



# MOON HALL BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and families of Moon Hall School,

Welcome back! I am delighted to share some important updates and news as we begin our new academic year.

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our outgoing Year 11 students for their exceptional exam results. Their diligence and commitment have produced amazing outcomes, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishments. For our students to surpass national pass rates in English and Maths is astounding and testament to their hard work. Moon Hall is very much a school to be proud of and with these results it clearly exemplifies the value added, our school community brings to our student outcomes.

During the summer break, significant improvements were made to our school facilities. Many of our classrooms have been refurbished to provide a fresher learning environment, and we have installed new toilets for both boys and girls. These enhancements are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure a comfortable and modern school setting.

Last week, I attended the debate at the House of Lords on Independent Sector Schools. The debate was focussed on the introduction of VAT on fees. I won't say more on this at the moment, as I believe my previous letter to all parents covers the main points.



I am so delighted with all our students for their smooth and successful return to school. The new girls' uniform has been well-received, and we appreciate the positive feedback. Parents, please ensure that skirts purchased are of an appropriate length and that the adjustable waistbands are utilised for a proper fit. Some skirts are slightly shorter than we would like, because they have been chosen to fit the waist as opposed to the length. However, we chose this style of skirt *because of* the adjustable waists to avoid skirt length being an issue. That said, the new uniform looks super smart and we are delighted to have been able to make improvements based on our pupil feedback.



In our recent assembly, I addressed several important topics:

- **Bullying:** We maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying where every student has the right to feel safe and respected. Kindness is a big thing for me, and there is simply no excuses for being unkind to one another.
- **IT Access:** Our IT systems are monitored and filtered in real-time to ensure a secure online environment. I reminded the students that if they search for something that gets blocked by our systems, the safeguarding team here at school receive an automatic email notifying us of exactly what was typed in. The processes we have in place to keep students safe on line are exceptionally robust particularly now as all students in year 7 to 11 have access to their own personal devices.
- **Respect for Property:** I emphasised the importance of treating school property with the same respect as they would their own home. Our students are generally very respectful of our surroundings and share my aim of respecting what we have, however sometimes complacency, although not deliberate, requires a quick reminder.

Moon Hall was also delighted to find out a couple of weeks ago that we were recognised by Tatler magazine as one of the top schools in the country. This is a huge triumph for our small but wonderful school to feature amongst the top schools in the country.

Kindest wishes


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Moon Hall Schools Educational Trust

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 Head Michelle Catterson  
 Pupils 193 day: 106 boys, 87 girls  
 Ages 7–16 Term Fees Day: £9,144  
 Truly extraordinary things are afoot behind the doors of this red-brick gothic edifice in Surrey, a specialist centre where every pupil has a dyslexia diagnosis and the houses are named after such famous dyslexics as Lewis Hamilton and Keira Knightley. Which is why its children will travel daily up to 90 minutes each way to attend. Many have been let down by their previous experiences of education but go on to flourish with the support they receive here. (One who joined in Year 7, unable to read, went on to university.) And for that, much credit is due to head Michelle Catterson, who is also the chair of the British Dyslexia Association. The school also has its own means-testing assessment centre and pharmacy – open to all, not just Moon Hall families – and hosts free SENCo workshops.



# CONGRATULATIONS

Moon Hall is celebrating its best ever GCSE results - congratulations to all our year 11's who left in the summer, we wish them all the best in their new ventures.



## GCSE results

**77% OVERALL PASS RATE WITH PUPILS ACHIEVING GRADES 9 - 4**  
(NATIONAL PASS RATE APPROX. 68%)

**75% OF PUPILS RECEIVED 5+ GRADES 9 - 4**  
(NATIONAL PASS RATE APPROX. 65%)

**65% OF PUPILS RECEIVED 5+ GRADES 9 - 4 INCLUDING MATHS & ENGLISH**  
(NATIONAL PASS RATE APPROX. 60%)

**74% PASS RATE FOR ENGLISH**  
(NATIONAL PASS RATE 2023 WAS 64%)

**70% PASS RATE FOR MATHS**  
(NATIONAL PASS RATE FOR 2023 WAS 61%)

**BEST EVER RESULTS FOR BOTH MATHS IGCSE AND BIOLOGY GCSE!**

## BETTY THE THERAPY DOG!

School is back in full swing. It has been lovely to see how excited the students were to see Betty greet them all back after the summer holidays.



