The new, larger classrooms come complete with easier access, improved lighting, increased storage and upgraded IT and air conditioning facilities, providing a fit for purpose facility to enhance our students learning in subjects many excel at.

Moor House parent Peter Irvine, along with his close friend Matthew Kirkby, cut the ribbon shortly after being cheered across the finish line of an epic 14 day challenge to cycle from the South of France to Oxted. The pair, joined by 70 other cyclists for all or part of the route, raised thousands for Moor House and Macmillan Cancer Support.



MHS&C READY FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHES



Students and staff enjoyed a fantastic Christmas feast served (twice) by Steve Manby and his great kitchen team!

Thank you all!



MOOR HOUSE CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Moor House students and staff are delighted to return to St. John's Church in Hurts green for our annual Christmas Concert performances.

This year each class in key stage two and three rehearsed and performed a different tale.

Year 9 students entertained the congregation with performances on the steel drums.

Year 8s chose two Christmas readings and year 7s performed a dance and sang along to 'Mary's Boy Child'.

We were very proud of our key stage two students for telling the story of Christmas in their Nativity Play.

The event was really well supported and was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.





HURST GREEN IN THE WINTER by Magda Bamber - Finance





CHRISTMAS CARD AND PROGRAMME DESIGN WINNERS



Angus G won the Christmas Card Design competition this year for 2020



Hira's design was chosen for the school Christmas show programme for Thursday evening.



Charlie B's design was chosen for the school Christmas show programme for Friday.



Abigail—Highly Commended



Alex. S—Highly Commended



Ayaan—Highly Commended



Boya—Highly Commended



Daniel—Highly Commended



Josie—Highly Commended



MHC UPDATES

jump in
LANDFOUNTS PARKS



TONBRIDGE

On the evening of Monday 30th September, some college students went to 'Jump In' in Tonbridge, to let off some steam and have some bouncing fun!



EQUINE LEVEL 1

Hamish and Jonathan on various tasks on their Equine Level 1 course.





LYDIA'S ILLUMINATED INSTALLATION



Lydia created a fantastic installation called 'Once upon a time in Owl's Magical Den' as part of her Gold Arts Award work. The theme she had for this piece was 'Atmosphere' - it was on display at Bore Place for members of the public to see.

Lots of people have been to see it and have been bowled over by how brilliant it is. The hard work and care that Lydia put into her work shone through, especially when the pieces were illuminated at night! It looked absolutely magical and really took on a different character depending upon which time of day you viewed it.

Lydia has passed her Gold Arts Award, she and mum are both delighted!

Well done Lydia!



MOOR HOUSE COLLEGE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

On Friday 1st November, the KS5 Speech and Language Therapy team held our first parent workshop focusing on the extremely important topic of 'E-Safety and Social Media'. The workshop was hugely successful, with many parents attending across all college year groups. The topics covered within the workshop included the popularity of social media apps in 2019 such as 'Snapchat', 'Instagram' and 'TikTok', what the functions of these apps are, the positives alongside negatives of these apps and how to ensure our young people have the appropriate privacy settings.

Within the workshop we also discussed the meanings of current texting abbreviations, phrases and emoji's to ensure that parents can support their sons and daughters if they receive confusing or inappropriate content. The workshop also focused on how it can be extremely difficult for students with Language Disorder to interpret the inferred meanings from text messages, as they are not able to read facial expression, tone of voice or gesture when simply looking at writing on a screen. These miscommunications can often unfortunately lead to breakdowns in relationships, whereby a high level of support is required to repair these. We therefore discussed the importance of supporting our young people to understand the inferred meaning of these messages, which is something the KS5 therapy team also focus on teaching in our Speech and Language Therapy Groups. It was also a great opportunity for parents to share ideas on how we can support our young people to communicate through the use of technology, for example using 'audio messaging' and 'speech to text' apps. These methods are far more functional than writing messages, which can be extremely challenging for many of our students.

It was wonderful to have so many parents discussing such an important and relevant issue amongst our teenagers and young adults and we are thrilled to have received such positive feedback. The KS5 Speech and Language Therapy team will be holding further workshops on a wide range of relevant topics, so please look out for email invitations in the near future.





ARTS AWARD BRONZE TRIP to ALL SAINTS CHURCH, TUDELEY

The Arts Award Bronze Level students had a trip to All Saint's Church in Tudeley to see the beautiful stained glass windows. The Church is the only church in the world that has all its windows in stained glass designed by Marc Chagall. The building has existed since the seventh century.

In 1963, Sir Henry and Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid commissioned a window to commemorate their daughter who had sadly passed away. The Russian-French artist Marc Chagall designed a stained glass window for the church which was installed in 1967. When Chagall arrived for the dedication of the east window, and saw the church for the first time, he decided to do them all! Over the next ten years Chagall designed the remaining eleven windows. The last windows were installed in 1985, just before Chagall's death.



While they were there our students made some lovely sketches of the glass work and took photographs of their favourite windows and the images within them. Their Art teacher was really impressed with their work and the dedication that they showed deciphering the stories by looking really carefully and analysing what they saw. Well done Defne, Eleanor & Sophie!

