





#Team Moorside Parent Update 15.10.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Thursday this week, we were extremely privileged to welcome into Team Moorside a number of Post 16 providers, alongside our Year 11 students, parents and carers. It was great to have the hustle and bustle of Team Moorside back in the building. Our Quality of Education lead, Miss Smalley - Deputy Headteacher, Raising Standards Leader, Miss Aitken and subject leaders for Maths and English, delivered an informative session on how parents can support their children 'Making it Stick'. The evening was based on looking at study techniques and the science behind how students learn. Wrapped around the evening, we had over 14 providers, organised by Mr Farmer, our very own career adviser. It was a very informative evening, that will hopefully be of benefit to all that attended. If you were unable to attend, the presentation from the evening will be available from Monday, in the Year 11 secure parent area (a text will be sent to inform you when it has been uploaded). All Year 11 students will receive the same session during the PSHE lesson on Monday. Thank you to everyone that contributed and attended the evening.

This week, during assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9, our Year 10 Drama students delivered a very impressive short play around bullying. We are working hard on developing our curriculum surrounding delicate themes, and we hope that sessions like these get important messages across to the students. Behaviour that does not demonstrate social responsibility, is not accepted and we need to continue to educate students around this. Should students not feel safe around school, they have been reminded that Mr Webb is our Designated Senior Leader for Safeguarding, and that we have our Sharp System for reporting any concerns.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of half term one; next week Mr Davis - Executive Headteacher will be communicating with you via his half termly Vlog.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean Head of School

Food Bank Collection

Thank you to everyone that has already donated to our food bank collection, our house supermarket trolleys are now starting to fill up - Thank you. Any donations this week would be very welcome, these can be taken to the main reception where the trolleys are located. Please remember, all items must be tinned or dried food.

Wear it Pink Day

On Thursday 21st October, students are invited to exchange one item of their uniform for something pink, e.g. a pink tie, jumper, bobble or socks. In return, we are asking for a small donation of £1 which will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness. Our very own Mrs Dolan will be 'Braving the Shave' as part of our charity drive. All donations are very welcome.

The Elevate scheme

We are very excited to be in collaboration with Squire Patton Boggs, a legal firm in Manchester City Centre. The Elevate scheme is a programme of mentoring and guidance via a blend of workshops and presentations, enabling students to progress more effectively into the world of work. The objective of this scheme is to reach out to aspiring students, and offer a helping hand in their personal development, as the end of high school approaches. We know that the world of work and business may seem like a long way away, however as students enter Year 10, it is the perfect time to start their preparations and do all we can to ensure they stand out in the next chapter of their lives! We have a number of students who will be engaging in this scheme, and we look forward to further developing this and rolling it out to more students over time.

Growing up can often be hard

Next week, at the start of the girls PE lessons, Year 8 girls will be receiving more support and advice on growing up, building on the session they had last year. We appreciate what a difficult time going through puberty can be, and the challenges some students face starting their period. If your daughter is worried or has any concerns around this subject, please contact their Head of Year Mrs Kirk, or our school nurse.

Inset Days

Polite reminder - school will close for the half term on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 14:55. It will then reopen at 08:25 on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. We wish all our students a relaxing half term, where they can recharge their batteries ready for half term 2. Should any student need any support during the half term holiday, they can highlight this via our Sharp System on the school website, or by emailing <u>MHSinfo@consilium-at.com</u>

Accessing support from our Pastoral Team.

As I am sure you appreciate, the pastoral team are kept very busy throughout the day, dealing with a variety of things including assemblies, duty and delivering interventions. For this reason, it is better if parents do not come directly into school unannounced, unless it is an emergency. If you contact either <u>MHSinfo@consilium-at.com</u> or the Head of Year via email. Someone will get back to you. Please find email addresses below.

Parent view

Thank you to all parents who have already completed the 'Parent View' feedback form. The form will close on Wednesday evening, and then following the collation of the results, we will share these with you, alongside our response on how we are going to move forward. We are always grateful when parents raise concerns directly with us, as this allows us to address them quickly. We are also equally pleased when parents tell us what we are doing well, so we can continue doing these things and thank our staff. Thank you for your continued support.

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Dates for your Diary

- 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
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