



Moreton Hall



# #More *Opportunities*

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME





# THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME AT MORETON HALL

Moreton Hall offers an extraordinarily broad co-curricular programme, which plays a key part in the life of the school. A thriving programme of societies, activities and interest groups offer exciting and inclusive opportunities for pupils to find inspiration, fun, challenge, curiosity, and fulfilment. In the Senior School activities take place before lessons, at lunchtime and following afternoon lessons.

The activities are loosely grouped in five strands:

*#MoretonContributes*

*#MoretonCreates*

*#MoretonDiscovers*

*#MoretonExplores*

*#MoretonLeads*

Part of growing as a person involves making choices, especially in how we spend our time. Through discussion with their Personal Tutor pupils are encouraged to develop their own balanced programme of activities in keeping with Moreton's core values of scholarship, gaiety and humanity.



## *#MoretonContributes*

Moreton's core value of Humanity is reflected in the opportunities for pupils to engage in outward-looking activities within and beyond the school community. Through these activities pupils are able to develop resilience, humility and generosity.

## **Charities**

Each year the student-led charities team decide on a priority action theme and charity, and then work hard to organise a variety of creative events including film nights, barbecues, bake sales and other activities to raise money. The team also coordinates other regular giving events such as the Poppy Appeal and Macmillan Coffee Mornings. Last year they raised over £5,000 for the chosen Charities.

## **Eco Team**

Moreton Hall Eco Team is made up of pupils who feel passionate about the planet and want to help everyone find ways to look after it. As an Eco-School we have held a Green Flag Award since 2010 and this is renewed every two years. Projects include recycling and reducing waste, promoting biodiversity and saving water and energy. We meet on a regular basis and all the projects, from attending a local climate rally to campaigning to make every pupil use a water bottle instead of using bottled water or plastic cups, are initiated and run by the pupils, overseen by Sixth Form leaders, and with support of members of staff.

## **Volunteering**

Students across the school are involved in volunteering activities both within the school and the wider community. Students regularly visit residents at Dolywern Leonard Cheshire home, undertake projects at the RJAH Orthopaedic Hospital, Riding for the Disabled, National Trust Chirk Castle and more recently students have been volunteering their time online to help humanitarian development through Missing Maps and assisting with scientific research projects with Zooniverse.

## ***#MoretonContributes***

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# #MoretonCreates

Gaiety is at the heart of the creative activities at Moreton. Pupils have countless opportunities throughout the week and over the course of a year to participate in a whole host of activities that kindle creativity.

## Chamber Choir

Chamber Choir is for pupils who have a genuine interest in choral singing and wish to become ambassadors for the school in a variety of annual concerts and sacred services locally as well as nationally. Concerts include being a guest choir at the English Premiere of Karl Jenkins' Dewi Sant in Birmingham Symphony Hall and an annual Charity Carol Service in Chelsea with stars from Stage and Screen.

## Face2Face

Face2Face Performing Arts Academy provides pupils between the ages of 9 and 18 expert teaching in dancing, singing and acting whilst building their confidence and having fun! Face2Face is open to anybody in the local community and runs weekly throughout the academic term.

## History of Art Enrichment

Dr Ann Haughton, author and our Art History teacher, leads a small group of Sixth Form students through the appreciation of Architecture and Art History. This activity, which runs informally and in house on a Thursday evening, underpins student knowledge and develops their skills of critical analysis as they move on from School to University.

## Lady Barbirolli

This society is open to all musicians and celebrates the high standard of music at Moreton Hall. It provides students with opportunities to further their skills and receive professional level coaching through a series of masterclasses and workshops run by musicians at the top of their field. A series of talks take place throughout the year, delivered by various music professionals in specialist areas including Film Composition, Music Therapy and Performance Techniques. There are plenty of opportunities for Scholarship preparation as well as National Youth Choir, National Youth Orchestra/Halle/Junior Conservatoire audition preparation in addition to Conservatoire and Music College audition preparation.

## **Middle & Senior School Show**

Each year the Middle School and Senior School have the opportunity to perform shows in our newly built Holroyd Community Theatre. The pupils are treated as professionals throughout the rehearsal process. We also encourage pupils who are interested in the industry to be Stage Managers and Lighting/Sound/Set Designers. Performances are regularly described as 'West End Standard' and thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school community.

## **North Shropshire Music Ensembles**

North Shropshire Music offers opportunities to both Moreton and local musicians to come together and be part of a variety of instrumental ensembles. They include a Training and Schools Orchestra and a wind and String Ensemble. NSM is in proud partnership with the Shropshire Music Service and Educational Hub and participates in a number of joint productions and concerts with other County ensembles on an annual basis.

## **Show Choir**

Show choir is for those who enjoy singing for fun and with a preference for the musical theatre and pop genres. The choir not only focuses on the singing technique required for this discipline but also on the whole performance including vocal arrangement, choreography and costume.

