

Angela Rayner



In May, Moat House welcomed the Shadow Secretary of State for Education and elected MP for Ashton-under-lyne, Angela Rayner.

Angela, who is from Stockport, became pregnant at 16. She shared with the students at Moat House her own story and explained how she overcame many of the challenges which young parents face. Angela who became a Grandma at 37, explained to the students how being a young mum motivated her to aspire to work hard and become an MP in order to represent other people who need support and a voice.

As well as talking about being a mum, Angela talked in general about the House of Commons and competing in male dominated professions.

Later Angela tweeted: "Huge thanks for the warm welcome at Moat House school in Stockport. The school has a Pupil Referral Unit for pregnant Teens, Teen mums and their babies. There is an on-site nursery, both the unit and the nursery were judged to be "Outstanding" by Ofsted. Head Lucy Cooney and her team are doing great work."

Results Day

Thursday August 23rd is GCSE results Day.

School will be open from 9.30 am.

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

Tel: 0161 429 9015 ask for Sarah

Facing Your Fears!

At the start of the exam season, students were treated to a workshop to help them Face their Fears.

Katie, who works in partnership with Stockport MIND, brought into school two adult tarantulas and used these to help her give her talk about how to control anxiety. There were a few brave students and staff who plucked up the courage to face their fears and handled the spiders.

During the Summer Term Katie returned to school and

delivered several sessions to students about how she was able to cope in stressful situations and ways that energy could be used positively to promote good mental well being.



Wellbeing

One of our focuses this year at Moat House has been evaluating, improving and promoting all the work which we do around Wellbeing—for example Lifeskills sessions, puddle ducks (baby swimming), cookery, MIND sessions..... For our staff training session during Summer Term, staff stepped out of their comfort zone and tried something new.—including learning a little bit of Spanish and trying out the skill of crocheting.

Thank you Mikel and Julie for showing us how to do it properly!

Moat House Remembered

Our beautiful Building dates back to 1928 and was originally the house– craft department of Belmont Secondary Modern School. Earlier this year, it was lovely to meet a former student of Belmont, Stella Greenfield (nee Bell) was on a visit to Stockport from her home which is now in New Zealand. Stella met an old school friend, Mr. Frank Seymour who was in her class and together they were invited to take a tour of the School.

Stella remembered at the time she attended the school 1956 to 1960, that the house-craft section was a girls only lesson which lasted all week where they learned cooking, washing and ironing and other housekeeping skills. The boys would do metalwork and woodwork in a different building. One of the rooms she remembered well was what is now part of the nursery she said it used to be used as a medical room where children were checked over and had various injections to keep them healthy.

She thoroughly enjoyed her visit and said it brought back many happy times she had spent there.



Next Year is our 40th Anniversary—if you are a former student and wish to find out more about our celebration events please contact the Headteacher, Lucy Cooney.