## NSEA SHOW JUMPING AT FELBRIDGE

One of our parents, Mrs Nourse is putting a Moon Hall show jumping team together for the NSEA grass roots competition at Felbridge on 28th September. If your child would be interested in joining the team please contact Mrs Nourse on 07985243224 or via her email [charlotte.nourse@nationwidefm.com](mailto:charlotte.nourse@nationwidefm.com).

For further information please click the link - <https://www.nsea.org.uk/competitions/dressage-q-and-grass-roots-sj-felbridge/>



# NEW PUPILS



A huge welcome to our 28 new starters from year 3 to year 7!



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

During the summer holidays Bella in Year 11 and Eden Ace came 1st and won the Sussex Cup Championship. Well done Bella what an achievement.

# RUN REIGATE 2024

I am proud to be gearing up for the Reigate Run! Over the past year, I've been on an incredible journey of health and fitness transformation. Now, I'm preparing to challenge myself to beat my personal best in the 5K, aiming to finish in under 42 minutes (current record: 43min 32sec)!



But this isn't just about setting records - it's about giving back. Stripecy Stork, a charity that recently visited our Moon Hall School, has inspired me with their mission to support local families in Surrey. They collect donations of clothes, toys, and essential items for babies and children, then rehome them with families experiencing hardship. Their dedication ensures that every child has access to the essentials they need to thrive.

On 22nd September, I'll be running the Reigate Run to raise funds for Stripecy Stork. Your support would mean a lot, but there's absolutely no pressure to contribute. Whether you can give financially or simply share this post to spread awareness, every bit helps! Let's come together and show our Moon Hall spirit! - <https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/supportstripeystork>  
[localgiving.org/fundraising/hakan-besim](https://www.localgiving.org/fundraising/hakan-besim)

I'm excited to share that I'm running in the Run Reigate 2024 event to support The Lucy Rayner Foundation, which is dedicated to improving mental health awareness and support, especially for children and young adults. Your donation, no matter how small, will make a personal impact in helping those in need and promoting resilience in our community.



If you're able, please consider clicking the link below to donate or share it with others who might want to help—thank you so much for your support! - <https://gofund.me/452f7962> Many thanks - David Curran

# JUNIORS TEAM BUILDING SESSION

Last Friday the juniors had their first team building session with Mr Marlow and Mr Innes, which was a great success.

With archery being prevalent in the Olympics during the summer and Paralympics in the last couple of weeks what better way to start a new term. Mr Innes will be working alongside Mr Marlow on Fridays, or covering when he is not available meaning children will have more sessions.



Mr Innes is a superb Hockey coach who even coaches at national league East Grinstead and he has also been working with Mr Marlow at Big School Camp and Woods for Learning.



**APD Forum**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**2.30-4PM AT MOON HALL**

**FOR PEOPLE SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDERS (APD)**

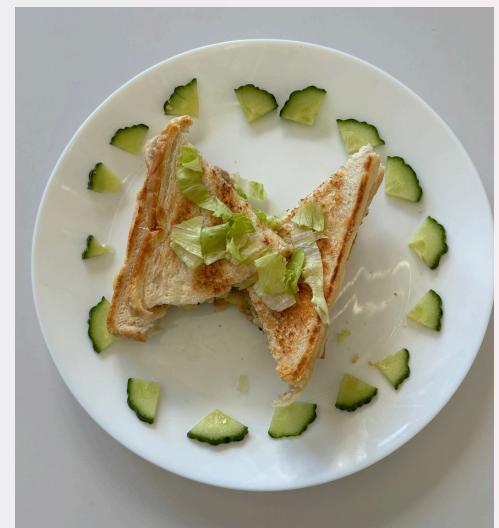
Build Awareness    Share Learnings    Practical Solutions    Emotional Support

On Tuesday 24th September there will be a session on APD supported by staff from Moon Hall who work in the SEN department. This session will run for an hour from 2.30-3.30pm in the dining room. If you would like to attend please click on link and complete the form - <https://forms.office.com/e/c3PWLh9vAN>

# THE DIRTY CAFE

This is the first full week of the new BTEC Home Cooking Skills for our year 10's. The students were faced with a "Grime Scene" where they had to log all the food hygiene and health and safety rules that were broken by Mrs Collins. The students all agreed that they would never want to visit her cafe!

