



Moat House Messenger

Newsletter 1

A message from the Headteacher...

Welcome to the first Moat House Newsletter. Many of you reading this will already be part of our community: students, parents, governors and health professionals. Many of you will already know first hand what a unique and special place Moat House is. I feel very privileged to be the Headteacher of such a special unit which supports pregnant teenagers, teen mothers and their babies through what can be both an exciting and yet challenging time in their lives.



parenthood. We hope that when they leave Moat House, they are well prepared for life at college or the workplace, as well as being responsible and loving parents to their children. We are very proud of the achievements of all our pupils.

Our nursery for young babies from the age of four weeks, is on-site and means that mums are able to attend school, safe in the knowledge that their babies are nearby with the best possible care. The Moat House nursery is registered with Ofsted as an early years provider and is recognised as an Outstanding nursery.

The support offered by all staff at Moat House, and the agencies with which we work, is second to none. Every member of staff works closely with parents and carers of students and their babies to achieve the very best possible outcomes for both. Moat House

has been recognised by Ofsted as an Outstanding School.

Our aims are to ensure that young mothers are able to continue their education, encouraging and supporting them to achieve their best as well as supporting them into

If you are pregnant or a mum between 14-19yrs old please contact us here at Moat House to discuss ways in which we may be able to help support you to access learning.

World Book Day



World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading.

This is the 20th year there's been a World Book Day, and on 2nd March 2017 staff and students at Moat House came together to celebrate the event with a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party." Events were organised throughout the morning to mark the day and included quizzes, crafts and, of course, fancy dress.

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 July

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 29 May to Friday 02 June

- **GCSE Exams** 4th May-27th June
- **Teddies Bears Picnic** 24th May
- **Blackpool Zoo Trip** - 29th June
- **INSET day** - 30th June
- **MIND -Fun Day** 5th July pm.

AQA Unlocking Potential

Two students from Moat House have been taking part in a life-changing mentoring scheme with a world-class athlete mentor, former inline skating champion, Jenna Downing.

Moat House is one of 28 on this year's programme, selected from 100 applicants. AQA Unlocking Potential



provides mentoring for young people aged 14-19 who have faced personal

challenges. Students are paired with specially trained mentors who have competed at world-class sporting events - including the Olympics and Paralympics - and have overcome their own significant personal challenges.

Jenna has provided personal mentoring for the students over eight months, to help unlock hidden attitudes and skills. Jenna is also helping the students to deliver a community project. Students have selected a "Fun Day" to raise awareness of and funds for the charity MIND.

Students have also been invited to attend an awards ceremony in London in July.

'Birth' at the Royal Exchange



"Birth" was an international theatre festival developed by the Royal Exchange Theatre and the Oglesby Charitable Trust to provoke debate and question one of the key issues of our time: The vast inequality in healthcare across the world.

Students from Moat House were asked to contribute to the festival and produced an installation

which was exhibited in the Royal Exchange Theatre.

The event, held in October 2016, was headlined by 7 commissioned plays from 7 leading female playwrights from across the globe. Staff and students visited the festival and were lucky enough to be invited into one of the rehearsals for a play.



Nursery Update

As well as our usual "Prep for Baby" and Parenting courses, we have been busy attending sessions at the Musical Garden.

This term we are returning to the swimming pool to Puddle Ducks!



First Aid



Millie's Trust recently attended Moat House to deliver a course on paediatric First Aid.

Students were instructed in basic emergency First Aid. This These interactive, confidence-building session was offered to all students, and provided plenty of opportunity to practise techniques and ask questions.

Anybody wishing to find out more about Millie's Trust and how they can support this charity should visit: <http://www.milliestrust.com/>

New Arrivals

We would like to warmly welcome...

Edward, Macie, Cee-Jay & Isaac

to the Moat House family