## **Spoken English**

Spoken English lessons are offered to students in all year groups as an enrichment activity in preparation for English Speaking Board Examinations. Spoken English lessons build student's confidence in a range of skills including giving a formal presentation, chairing a meeting and leading discussion on a chosen controversial subject, reading aloud effectively and contributing in group discussion, asking and answering questions. Students can participate in the Shropshire and Chester Festivals as well as various public speaking and debating competitions.

## **Life Drawing**

This enriching activity for Upper Fifth, and Sixth Form Art, Textiles and Photography students takes place on Thursday evenings in the Art Department. Life Drawing from the nude model will develop and enrich drawing skills and give students a foundation of confidence for their drawing skills as they move onwards in their Artistic careers.

## ***#MoretonCreates***

# #Moreton*Discovers*

In addition to the three leading academic societies - Bronwen, Jenner and Lady Barbirolli a wide variety of activities and societies meet throughout the week to encourage scholarship and provoke interest across all academic disciplines.





## **Bronwen**

Open to every pupil in the school, Bronwen develops thinking skills and explores areas of knowledge neglected by the examination boards. It aims to quench intellectual curiosity and prepares those pupils applying to the most competitive universities. An eclectic range of speakers provide the pupils food for thought and the opportunity to question and consider. Recent guests have included Raspberry Pi inventor Pete Lomas, award winning filmmaker, Rebecca Cronshey, Medical Historian, Dr Stephanie Snow, Holocaust survivor, Janine Webber and Biographer, Matthew Dennison.

## **Bug Club**

Do bugs excite you? Do you think snails are super? Are worms wonderful? Bug Club meets weekly to investigate these questions and explore the weird and wonderful bugs that exist in the insect kingdom. Live practicals teach pupils how to handle and look after stick insects, Giant African Land Snails and Giant Millipedes.

## **Cornflower Farm**

Cornflower Farm aims to give students the opportunity to learn about and look after a range of animals including sheep, chickens, guinea pigs and goats. Still in its infancy it is our hope that the Farm will develop as a learning resource for students of all ages from Sixth Form Veterinary students to Moreton Prep pupils. Farmers Markets and other projects exploring the links between food production and farming will further extend this initiative.

## **Jenner**

Now in its tenth year, the Jenner Society is a Medical Science Society established and run by the Sixth Form. We invite speakers to discuss biological developments in the news and attend a range of events and workshops that have all helped Moreton students to investigate and pursue careers in the Medical Sciences and in Veterinary Science. The Society is assisted by a Steering Committee of leading medics and academics and takes the form of weekly talks and debates where specialists in different medical, dental or veterinary fields are invited to visit and provide a forum for questions and discussions on their work.

## **Leiths Diploma in Food & Wine**

The Leiths Diploma is the industry-leading cookery course designed for those wishing to undertake comprehensive professional culinary. This 18-month course is offered to Sixth Form students, who upon successful completion of the course will have acquired three commercial qualifications: the Leiths Introductory Certificate in Food and Wine; the Level 2 Award in Food Safety and Hygiene in Catering and finally the Level 3 CTH Certificate [CTH Confederation of Tourism & Hospitality].

## **Moreton Hall Geographical Society**

The Moreton Hall Geographical Society is for Sixth Form Geographers and has the goal of providing an opportunity to explore geographical ideas in more depth and experiencing geography at first hand. Activities include: twice termly thought provoking and usually very lively “Table Talk” debates, field visits to different geographical locations, attending Geographical Association talks in Shrewsbury and Stafford, hosting the Shropshire round of the Worldwide Quiz and just meeting to “talk geography”.

## **MUN & Mini MUN**

Model United Nations is a simulation of the United Nations. Students take on the role of delegates from the representative countries of the UN. They debate issues affecting the world today from the perspective of their country. Debaters develop knowledge of current affairs and become truly global citizens. It is an exciting debating activity which helps develop skills of research, public speaking, negotiation, critical thinking and debate. Every term we debate against different schools at Model UN Conferences and we hope, in future, to be able to take teams to Conferences abroad.

## **Magna Carta**

This new Society meets weekly with the goal of enhancing the political literacy of students from U5 to U6. It does this through a judicious mixture of debates focusing on big picture challenges as well as contemporary issues that have appeared in the week running up the meeting. Participants are expected to have done some work beforehand to ensure informed debate and will be sent links to articles and videos to help kick start the research. The discussions are also supported by presentations from visiting speakers on political issues.

***#MoretonDiscovers***





## #MoretonExplores

Our beautiful 100-acre campus nestled in the Shropshire countryside on the border with North Wales offers many local opportunities for exploration whether as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme or the weekly activities programme. Academic departments regularly venture further afield nationally and internationally on field trips and cultural visits.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an ideal opportunity through which to develop leadership, planning and team-building skills, as well as helping others through volunteering activities. The Award is very popular at Moreton with Lower Five students completing the Bronze Award while Sixth Form students have the opportunity to complete the Gold Award. Many students find that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award formally recognises contributions they make to a broad spectrum of activities.