By Emily Richins



LEARNING TO PLAY THE ACOUSTIC GUITAR by Hector

I have grown up with all types of old music because modern music began to sound the same- every single song!

So I asked dad to let me hear some of his old music. From that moment on I was hooked because it was so different to all the music that is in my generation.

So one day I just thought when I was listening to music why can't I play that for myself?

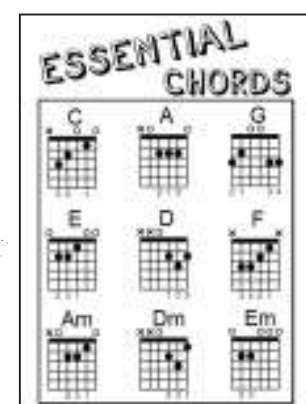
I did some research into buying a guitar. We found a place called 'Guitar Village' which sold thousands and thousands of different guitars like acoustic, electric and some older models. So I bought an acoustic guitar.

I have been playing guitar quite some time now; which has been great. It is a way for me to relax.

When each string hits the guitar it makes a sound. I have been playing for such a long time my fingertips became sore because I pressed down the strings on the fret board and strummed to make the sounds.

I would like to improve at acoustic guitar, then get an electric one and go from there.

Playing the guitar is a great thing but it is a lot of commitment.



THE NATIONAL SCHOOL + COLLEGE LEAVER SHOW
2 & 3 DEC 17, ASKOT RACECOURSE, BERKSHIRE

OVER 80 EMPLOYERS, FE COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES AND GAP PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER: 9.30AM - 3PM & 4PM - 6PM
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER: 9.30AM - 2PM
FREE ENTRY

For more information on the show visit www.nscshow.co.uk

Here are just some of our exhibitors...

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The National School & College Leaver show is a brilliant place for parents and students to go to get ideas for their next move after MHS&C.



OXTED TRAVEL TRAINING

I have been doing travel training to Oxted on Thursday with some friends. We go into the town by train. We choose a restaurant and we eat in there. Sometimes we buy a take away and go back to Moor House to eat. We also go to Morrison's to buy anything else we need.

I am proud of taking the right money out when I paid for my foods. By Jack C



The Sleep Council
helping you get a better night's sleep



If you or any of your family are struggling with sleep, or rather the lack of it— follow the link to the Sleep Council website.

The Sleep Council is an impartial, advisory organisation that raises the awareness of the importance of a good night's sleep to health and wellbeing and provides helpful advice and tips on how to improve sleep quality and create the perfect sleep environment.

<https://sleepcouncil.org.uk/teen-sleep/>

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVEL 3

I am a student in Moor House College studying Animal Management Level 3.

During half term I did my work experience in a city farm in London called Stepney Green. There I had to train ferrets. I had to handle one that was a bit difficult because it was moving a lot and was trying to bite me!

It was fun playing with the ferrets and handling them and also showing the public. By Julia



The MHC Forum team has been elected —

Chair: Will M, **Year 12/13 Reps:** Freya and Libby
Year 14/15 Reps: Alex and Sam, with the
Residential Rep: Maes.

The new team immediately set about their first task – gathering ideas from the wider college. The college was split into four groups and one or two members of the Forum collected ideas from each group on the following topics:

- Ideas for change at college;
- Ideas for fundraising;
- Ideas for events including Christmas and the end of year Prom.

They also had a visit from the college charity, Ce-Ce Primary School in the Sudan to remind the college about the value of their fundraising efforts.

They will be meeting again soon to begin to put some of these ideas into place.



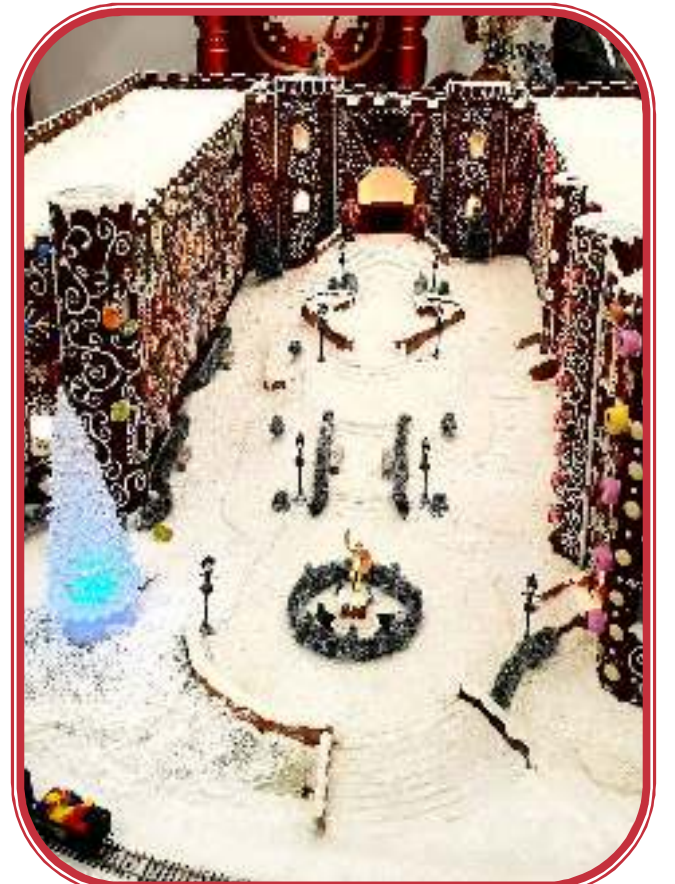


MHC ICE SKATING at SAINT HILL, EAST GRINSTEAD

The college visited Saint Hill Manor in East Grinstead to do some Ice skating.

