



The Moorbrook MIP Christmas Newsletter

Mrs Thompson's termly review

This term has been a wonderfully busy one for our pupils. It has been a joy to watch our new starters settle in so confidently; they have brought great energy to the MIP provisions, and our staff have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know and teaching them.

Across their academic provisions and alternative placements, pupils have shown real effort and resilience. You will have received their progress reports, and we would like to remind everyone that progress is not always captured in grades. This term, one pupil has learnt to groom horses, another has found the confidence to begin learning a completely new subject, several pupils have strengthened their social skills and made new friendships, and others have walked further than ever during their MIP sessions. Some have bravely handled new foods in Food Technology, stepped into the gym for sports/ fitness training for the first time, or attended educational sessions even when it felt challenging. These achievements may not appear on a report sheet, but they are significant milestones that truly matter. MIP is so much more than exams and academic results.

Our Year 11 pupils are working incredibly hard as they prepare for their GCSEs and begin to consider their next steps. This stage of the school journey brings mixed emotions—some are eager to move on, while others would happily stay longer. We encourage them all to make the most of their remaining time with us. Across this newsletter, you will see a wonderful range of their achievements and experiences.

As many of you know, Christmas is my favourite time of year, and I am looking forward to spending it with my family. The Autumn Term is always the longest, and as we come to the end of it, both pupils and staff are ready for a well-earned rest.

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It makes such a difference, and we are truly grateful.

Enjoy the holiday, stay safe, and take time to rest and recharge for another term filled with hard work, growth, and fun.

Merry Christmas,

Mrs Thompson



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Birthdays!

With a new term on the horizon, it's time for more birthdays to be celebrated!

Happy birthday to the following pupils!

Leighton

Monty

Nasim

Joseph M

Joseph S

Lacey

**Happy
Birthday**



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Keyworker Updates

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, we are proud to celebrate the fantastic progress and positive achievements of our students. Each young person has shown determination, growth, and a commitment to building strong relationships both in school and within the wider community.

Finnley B has received fantastic positive feedback from the Hub, where he has continued to build strong and respectful relationships with staff and the community. His efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are delighted with the progress he has made.

Alfie O has demonstrated a massive turnaround this term. His excellent attendance and improved engagement at the Hub show just how much hard work he has put in. Well done, Alfie!

Leon E enjoyed a successful college visit and has settled well into his new provision. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for this next step have been great to see.

Alfie WB has made a strong start in the Hub, settling well and beginning to form positive relationships with staff. His confidence and engagement continue to grow each week.

Adam A has taken real positive steps in engaging with staff and has even begun coming out into the community to develop his social skills. This is a brilliant achievement, and we are incredibly proud of his progress.

Ruby T has shown maturity throughout the term, consistently engaging well in her education. Her commitment to learning sets a fantastic example to others.

Cherry continues to work hard in her education and clearly enjoys her time in the community. She has built positive relationships and always approaches activities with a positive attitude.

We are proud of every student for their achievements this term and look forward to seeing their continued success after the break. Well done, everyone! Hope all have a fantastic Christmas break and a happy new year to you all!

- Charlotte





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New Beginnings



A Merry Christmas from New Beginnings



This autumn term has been a successful one for New Beginnings – Access to Education. We have welcomed new students and staff into our community, and it has been wonderful to see everyone settling in so well. We have maintained a positive atmosphere and steady progress which has made this a really encouraging start to the academic year.

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to our students Mac, Zeke, Jonni, Theo and Evie for the fantastic effort they have put into their ELC Maths papers this term. Each of them has shown real determination, commitment, and resilience as they've tackled these examinations. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the progress they continue to make.



This term, our students have also taken part in some festive activities. They have been creating Christmas paper chains, incorporating elements of practical engineering as students worked on structure, precision, and pattern design. Alongside this, students have enjoyed making Rice Krispie Christmas pudding treats, applying teamwork and following methodical steps to produce their finished creations. These activities have provided a relaxed but purposeful way to round off a busy and productive term.



