



The Moorbrook Newsletter

October Half Term

Mrs Thompson's half term review

Wow that half term has gone fast. It has been lovely to see the new Y7 pupils settling in amazingly well and are working hard. The other year groups have also returned to school and are working very hard too. School has grown this September with us now having nearly 90 pupils; we feel proud that each pupil is receiving an individual approach; and each and every pupil is making progress. Everyone's progress should and does look different, we are all individuals and progress for one person is not the same as another. To meet the growing needs of our pupils we have taken on numerous new staff; they have all settled in really well and we are pleased they choose to join our team. I am immensely proud of our team, their daily dedication and how they embrace professional development to ensure we can meet pupil needs.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and enjoy reading all about the pupils achievements over the last 8 weeks. I currently have 8 pieces of work on the Headteachers commendation board for outstanding work, it's more than we normally have at this time of year, I am very proud of the work the pupils are undertaking. Currently it's all from main school, I am hoping the MIP team nominate some good work soon.

Over summer, some building work has taken place with some more still to come. The new Y7 classrooms with breakout spaces, quiet works room and outdoor space are fabulous. I'd like to thank the staff for ensuring they were ready for the pupils return as the builders were literally finishing off at 5pm the night before. In addition, the cleaning team and TA who stayed till gone 7pm the night before we opened to ensure school was clean for the pupils also need a big shout out. We now have a dedicated Thrive classroom, which has a very relaxing vibe and the pupil really appreciate. Intervention relocated and has a much better space to spread out their resources. The library is now cozy and dedicated to enjoyment of reading following a relocation. We have a dedicated music room, no more moving the instruments from classroom to classroom each time we have a lesson or band practice. The life skills classroom is developing and the outdoor wooden cabin for outdoor break out is nearly finished. Over the next half term we will have the sensory room fitted, a number of fitness trails and climbing equipment fitted outside and a bouldering wall built in the school hall. The new carpark is awaiting the final planning permission and work is likely to start before the New Year. It is lovely to be able to report to parents about improvements to our building. We will have an open afternoon to show off once we have better parking facilities.

Some of the highlights for me this term have been how caring pupils are towards each other and staff; the smiles we see on pupils who may not have always enjoyed coming to school; the podcasting/ media studies group interviewing me for the website, the videos will be on soon, get your popcorn ready.

Next half term is a long one but it will finish with our Christmas assembly; I am just giving advanced notice that our Christmas assembly is on Friday 19th December at 11:30am. I am hopeful we will have a performance from the school band and also I have had a request for a staff/pupil choir this year too. I am not yet sure if we will be having a Christmas play, previous performances will be hard to top. We will let you know nearer the time once the final line up is confirmed.

Enjoy reading the newsletter, enjoy the half term holiday and please contact us if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Mrs. Thompson



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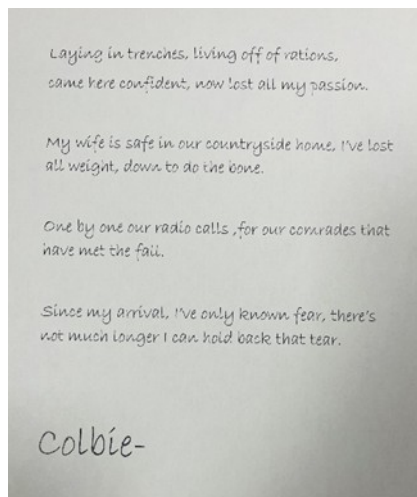
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Subject Recap - English

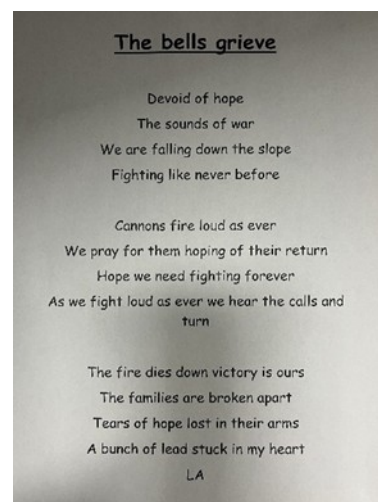
What a fabulous start back we have had in English!

This half term, Year 8b have been learning about poetry- exploring the many different types of poems and themes and writing lots of their own.

Year 9 have been looking at World War 1 poetry. The language and emotive techniques used by the poets of this time. I have been so excited reading the war poems they have created independently that I had to share a couple with you all, although it was extremely difficult not to share them all!



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Year 10 have been focusing on fiction writing at GCSE, learning about the different aspects of story writing including character development, the show don't tell technique and the art of description.