We had 24 students who took part in the skating. Some of them visited the shop to have a festive and warming hot chocolate.

There was a magnificent Gingerbread Saint Hill Castle at the ice skating too!!



MHC Parent 2nd Information Session - USING SOCIAL MEDIA: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO USING THE APPS.

The KS5 Speech and Language Therapy team delivered an information session for parents on Friday 6th December, titled 'Using Social Media: A Parent's Guide to Using the Apps'. This was well received by parents who thoroughly enjoyed setting up and learning about popular apps including WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat.

Within the session we discussed and correctly set suitable privacy settings for the apps, explained the application features and spoke through 'top tips' of each App.

Parents practised using the apps, sending snapchats and messages to each other, to increase their confidence in using and talking about social media with their sons and daughters. We also discussed the meanings of current texting abbreviations, phrases and emoji's and played interactive games to better understand how our college students are using these.

We were thrilled to have such a wonderful group of parents in attendance and would like to thank everyone for their fantastic contributions. It was a lovely opportunity for parents to socialise and discuss their experiences of social media.

We look forward to running more parent information sessions in the spring term and would welcome any topic suggestions!





COMMUNIGROW FARM TRIP

Hospitality and Catering L1

Hospitality and Catering Level 1 trip to CommuniGrow vegetable farm where they collected vegetables and then cook with them back at the partner college.



On the farm, one of our students dug up lots of carrots. They needed a lot because lots of the recipes needed carrots and they were round and a lot smaller than the usual ones you'd get at the supermarket!



FG worked with another student back in the kitchen and made a butternut squash soup with the squash from the farm.

The soup at the end was very good. Chef Steve Manby said next time she should try roasting the squash first to see how this changes the flavour (but this would take a lot longer than you had in the kitchen!).

MB collected the potatoes that had been dug up at the farm. Back in the kitchen she then cooked with the vegetables that were brought back. She was very creative and used the Swiss chard for one of the kale recipes to make **'Skillet Swiss Chard with Lemon and Garlic'**.



MB made a minestrone soup using the potatoes, carrots and herbs from the farm. The soup was really successful and Steve was very happy with your flavours you got from what was collected at the farm. Well done for following the instructions so accurately.

On the farm OC worked hard, digging up the potatoes that were deep underground. He then chose one of his recipes to use some of the squash and herbs in the kitchen. He decided to make a risotto for the first time ever; making a 'butternut squash and sage risotto'. There was a lot to do for this recipe and his risotto came out really well.





MY JOB at BYRON in LONDON

Last year when I was doing Level 1 Catering and Hospitality they required us do work experience at a restaurant.

I choose do work experience at Byron Burger. After one week of work experience they were so proud of me they had offered me a Saturday job. This was a great achievement because I was the first person with SLI who had done work experience there.

On my first day of real work it was nerve racking because it was a big place and I was not used to it. The staff made me very welcome and it made my day feel better. I do the same thing every week but I am now quite used to it. It has boosted my confidence working there and has helped me become more independent. I am getting my own money and it helps me to learn how to save money.

It makes me want to earn money as I want to take my mum away as she always does things for me.

Working is great but it is tiring!

By Maisie Gibbs



SWIMMING GALA

I went to a swimming gala in November.

It was fun and I was tired after it.

I swam 50m that is a length of the pool. That's two laps.

It was hard work.

I did front crawl, back crawl, breast stroke and also a relay.

In the breast stroke I came in 3rd place! I felt very proud.

By Defne



ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVEL 1

I do Animal Management Level 1.

This term I worked as a part of a team. We raked up dirty straw and put it in the wheel barrow. Then we put on the muckheap.

We also did the afternoon feed for the animals. We fed the goats, llamas and alpacas. The animals were very hungry. I liked feeding the animals and I think we worked well as a team.

By Vicky S



EQUINE LEVEL 1 AWARDS

The MHC students on the Equine Level 1 Course won awards for their work and attendance this term.

Hamish got his awards for Attendance and Effort on Duties; while Jon got his for Outstanding Attendance and for Effort on Duties too. Emily got hers for Effort on Duties, Attendance and attending events.

Well done all of you.