The following lesson students had to make their own sandwich using a large selection of ingredients focusing on nutrition, inventiveness and presentation. Feedback was given to each student and then they enjoyed sharing their creations!





# ASSEMBLY

Today we had an assembly on Online Safety with Mr Besim. Please click on the links to see the powerpoints that were shared with the pupils

[ESafety-Staying Safe](#)

[Moon Hall Stay Safe 10 Commandments](#)



# PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening dates have been arranged for all year groups - please see timetable below. Please note that the sessions run from 17:00 and ends at 19:30. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Year Group(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parents Evening	2 <sup>nd</sup> Parents Evening
Years 3 - 6	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 7	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 8	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 9	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 10	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Year 11	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February

# FRIENDS OF MOON HALL

Everyone is invited to

# FOMH

## AGM

Wednesday November 28th

Moon Hall 9-10am

Mrs Catterson will be giving a brief  
update and refreshments will be  
available.



**LEARN HOW TO CODE!**

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT  
PRESENT

*Coding Club*

 **LEARN HOW  
TO CODE GAMES  
WITH G-DEVELOP!** 

**JOIN  
NOW**

Join us every Wednesday at lunch to dive  
into the exciting world of game development!

**JOIN  
NOW**

 **When: 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (Starts 18/09/24)**

 **Day: Every Wednesday**

 **Where: ICTA Classroom – See Mr. Besim for more  
information. Email: [besimh@moonhall.co.uk](mailto:besimh@moonhall.co.uk)**

**DISCOVER HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN GAMES USING  
GDEVELOP, A FUN AND EASY GAME DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!  
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED—**

**DESIGNED FOR YEAR 8 & 9 ONLY**

**LET'S MAKE SOMETHING AWESOME TOGETHER!  
DON'T MISS OUT—COME AND START CREATING YOUR VERY  
OWN GAME THIS WEEK!"**

**G-Developer**

**<https://gdevelop.io/>**

📣 Calling all creative minds in Years 7-9! 📣

*Join Our Exclusive*

# FILM CLUB 2024



Do you love acting, directing  
or experimenting with lighting and editing?

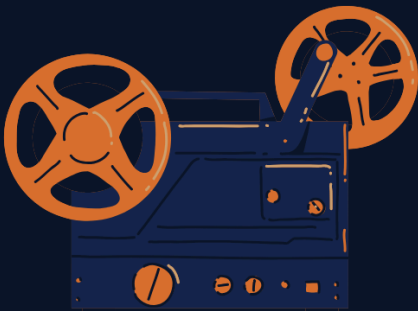
This is your chance to be part of an exciting project where we'll create  
"A Christmas Tale", inspired by the classic A Christmas Carol!



📅 When? Every Thursday from 4.15pm - 5:15pm

📍 Where? ICTA

🎬 What? An opportunity to bring a timeless Christmas story to  
life through film, with roles for actors, videographers, directors,  
Editing and more!



*Join Now!*



To Join Via the Form to Click on the link 🖱️

If your child would like to join Film Club (years 7-9) please click on  
the link - <https://forms.office.com/e/yrrw1chSUM>

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Tuesday 17th September

Year 11 Geography Trip to Brighton

## Thursday 19th September

Individual Pupil Photographs

## Friday 20th September

Youth Mental Health Week - Assembly

### Lunchtime Clubs

Day	Staff	Club	Venue
Monday	Mrs Collins	Origami	F14
	Mrs McLeish	Structured Games	J2
	Miss Bunyan	Senior Girls' Football	Gym
Tuesday	Mr King	Football Club	Front Field
	Mrs Sandrin	Audible & Colouring	J2
Wednesday	Miss Hoad	Board Games & Lego Club	J2
Thursday	Mr King	Football Club	Front Field
	Mrs McLeish	Arts & Crafts	J2
	Miss Hoad	LGBTQ+ (twice per half term)	TBD
Friday	Mrs Wicking	Sticker Club	J2

### Form Time Clubs

Day	Staff	Club	Venue
Monday	Mrs Jago-Freeman	BTEC Rehearsals	PA Studio
Tuesday	Mrs Jago-Freeman	Junior Choir	PA Studio
Wednesday	Mrs Jago-Freeman	Senior Choir	PA Studio
Thursday	Mrs Jago-Freeman	Addams Family Rehearsals	Gym
Friday	-	-	-

## Useful Links

### Website

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