



Moorside High School

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September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that this letter finds you well at the beginning of the first full week of the Autumn term. The students are settling well into the new term and starting to make the most out of all the academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular opportunities that are part of Moorside life. We have high expectations for our extra-curricular provision and we are excited to see it grow this year. It has been lovely to see the football teams back in training and we are excited for our extra-curricular activities to all start.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all parents for supporting us around our uniform standards. The students have returned looking so smart and having the correct school bag is making a big difference with their organisation and being able to carry their planner and knowledge organiser folder. Uniform and equipment will be checked weekly by form tutors.

We are so proud of how the students have returned and we are looking forward to a positive school year with Team Moorside, please find below several updates for this half term. As always, if you have any concerns or worries, please do always contact us.

Covid testing

As you are aware the second of the in-school Covid tests took place last week. The students have been fantastic, which has helped the testing process to run extremely well and quickly. As a reminder, we contact parent/carers of any student testing positive immediately, you will not receive notification if the result is negative. In line with the government's approach to reopening schools, the responsibility for testing once again moves to the students and you as parents for completing the tests at home. The government guidance is for tests to be completed twice per week with 3–5 days between tests. We would like students to test on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening each week, if possible, until further notice. Home testing packs are available from reception. Whilst testing is not compulsory, we would appreciate it if as many students as possible complete the tests. If your child is not taking the test due to being positive in the last 90 days or for other reasons, then simply do not complete the test, we do not need to be specifically contacted.

All positive results must be email to - MHScovidresults@consilium-at.com

Please [click here](#) for a link to a helpful NHS leaflet with further information for parents about testing and what to do in the event of your child testing positive or being in close contact with someone who has.

New Email Addresses

As you are all aware, all email addresses have now changed to be in line with the Consilium Trust family. If you need to contact school, please use the email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com and to report a student absence MHSabsence@consilium-at.com

SIMS Parent App

In a bid to improve communication, we are re-launching our SIMS parent app. This system is free, as well as being simple and easy to both set up and use. The 'app' based system, is accessible on mobile phones, tablets, and PCs. The app allows you to have greater control and visibility of your child's education and progression, as well as allow you to receive updates from our school as soon as they are announced. The SIMS Parent app allows you to monitor your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour reports, homework, and test results. You will have access to their student diary and timetable, giving you greater oversight and assurance over your child's wellbeing and safety. Alongside these benefits, the app will also allow us to communicate much faster with you, allowing you to keep up to date with events at the school, such as trips or closures, parents evenings, after-school sessions, and enable us to effectively communicate the progress your child is making with us. You are also able to use the app to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.

We truly believe using this app is vital in enabling you to actively engage with your child's education and that it will benefit them on their journey towards excellence in the classroom and beyond. For this reason, we have chosen an app which is streamlined, coherent, and the easiest to operate, so all parents and guardians will be able to take advantage of it.

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You will receive an invitation by email to use this new system. In this email there will be a link for you to register an account. You can then download the SIMS Parent app by going to your device's Google Play or Apple Store, where you can then download the



SIMS Parent App by Capita PLC. We will use the email address that we currently hold on file to send you your invitation. If you have more than one child at the school, you will be able to access information for all your children on the app, and only need to register once. For more information about the app and a guide for installing it, please visit our website. If we do not have your up-to-date email address. Please send this to MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Self-Isolation and Student Absence

If your child test positive and is required to self-isolate, there will not be any remote lessons. If your child is well enough to work during isolation, please contact their Head of Year by email, who will organise work to be sent home for them to complete. If your child is not well enough to work at home, we will ensure they are supported on their return to catch up with any missed learning. It is vital this year that we encourage the highest levels of attendance for optimal pastoral and academic progress. Pupils who are absent for any reason other than Covid should catch up in the normal way - agreeing with the teacher via email or in person what work should be completed and asking the teacher if they need additional support when they return – thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.

Year 11 information evening

We will be holding a virtual Year 11 information evening on Thursday 23rd September 2021 at 5pm. Year 11 parents will receive a link via email to join a Microsoft Teams call. Please ensure we have an up-to-date email address for you. The aim of the evening will be to give you as much information as possible on how we will be supporting your child and the opportunities that will be available to them. If you have any particular questions, you would like answered. Please email these in advance of the evening to MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Food Bank

We are continuing to support our local Foodbank this year, please send any donations, no matter how small to reception. Each House has a supermarket trolley, and we are looking forward to seeing them being filled up. The House that fills up the trolley first, all will receive bonus house points towards the rewards assembly at Christmas.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to all parents that have donated uniform items that their children have grown out of. We have now washed and organised all these items. Should you require any support with uniform, please do contact your child's Head of Year and we will see if we have anything that we can help you with.

Moorside High School social media

New and old parents are invited to follow our social media accounts to see what goes on at Team Moorside. Twitter: @moorsidehigh; Instagram: moorsidehighofficial

Dates for your Diary

- Year 11 information evening - Thursday 23rd September 2021. 5pm
- Macmillan Student Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September 2021
- Year 5/6 Open Evening – Thursday 7th October 5pm-7pm
- Inset Days Friday 22nd October 2021, Monday 1st November 2021
- Half term - W/C 25th October 2021
- Year 7 Parents Evening - Tuesday 16th November 2021. 15:45-18:15 (further information will be sent closer to the date)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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