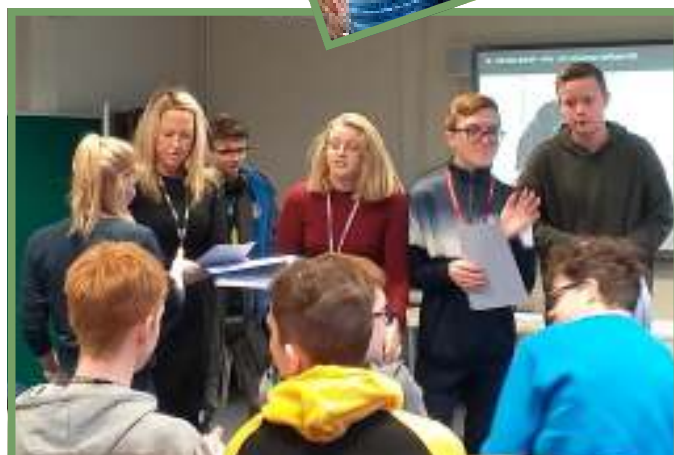
MHC CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

At the end of the autumn term MHC held their Celebration Assembly.

There were many worthy winners and everyone shared in the celebrations and presentations with lots of enthusiasm and applause.

The Headteachers Award this term went to Jon for his commitment and dedication to his college work, and Student of the Term went to Hamish.

Well done to everyone for their hard work this term'.



ELECTION DAY - MHC STUDENTS VOTE!

On Thursday 12th December, MHC students took part in their own election, to see which party would have been elected if MHC had its own representation!

Students were provided with a ballot paper, and after making their vote, placed their paper in our very own ballot box.

The vote was extremely close, with the Green Party sneaking in a victory with a majority of 1.

Many of our students were able to vote for real in the General Election, but for those who aren't quite old enough to vote, this was a good practice ready for the next time!





MHC CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The Annual KS5 Speech & Language Therapy Christmas Quiz was held on the morning of the 12th December.

It was a HUGE success with students competing in 7 spectacular Christmas Quiz Rounds.

The highlights were the largest ever Kahoot Competition and discovering the student's incredible knowledge of famous faces, places and Christmas song lyrics.

We were all in the festive spirit as we headed off to the Red Barn for the incredibly delicious Christmas Lunch.

Wishing everyone a fabulous festive season.





MHC CONTINUE TO DONATE TO CRAWLEY OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday 12th December a small group of Moor House College students visited the Crawley Open House project to hand over a big pile of gifts and non-perishable foods.

The whole college has spent December collecting the items in a what's called a Reverse Advent Calendar – each of us donating one small item daily (or however many we could manage) which builds up in to a big donation of useful gifts for people less fortunate than ourselves.

Ian Wilkins, who helps run Crawley Open House, showed us around. He explained that the project offers a warm, safe place for people who need it to receive a bit of support, a friendly face or advice on money, health and housing.

Some clients of the project are offered temporary accommodation whilst they get themselves back on their feet. Others just drop in to make friends and have a hot meal.

The project is open 365 days of the year and on Christmas day they will serve 65 people with a full Christmas meal, over two sittings.

Representing the whole college were Maisie, Alice, Maes and Oli and they were all impressed with the important work Open House does. The MHC staff who accompanied them were equally impressed with the maturity and generosity our students showed.

After our visit Ian said "Thank you guys for braving the miserable weather and chaotic parking to bring your wonderful donations. You were all lovely, and the young people were so sweet natured and had great questions. Thank you to you all."

As we left our students asked Ian if they can do more to help so plans for future initiatives are afoot.

Watch this space and if any parents would like to support us in helping Crawley Open House please contact MHC.



EQUINE LEVEL 1 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Students dressed up the horses and themselves and paraded around the ring. Hamish's group got 2nd place!



OT MHC CHRISTMAS QUIZ

The College OT department presented an end of term quiz with fun facts related to each student and staff member.

During the week, the students submitted a random fun fact about themselves, and then the students had to guess who the fun fact was about.

It was a great, light-hearted way to get the students to test their knowledge about their peers.

Many surprises and giggles were shared!!!

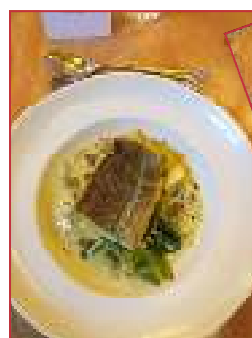
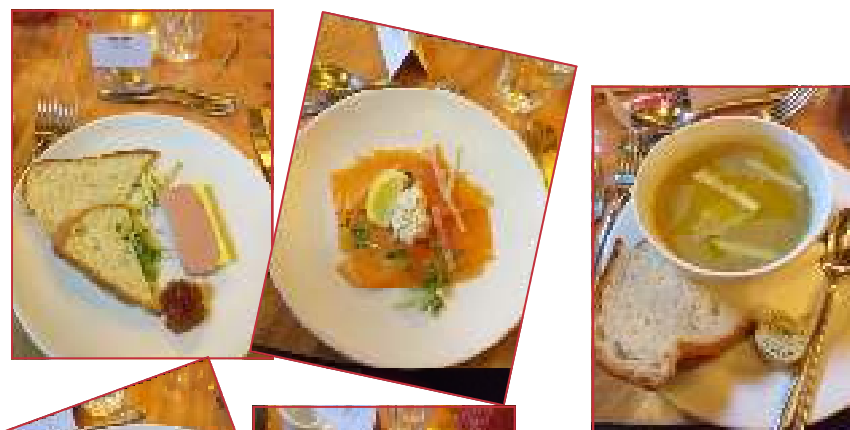


MHC CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE RED BARN

On 12th December MHC students and staff had a lovely Christmas Lunch at The Red Barn in Lingfield.