Year 11 have worked so hard this half term looking at Paper 1 of the English language GCSE. We have studied the different questions and assessment objectives and had a go at completing different parts of the paper. This has required them to really focus and extend their skills of evaluating language use and devices as well as their own creative writing skills.



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Subject Recap - Maths

It has been a very busy, positive and settled start to the year in maths, with lots of learning taking place. The boys are showing great enthusiasm and a hard work ethic towards their maths lessons.

Year 8B have transitioned very smoothly from their year 7 nurture setting into maths with me. They have been nothing short of fantastic and are a pleasure to teach.

Year 9, 10 and 11 have started really well, getting through lots of learning and progressing nicely.

Enjoy the half term, don't eat too many sweets!!

Mr Barnes

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Subject Recap - Science

Year 7A and 7B

Year 7 have been learning all about living things and their habitats. We went on a walk to the local park to see how many living things we could find — and 7B broke the Moorbrook record for spotting the most! We also carried out a survey to look at the positive and negative influences on living things, whether they're human-made or natural.

Year 8A

8A have been learning about materials and putting their knowledge to the test by designing and building their very own soapbox cars. Great teamwork and creativity all round!

Year 8B

8B have been continuing their Key Stage 3 learning on life support, discovering how our bodies work through topics like respiration, the heart, and the lungs.

Year 9

Year 9 have been busy completing their Entry Level Certificate coursework. Most of the work is now finished, and they're moving on to prepare for their three big assessments in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Keep up the great effort!

Year 10

Year 10 have been making excellent progress in GCSE Biology and are already up to Topic 4: Bioenergetics. In Science, year 10 have been working on the topic 'Natural disasters' and are exploring all hazards and disasters around the world and how they occur. They have experimented making chemical reactions to form a volcano, and will continue on into the next term with such disasters as Tornadoes, Earthquakes, Avalanches and so on.

Year 11

Year 11 are continuing their GCSE Biology journey, working hard to get ready for their upcoming exams. We have been learning all about space, exploring our solar system and discovering the amazing science behind planets, stars, and galaxies.





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Subject Recap - Computing



Computing

A great start back to the new school year and our subject of Computing.

Our new year 7 pupils have worked really hard in computing, they have been learning how to access the desktop computers, how to use word processing and PowerPoint software. They have created their own presentations with animations and transitions which has been great to watch.

Year 8's have been learning all about How computers work and have had the opportunity to dismantle some old computers—labelling all the parts and then evidencing their practical knowledge with a presentation of all the parts and what they do inside the base unit. They have also taken part in Digital photography and used iPad's for effects—great work by all.



Year 9 pupils have also enjoyed this half term and had opportunities to examine base units and spent time investigating what parts of the computer completes what role for it to work.



Year 10 and Year 11 are now beginning their qualifications for Entry Level 3 in Essential Digital Skills and they have been amazing at the discussions in the classroom as well as evidencing their learning.

I would just like to say well done to all our pupils for this half terms learning in Computing, it has been second to none and I would like to say I hope you have a restful half term after much enthusiasm and motivation that has been shown.

Well Done.

Mrs T Pennington—Hurst





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Subject Recap - Outdoor Education

Its been a good start to the year on Outdoor Ed, where we have visited some great locations of natural beauty, bodies of water and historical sites. These visits have included; Brockholes, Darwen tower, Silverdale, Heysham beach and Beacon fell. We will be finishing off this half term with a visit to the butterfly house and mini zoo at Williamson park, which is always an interesting and enjoyable day.

As we look forward to next half term we will be doing some climbing and museum visits as well as visiting more places of out in the wild!





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Catch up with Year 8a

8A have had a brilliant start to the half term. In Topic, we've been learning about the Titanic and creating some fantastic work. Everyone's been working hard in Maths and English too. Our daily Wordle challenge gets us thinking each morning, and bingo has become a weekly favourite.



We've started turning our classroom garden into a calm, creative space—complete with a bug hotel! We also enjoyed a great trip to the museum to see the Wallace and Gromit exhibition and some original film models.

Matthew has been improving his handwriting, and Layton has written lots of imaginative stories. They both had a lovely visit to Moor Park and practiced their social skills in the shop.

Well done boys! - Miss Thorpe





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Catch up with Year 7a & 7b

A busy half term for year 7b! Finding their feet and settling into Moorbrook but they have thrown themselves into it and have started to embrace high school. We've been working through a variety of maths topics, finding out what we've remembered from primary school. In English we've been reading Danny Champion of the World and also written a short story based on an invasion by an alien. History has been discovering about the Vikings, what they did, where they came from and how they lived. In amongst all this we've discovered a love for Uno and Hangman. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have snuck in a little work around Ghosts and Ghouls and the origin of Halloween.

A great start to year 7 and I'm sure everyone is ready for a little breather.

Mr Simpson and the year 7b team.

