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#Team Moorside Parent Update 01.10.21

Dear Parent/Carer

How has October crept upon us so quickly. Although we have had some very wet days this week, we have had some fantastic activities taking place. It has been wonderful to see students attending our Mythology extra-curricular club, making masks. Students rehearsing for our school production afterschool and all the sporting fixtures/sessions taking place. A huge shout out goes to our Year 8 Rugby Team, who took part in their first Salford Schools Rugby Tournament. They all did us so proud! We are currently looking at ways in which we can share fixture information and results with you all, so please watch this space.

As you are aware, we have introduced Knowledge Organisers this year. Every student has been given a folder with these in, to support them both inside and outside the lessons. We have been so impressed with how the students have responded to this, and we thank you for your support in ensuring they have a suitable bag to carry these in along with their planner and equipment.

This week our Year 7 students have joined the rest of the school at lunchtime in the dining hall, we appreciate that this may of being a little daunting for them, but they have impressed us with their resilience and their great conversations with staff as they queue for their lunch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Literacy assemblies

This week, our assemblies have had a key focus on Literacy and Reading. Our aim at Moorside High School is to really bring reading to life. Students were informed about the accelerated reader, which can be found in the student planner. Through the Accelerated Reader, students can take the "Quick Quiz", usually 10 questions; or can write a short book review. Both will gain points on the Leadership Pathway. Each week students have DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) during form, and we are encouraging them to choose a book to read during this time. Students can access books from their local library service, please visit: <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/libraries/> You can also create an account and access BorrowBox. BorrowBox is a free library app where you can read books and audiobooks on your smart phone or iPad. Download the app from iTunes or GooglePlay Store. This is a sensational time for reading and we have some exciting plans to develop a reading library within the building.

Parking, pick up and drop off

Please can we ask that you are considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off and picking up your children. We do appreciate how busy it can get. If we can also ask that parents/carers do not drive onto the school site, so we are able to ensure we always keep students safe.

School Production

We are extremely excited that we have now cast all the parts for our Christmas production - Beauty and the Beast. Please make sure you save the date - W/C 13th December. It is looking likely that evening performances will take place on the 16th and 17th December. Having had a sneak preview of the auditions, we can already tell, it is going to be the highlight of the year. More information on tickets and dates will be shared shortly.

COVID-19

Following a couple of very turbulent years for our young people, we can't help but feel slightly relieved we are slowly getting back to normal. However, we were dealt a very disappointing blow earlier this week, when Public Health Salford recommended the wearing of masks in social and communal areas. However, it is our duty to ensure that staff and students are kept safe in school and that we look after each other. SO please rest assured, we are supporting any advice we are given.

Please can we ask that you continue with lateral flow testing. Over the past 18 months, we have picked up many positive cases, where the child or staff member had no symptoms. These simple tests, whilst not always accurate, are a simple preventative measure to stop further spread. Any positive tests should be reported to MHScovidresults@consilium-at.com and followed up with a PCR test to confirm. Unlike previously, close contacts of a positive case will no longer have to isolate, but in line with Public Health advice, we would encourage you to keep testing, including a PCR and be vigilant for the on-set of symptoms.

Open evening

We are extremely thrilled to welcome our perspective students into Team Moorside on Thursday 7th October 5pm -7pm. Thank you to all our current students who have agreed to support the evening. If your child would like to take part and be an ambassador for Moorside High School, they need to collect a letter from reception and return the confirmation slip signed by a parent/carer.

Student leadership

We have a fantastic student leadership team, who are very busy organising our first school council meeting, with our form reps from each year group. Student voice is extremely important to us, and we look forward to working alongside them in continuing to move the school forward.

The charity team have already planned our next charity event, following the success of our Macmillan coffee morning. Thursday 21st October will see our 'Wear it Pink' day event for Breast Cancer Awareness. Students will be invited to exchange **one item** of their uniform for something pink, in exchange for a donation of £1. This could be a pink wig, pink socks, bobble, headband, tie, jumper etc. This day will also see our very own Mrs Dolan, 'Braving the Shave' and there is also talk that Mrs Ryles-Dean, may even surprise the students with a pink wig!! That has got to be worth a £1 donation!

Alongside this, we are still collecting for our local foodbank, all donations welcome.

Dates for your Diary

- Year 5/6 Open Evening – Thursday 7th October 5pm-7pm
- Year 11 Make it Stick/Careers Evening - Thursday 14th October 2021 (Time to be confirmed)
- Wear it Pink Day - Thursday 21st October 2021
- 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