Charles said farewell to everyone and gave a lovely farewell speech.

Everyone had full stomachs and a great deal of fun!





THIS TERM WE WILL SAY GOODBYE TO:



Chris Osborne
Teacher

Kim Trickey
SLTA

Ella Ford
Teacher/

Peter Knapp
Senior Maintenance Assistant

THIS TERM WE HAVE WELCOMED:



Nicola Nikolaou
Occupational Therapist

Penelope Evans
Teacher

Samantha Ackerley
Teacher

Caroline Twomey
Teacher

Belinda Winn
Speech and Language Therapist

Martha Ni Fhlatharta
Occupational Therapist

Barbara Martin
Head of Residential Care

Alan Dove
Senior Maintenance Supervisor

Mirella Brzezinska
Special Teaching Assistant

Mary Jane Stevens
Teacher

Alison Sturrock
Speech and Language Therapist

Megan Mansell
Residential Care Worker



Sarah Langley
OTA

Lauren Hand
SLT

Donna Pattison
STA

Vanessa Hills
Communication Support Worker

Chloe Phillimore
SLTA

Lynda Carroll
STA

Sarah Badaway
STA

Lisa England
Accounts Assistant

Caroline Burke
Speech and Language Therapist

Georgie Bray
STA

Donna Pattison
STA



Moor House School & College PARENT WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

24 January 2020*	Relationships and Sex Education
13 March 2020*	Emotional Resilience and Stress reduction in and outside of school
1 May 2020*	Support Social skills at home
12 June 2020*	Literacy – supporting specialist strategies use at Moor House

All workshops are from 1pm – 2.45pm unless specified otherwise

** Parent lunch – an opportunity for open discussion and socialising 12-1pm

Please ensure if have booked your place via the school office for all the above





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Corporate social responsibility is now more important than ever. With more and more companies prioritising corporate social responsibility, there is a fantastic opportunity to help Moor House develop lasting relationships with businesses of all sizes.

Why Fundraise For Us?

We're small –for a business partner this means that they can see exactly where their money is being spent and we are able to work closely with a partner to deliver a sustainable, results-driven campaign. Moor House is committed to helping our partners to achieve their strategic priorities.

We're also global –in addition to our students, tens of thousands more from further afield also benefit. Professionals at MHS&C widely share our innovative & evidence based methods – two of our most recent publications have had 10,000 downloads between them. We have provided training to 1,000 professionals this year, enhancing the therapy received by approximately 30,000 children. Moor House Research & Training Institute continues to be at the forefront of research, influencing evidence-based practice worldwide & ensuring that the work we do with students is driven by the most current evidence. We have also developed a range of innovative resources that are available for professionals working with children with language disorders.

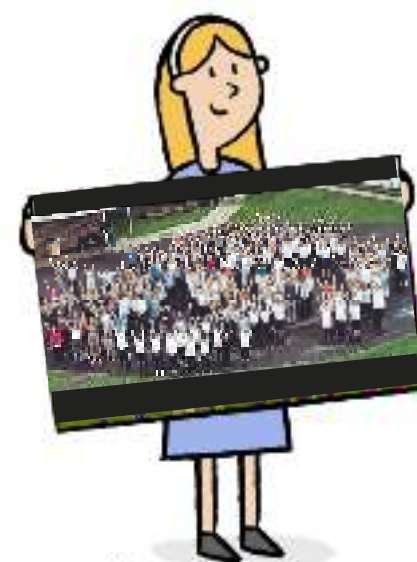
We're different – Developmental Language Disorder is the most common childhood condition that people have never heard of. It is just as common as dyslexia & more common than autism, yet few people know about it. A partnership with Moor House offers a business the opportunity to be a front runner in raising awareness of a desperately under-recognised disability.

We're personal - A named contact will be available throughout the length of the partnership to develop a bespoke campaign and to suggest a variety of creative opportunities for employees to engage.

Please take the opportunity to talk to your employer about how your company can get involved. Further information can be obtained by e-mailing fundraising@moorhouseschool.co.uk or calling Tia on 01883 770990.

Taricia Melbourne

Community Fundraising and Events Officer



You Can Help





UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT THE OXTED UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Moor House School & College will be decorating a tree and taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival at The Oxted United Reformed Church this year.

The festival is not only a lovely social occasion but also provides a platform for local charities and organisations to inform the public about the support and services they provide.

The public will be invited to view the sparkly display, shop at the Traidcraft stall and enjoy some refreshments while listening to Christmas carols.

There will also be collecting tins to donate to one of the good causes on show.