Year 7a have settled into Moorbrook life so well this half term! Our learning topic has been focused around The Vikings, and we have created our own Viking Gods, modelled broaches with clay and learnt about their way of living. In English we have been reading Viking Boy by Tony Bradman, and used film clips from How to Train Your Dragon to generate some creative writing! On outdoor education we have visited many places and during Thrive we have been getting to know each other! We have had a great first half term and I'm looking forward to many more.

Mrs Baron and the year 7a team.



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KS4 afternoon choices



Podcasting with Mrs Sheridan - The students have learnt the structure of a podcast episode, interviewed students and the headteacher in preparation for our very own school podcast. A vote for the school podcast name is yet to be revealed, so watch this space.

Peer Mentoring has really taken off this year with the KS4 students attending lessons both on and offsite to support KS3. Most lessons have taken place offsite in a PE setting, with the older students adapting their game to allow the KS3 students to thrive and modelling mature and positive behavior.



Subject Recap - PE

It's been a successful term in PE with both key stages being enthusiastic and diving in to new and recognised sports! KS3 have spent half of the term building their cricket skills, showing some excellent techniques of throwing, fielding, catching and batting, with batting of course being the favorite!



The second half of term KS3 and KS4 have worked on football, with KS3 working on techniques and skills, improving their way of play and crafting the basics of football! The KS4 PE option have really impressed staff with their sport coaching this term, with the boys planning their own sessions and running them. The sessions have been highly engaging and successful mainly focusing on goalkeeping and shooting!



We look forward to you coming back and introducing more sports!



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Subject Recap - PGW & Work Skills

PGW

We've had a brilliant start to PGW this year, with all year groups discussing healthy and unhealthy relationships. This has brought about some brilliant conversations and discussions in class. We are looking at moving on to further discussions around relationships, with Year 9 looking into intimacy, Year 10 discussing extremism and radicalisation, and Year 11 looking at differing family dynamics.

Work Skills

Years 9 and 10 have been looking at personal skills and qualities, and how these best suit us to particular careers when considering our futures. This led to Year 10 completing several mock interviews, whilst focusing on what makes a great candidate and interviewee. Year 11 have been firming their post-16 options, with all pupils discussing their ideal destinations and exit routes once they leave us here at Moorbrook. I have included the open evening events and dates for all to look at.

Please see over the next two pages.

Well done boys, great start and see you soon!

Mr Fitzpatrick.

College	Courses Offered	Dates	Times
 Accrington & Rossendale College (ACROSS)	Apprenticeships Steps to Success (SEND) Technical Qualifications T-Levels	30 th September 2025 22 nd October 2025	5.30-7.30pm
 Blackburn College	Apprenticeships A-Levels Technical Qualifications	24 th September 2025 2 nd October 2025 4 th February 2026 24 th April 2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
		16 th November 2025	10am-1pm
 Blackpool & Fylde College	Apprenticeships Technical Qualifications T-Levels	8 th October 2025 4 th March 2026	4.30pm-7pm
		8 th November 2025 13 th June 2026	10.30am-2pm
 Blackpool 6 th Form	A-Levels Technical Qualifications T-Levels	15 th October 2025 22 nd January 2026	5.30pm-8pm



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 Burnley College	Apprenticeships A-Levels Technical Qualifications T-Levels	17 th September 2025	5.30pm-8pm
 Cardinal Newman College	A-Levels Foundation Learning (SEND) Technical Qualifications T-Levels	11 th October 2025 15 th November 2025 7 th February 2026	10am – 1pm
 Myerscough College	Apprenticeships Foundation Learning (SEND) Technical Qualifications	4 th October 2025 15 th November 2025	10am-2.30pm
 Nelson & Colne College	Apprenticeships A-Levels Technical Qualifications T-Levels	20 th September 2025 (A-Levels)	10am-2pm
		15 th October 2025 11 th November 2025	5.30-7.30pm
 Preston College	Apprenticeships Technical Qualifications T-Levels	1 st October 2025	4-7pm
		8 th November 2025	10am-2pm (1-2pm neurodiverse applicant experience)
 Runshaw College	Apprenticeships A-Levels Technical Qualifications T-Levels	15 th November 2025	10am – 2pm
 West Lancashire College	Apprenticeships Technical Qualifications T-Levels	13 th October 2025 20 th November 2025	4.30pm – 7pm



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Birthdays!

Birthday shout outs!

Happy birthday to the below pupils who celebrate their birthday in the summer holidays!

Harley

Jack (8b)

Jaxon

William





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Enjoy the break!

Happy half term!

Enjoy your autumn refresh and we look forward to seeing you on Monday the 3rd of November!



Emergency telephone numbers for the break on the next page.



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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.

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.