As we look ahead to the new year, we are preparing our KS4 students for their upcoming exams while continuing to support their personal growth, wellbeing, and readiness for the next steps in their education. It is a privilege to help them develop not only academically but as confident, kind and capable young people.



Finally, everyone at New Beginnings would like to wish all our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, enjoyable holiday period. We hope you have a well-deserved break, and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the new year!





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Family support

Spreading Kindness This Winter at the Foxton Centre

This week, we received a wonderfully warm welcome at the Foxton Centre as we proudly delivered 18 bags of generous winter clothing donations. These kind contributions were collected to help restore faith in the true spirit of Christmas and in human kindness. The donated items will now be distributed to those living on the streets and to individuals and families most in need during these cold winter months. Each bag represents warmth, dignity, and care — and will truly make a meaningful difference to the lives of others at a time when support is needed most. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who took the time to donate. Your generosity and compassion have helped to bring comfort, hope, and reassurance to those who may be facing extremely difficult circumstances. Acts of kindness like these remind us all of the power of community and the importance of looking out for one another. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed — your kindness will not be forgotten.



Knife Crime Awareness visit to Preston North End

Earlier this term, myself and the MIP team took nine pupils to a knife crime awareness awards event held at Preston North End Football Club. The day was both educational and deeply impactful for everyone involved. During the event, pupils learned about how to stay safe, how to avoid knife crime, and the devastating effects it can have on individuals, families, and entire communities. They were also taught the seriousness of the law surrounding knife crime — including that anyone over the age of 10 is considered legally responsible, and that knowing someone is carrying a knife and failing to report it can result in being charged with a crime by association. The hosts at Preston North End also provided a guided tour of the football ground and changing rooms, which was a fantastic experience for the pupils. Later, they listened to a powerful and emotional talk from Bryon, who shared the tragic story of how his brother lost his life as a result of knife crime in Preston. His message had a lasting impact on everyone in the room.

After lunch (pizza and chips), pupils took part in a hands-on first aid session using life-size mannequins. They learned how to respond to serious bleeding and how to give potentially life-saving support in an emergency. Although we hope none of our pupils ever have to face such situations, the key message was made very clear: If you are ever at risk — run, get to safety, and tell the police or a responsible adult immediately. If someone is bleeding, apply firm pressure to stop the bleed and never remove a knife from a wound.



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Emergency numbers:

Emergency telephone numbers for the break;

General support

Citizen's Advice – offers a range of support for benefits, work, debt and money, consumer, housing, family, law and courts and health. National help line: 03444 111 444.

Services can also be accessed online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Health and wellbeing

Samaritans – for any one suffering with their mental health. Call for free -116 123 / Email – jo@samaritans.org

Child line – help and support for a wide range of issues including depression anxiety, or generally feeling overwhelmed. Phone - 0800 1111. There are also online counselling forums, message boards simply visit childline.org.uk

Northwest Children's Social Care contact details

Lancashire - 0300 123 6720 / Emergency Duty Team: 0300 123 6722

Domestic abuse/ violence

SAFENET - 0300 3033 581 or email contact@safenet.org.uk

Preston Domestic violence services – 01772 201601

Drugs and alcohol support

Inspire – inspirenorthlancs.org.uk - self-referral form online.

Police

Non-emergency number – 101

Food Banks

Luv Preston – Phone: 01772 298107 / Email: contact@luvpreston.com

Noor food bank– referral form is required. Can be done online @ www.noorfoodbank.co.uk

The Salvation Army – Tuesdays 10 – 2.30pm drop in and distribution of food parcels.

Citizens advice Skelmersdale – Go to the office for a voucher.

St Mary's Church, Leyland – Mon- Fri 10am until 12pm

Citizens advice Chorley – Go to the office for a voucher.

Useful Links

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

Here is some support/advice for making Christmas easier for young people with ASD:

[Tips \(autism.org.uk\)](http://Tips (autism.org.uk))

IF AT ANY POINT YOU BELIEVE A CHILD TO BE AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM OR THERE IS A RISK TO YOUR SAFETY PHONE 999
IF A CHILD IS AT RISK OF HARM OR HAS BEEN HARMED PHONE CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – ANYONE CAN DO THIS.