The festival will be open to the public at the following times:

Thursday 19th December - 16:00hrs -19:00hrs

Friday 20th December - 16:00hrs -19:00hrs

Saturday 21st December - 16:00hrs -19:00hrs



YEAR 8 TRIP TO KENCH HILL 23rd – 25th March 2020



The school is hoping that all Year 8 students will be able to attend a residential visit to Kench Hill Centre in Tenterden, Kent.

This experience is intended to play an integral part in the Year 8 curriculum of Moor House and acts as a valuable stepping stone in the development of independence.

Students from Moor House have historically had their first opportunity for a residential trip in Year 9, with a full week at Hindleap Warren in the summer term. This two-night residential trip aims to provide Year 8 students with a shorter experience of an over-night stay, thereby bridging the gap from the day trips experienced in Year 7, to the full week in Year 9. This is felt to be particularly valuable to day students.

The Kench Hill trip also aims to provide students with opportunities to explore and appreciate local geography and history, science, and to develop hands-on field work skills in line with changes made to the National Curriculum. It will also provide students with opportunities to develop social and independence skills in line with our Life Skills curriculum.

Kench Hill is a large, historic building set in beautiful grounds that include allotments. They also keep chickens, which students can help to look after. From this picturesque part of the Kent countryside, a number of places of interest can easily be reached for study, including the Kent coast.

<http://www.kenchhill.co.uk/>

YEAR 10 HARDELOT TRIP - 29th June to the 3rd of July

On the 31st of October year 10 students found out they were going to HardeLOT in Northern France for a week from the 29th June to the 3rd of July.

This trip is aimed to provide students with further opportunities around their option subjects.

To celebrate we had croissants and pain au chocolat.

Students found out some of the activities they might be doing including; making cheese at a goat farm, visiting a bakery and sweet shop, a waterpark, snail farm, visiting a bunker and much more!

Students are so excited and couldn't believe the news. They worked out the surprise when Miss Carter began delivering the meeting in French.

The students will be finding out much more information over the course of the next few months but for now are busy thinking about their bedrooms, the food they are going to be trying (including snails!) and some of the language they are going to learn.

We look forward to sharing more information about this trip.

The HardeLOT Centre inspire. educate. immerse.





IT'S A MOOR HOUSE

It's a Knockout Charity Tournament Needs You!

In addition to all the usual fabulous stalls, food and entertainment at our summer fete in 2020, we are adding to the excitement with the introduction of "It's a Moor House Knockout".

Combining a mix of costumes, inflatables, foam and water, you and your team will compete for points across various games. The team with the most points will of course be crowned winner!

The event promises to be loads of fun but we're putting it on for a very serious reason. With every team paying a small registration fee and pledging to raise sponsorship money, we can continue to invest in pioneering teaching and therapy methods to provide the education our students deserve.

However you choose to raise the money, we'll be on hand to help and offer advice, and with bonus points available for the highest fundraising total, you have the chance to get a head start over your competitors before you even start the first race!

Get a team of ten together - colleagues, friends, family, sports teammates - to enjoy a fabulous day of fun, food and frivolity.



This event will only take place subject to numbers so don't delay, get in touch today to request further information and to register your interest.

Simply email fundraising@moorhouseschool.co.uk or call 01883770990.

SAVE THE DATE....