## Equestrian

Riding lessons take place at Springhill Farm, a BHS approved equestrian centre overlooking the Ceiriog Valley. This gives instant access to great off-road riding over the moors on tracks, fields and bridleways. There are organised riding lessons catering for the complete beginner to the more experienced rider. As members of the National Schools Equestrian Association, if you are an experienced rider there is the opportunity to join the Moreton Hall Riding Squad. This is aimed at the competitive rider who wishes to participate in inter-school competitions.

## Moreton Adventure

With our proximity to the Llangollen Canal, the River Dee and the crags and mountains of North Wales we are ideally situated to offer a host of outdoor activities. We offer a growing programme of paddlesport, climbing and mountaineering activities. Students have the opportunity to try a range of adventurous activities as well as developing higher-level skills in areas of particular interest.

## Sailing

We are members of Shropshire Sailing Club with our fleet of boats stored a ten minute drive from school at Whitemere. Whitemere is a 65 acre Site of Special Scientific Interest and is part of the Cheshire and Shropshire Meres Ramsar Wetland. The mere provides a beautiful and sheltered environment for novice sailors to hone their skills.

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# *#MoretonLeads*

From captaining sports teams to representing their House on the Food Committee, formal and informal leadership opportunities are available to pupils of all ages.

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## **Divisional Roles**

Each Division is led by an U6th Captain and Vice Captain along with sport, drama and music captains. Divisional competitions are fiercely competitive and it is the role of the Divisional Captains to organise teams and encourage participation in all competitions.

## **Head Girl and Deputies**

The Head Girls and Deputies play a crucial role in the running of the school as representatives of the Prefect body, as well as students throughout the senior school. They are directly responsible to the Principal for the team of prefects, and are spokespeople and ambassadors for the school both on formal and informal occasions. Leadership, listening, organisational and management skills are essential, as well as working in a team they have the ability to work independently and are able to take on responsibilities.

## **Moreton Enterprise**

Unique to Moreton Hall is a set of businesses with a healthy annual turnover and profitable bottom line. Run by the students of Moreton's Sixth Form for the younger year groups, parents and Friends of Moreton, involvement in this entrepreneurial activity represents hands-on, real-life work experience. Not to mention developing vital transferable skills: teamwork, effective communications and problem-solving to name but a few. Shops need to be opened, stock sourced and ordered, cash-flow monitored, marketing ideas publicised and new customers enticed through the doors.

## **Principal's Scholars**

The Principal's Scholars are the heads of the three leading academic societies - Bronwen, Jenner and Lady Barbirolli. They take the lead on the development and promotion of the academic life of the school and the nurturing of academic ambition.

## **Combined Cadet Force**

Moreton's CCF Contingent runs in partnership with St Martins School. Cadets from both schools parade each week undertaking activities such as first aid, team building tasks, weapon handling, fieldcraft and adventurous activities. In addition to the weekly parade, cadets take part in overnight exercises involving blank fire, range days, adventurous activities and a week-long summer camp. Cadets can expect to develop fantastic leadership, problem-solving, self-discipline, time management, team working and life skills which will stand them in good stead for the future.

## #MoretonContributes

- Charities
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Eco-Team
- Volunteering

## #MoretonCreates

- Art Clinics
- Chamber Choir
- Design & Technology
- ESU Shakespeare Competition
- Face2Face
- Guest Workshops
- History of Art
- LAMDA
- Lady Barbirolli Society
- Leiths
- Life Drawing
- Mark Jermin's Stage & Screen Programme
- Middle School Show
- Music Examinations
- Musicianship
- North Shropshire Music Ensembles
- Origami
- Photography
- Professional Performance Opportunities
- Senior School Show
- Show Choir
- Silversmithing
- Spoken English

## #MoretonDiscovers

- Astronomy
- Bronwen
- Bug Club
- Chess
- Coding
- Confirmation
- Conservation Rangers
- Cornflower Farm
- De Beauvoir Philosophy Society
- Dissection
- Economics Competitions
- Eco-Team
- Geographical Society
- Jenner Medical Sciences Society
- Journalism
- Mendeleev Chemistry Society
- Mensa Puzzles
- Magna Carta Political Discussion Society
- Model United Nations
- Pi Maths Enrichment
- Strategy Games
- Taster Tuesdays Careers Workshops
- What if.....? Problem Solving

## #MoretonExplores

- Combined Cadet Force
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Equestrian
- Moreton Adventure
- Sailing

## #MoretonLeads

- Combined Cadet Force
- Divisional Roles
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Head Girl & Deputies
- Moreton Enterprise
- Pastoral Mentoring
- Prefects
- Principal's Scholars
- Subject Mentor

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