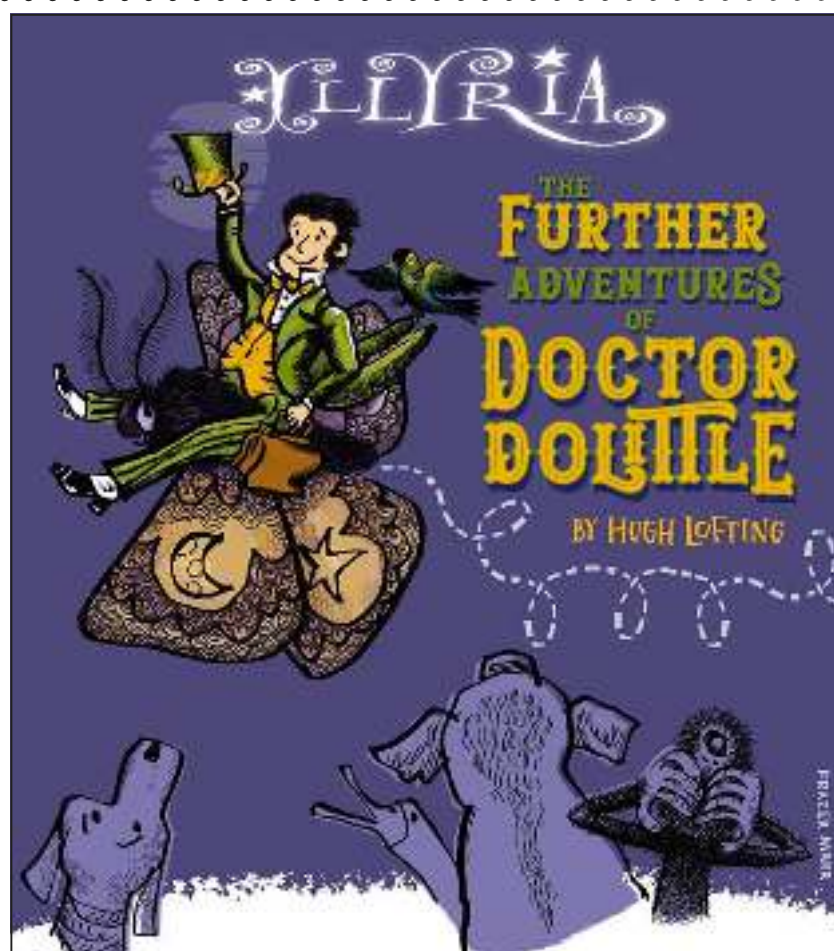
DOCTOR DOLITTLE

Friday 3rd July 2020

Food, fun and the Further Adventures of Doctor Dolittle!

Gates open at 6pm.

Any queries and enquiries fundraising@moorhouseschool.co.uk



Thank you for reading this term's MHS&C Magazine.

If you have any news about your son/daughter which you would like to share with the school community or a fundraising event you would like to tell us about—
Please contact James Skitt on skittj@moorhouseschool.co.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019 - 2020

Note that these dates may change

Date	Event		Action required
JANUARY 2020			
Monday 6 th	SPRING TERM STARTS (all students return from 8.30am)		
Friday 24 th	Parent workshop Relationships and Sex Education		Further information to come out to parents Confirmation of attendance required
FEBRUARY 2020			
Friday 7 th	Interim reports despatched		
Friday 14 th	Progress Day Key Stages 4 and 5	9.00 – 3.30	Further details will be issued nearer the time
HALF TERM 17 th —21 st FEBRUARY 2020			
Monday 24 th	STUDENTS RETURN		
MARCH 2020			
Wednesday 4 th	World Maths day		
Friday 6 th –Sunday 16 th	Science Week – Joint learning session with parents		
Friday 6 th	Progress Day Key Stages 2 and 3	9.00—3.30	Further details will be issued nearer the time
Friday 13 th	Parent lunch Parent workshop - <i>Emotional Resilience and Stress reduction in and outside of school</i>	12.00 - 1.00 1.00 – 2.45	Further info to come out to parents Confirmation of attendance required
Friday 13 th March	Vaccinations - Final School Booster	YEAR 9	
Wednesday 18 th	Swimming Gala (School only)	For info only	
APRIL 2020			
Thursday 2 nd	END OF TERM		
EASTER BREAK 2 nd — 17 th APRIL 2020			
Monday 20 th	SUMMER TERM STARTS		
Friday 24 th April	Vaccinations HPV 2nd Dose - YEAR 8 GIRLS		
MAY 2020			
Friday 1 st	Parent Lunch Parent Workshop— <i>Support Social skills at home</i>	12.00-1.00 1.00 – 2.45	Further info to come out to parents Confirmation of attendance required
Friday 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY		
Friday 15 th	Curriculum, Options & Progression Afternoon	12-2.45	
Saturday 16 th May	SCHOOL FETE	TBC	
Friday 22 nd	Parent Lunch Parent Workshop TBC	12.00 – 13.00 1.00-2.45	Further info to come out to parents Confirmation of attendance required
Friday 22 nd	END OF TERM		
HALF TERM 25-29 MAY			
JUNE 2020			
Monday 1 st	TERM BEGINS		
Wednesday 10 th	Art Exhibition private view TBC	The Art Studio	
Friday 12 th	Parent Lunch Parent Workshop - <i>Literacy – supporting specialist strategies used at Moor House</i>	12.00-1.00 1.00 – 2.45	Further info to come out to parents Confirmation of attendance required
Friday 19 th	Sports Day PSA meeting during lunch in the conference room PSA Family Camp	10am Holland Sports Field Late afternoon	
Wednesday 24 th	Year 11’s Prom		Subject to exam confirmations
Thursday 25 th	Leavers’ Day Moor House School	Year 11 Students leave	Subject to exam confirmations





Date	Event		Action required
JULY 2020			
Wednesday 1st	Transition to Post 16 phone calls (1) Yr 10	10-1pm	H Middleton / M van Niekerk
Wednesday 1st	College Prom		
Thursday 2nd July	Transition to Post 16 phone calls (2) Yr 10	9-1pm	H Middleton/M van Niekerk
Friday 3rd July	College Celebration of Achievements END OF TERM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS		
Friday 3rd	Open Air Theatre - The Further Adventures of Dr Dolittle		
Thursday 9 th	New Admissions Day	10-5pm	
Mon 20 th —Fri 24 th	School Enhancement Week		
Friday 24 th	END OF SUMMER TERM FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS		



Moor House Term Dates **SCHOOL** 2020-2021

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Key

	Academic Day		School Holidays
	Public Holidays		Start of Term
	Insets		End of Term
	Non teaching staff in school		

Key Term Dates

Autumn Term September 3 - December 18 with Half-Term week: 26-30 October
Spring Term January 5 - March 31 with Half-Term week 15-19 February
Summer Term 19 April - 21 July with Half-Term week: 31 May - 4 June

Normal Return to School Times:

At start of a New Term:

MHS Residential: from 8.30am - 10.00am

MHS Day: 8.30am

MHC Residential: 7am - 10am

MHC Day - 8.30am

After half-term weeks:

MHS Residential: Sunday night, from 6pm

MHS Day: Monday Normal time, ready for lessons 8.30am

MHC Residential - Sunday from 6pm

MHC Day - 8.30am

Note: Monday May Bank Holiday

There is **no school** on this day.

All Students to return:

Day & Residential School & College return Tuesday, morning

as at the start of a new term



OTHER EVENTS

Lion Dance' workshop to celebrate Chinese New Year with KS2 and KS3 students - Monday 20th January 2020

The Greatest Showman Charity Ball—Thursday 7th May 2020

Hardelot— Monday 29th June 2020—Friday 3rd July

Support local good causes & WIN UP TO £25,000!

Play Tandridge Together Lottery and support our cause!

- 60% of all tickets sold goes to good causes in the Tandridge district.
- Win prizes of up to £25,000!
- Tickets only cost £1 per week!
- Buy your tickets from our page and we get 50%!
- Anyone in the UK can play!

To start supporting, visit:
www.tandridgelottery.co.uk
and search for: **Moor House**

Support more in Moor House's original color!

TANDRIDGE LOCAL LOTTERY

Moor House School & College have registered as a good cause for the **Tandridge Together Lottery**.

Tandridge Together Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Tandridge district. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit the Tandridge district and its residents.

Play the lottery, support the Tandridge district - it's that simple!

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery! From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in the Tandridge district!

How it works

1



CHOOSE YOUR 6 NUMBERS

Tickets only cost £1 per week

2

£25K

WIN UP TO £25,000!

Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize

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SUPPORT LOCAL CAUSES

60% of the ticket price goes to good causes



Just a quick reminder that there is a very simple, quick and FREE way for you to raise money for Moor House whenever you shop online.

We are a registered charity both with **Give as you Live** and **easyfundraising**.

So how does it work?

- ⇒ Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going directly to the John Lewis website, you first log into either Give As You Live or easyfundraising.
- ⇒ From their website you click through to John Lewis to make your purchase.
- ⇒ After you buy your shoes, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to Moor House and it won't cost you a penny extra.
- ⇒ You can shop for products from thousands of leading online retailers, including the big supermarkets, so even your weekly online grocery shop could raise valuable funds for Moor House.

It's quick, easy and free to sign up.

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup>

<https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=36770>

Both sites have added features such as comparison tools and donation reminder-ers so you never miss a free donation again, along with exclusive offers and deals. Thanks for your support and happy shopping!

130,000 good causes
Over £27 million raised

Over 3,600 shops
1.6 million supporters

Thank you!
for raising with easyfundraising



Give as you Live™





PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION (PSA)

The PSA provides an important link for families and the School / College. During the school year it organises many social and fund-raising events. These provide a great forum for parents to come together, share experiences and make friends. Every class has a PSA 'rep', who helps connect parents and shares information about forthcoming events. There's also a closed Facebook page "Moor House School & College Parent Staff Association".

Please join us, get involved and if you can, volunteer to help deliver some of the events in the summer term. We always need willing helpers! We'd love to hear from you with any ideas and suggestions too!

Moor House School & College Parents Staff Association Facebook page

Don't forget to join our school community on Facebook – it's a great way to stay in touch and keep up with all the events going on throughout the school year. You can find us on Facebook by searching "Moor House School & College Parents Staff Association".

A reminder about class 'Reps'

We have at least one parent contact in each class who has agreed to keep in touch with everyone in their class, sharing information about important school events and help bring everyone together socially. Please do feel free to reach out to your PSA Rep – Some classes have set up WhatsApp groups to make communication easy.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to do this role this academic year. Please see the list below:

7E – Eve Fry and Rehana Sultan Ali, **7T** – Cecilia Williams, Emily Lambourne and Tania Linger, **8CH** – Anita Leeds, **8CR** – Jenny Smith, **9C** – Jennifer Dreischmeier and Camilla Southern, **9F** – Maria Lobb, Cary Pope and Sarah Hart, **10O** – Clara Cervera, **10R** – Julia Irvine, **11F** – Stuart Beattie and Maire Bowers, **11M** – Julie Covill.

CONTACTING THE PSA



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Helen Dean, PSA Secretary and PA (parent)	helenjdean@yahoo.com
Hilary Nicoll, KS3 Speech and Language Therapist	nicollh@moorhouseschool.co.uk
Polly Harrison, Learning Support Team Leader	harrisonp@moorhouseschool.co.uk

If you would like to join the PSA at Moor House School & College we would need your consent to pass your e-mail address and telephone number to a representative of the PSA. As we hold several e-mail addresses and mobile numbers please let us know which ones you wish us send to the PSA.

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Please complete the form below and return to the school office to join the PSA



Name of Student:

Name of Parent / Carer:

E-mail address:

Mobile number:

SIGNED:.....

PRINT NAME:.....DATE.....

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