



**Moorside  
High School**  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*



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## #Team Moorside Parent Update 05.11.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first week back following the half term break. Firstly, can we say a huge 'thank you' to all parents/carers who have supported us in ensuring students are attending school in the correct uniform, with their knowledge organiser and planner. There are now only a small number of students who have the incorrect footwear or are wearing trainers. If you are unsure what shoes are acceptable for school, please visit the school website where we have images available for you. If you are struggling to get suitable shoes, please do contact your child's Head of Year and we will do what we can to support you.

As you are aware, this half term we are having a real focus on ensuring we maintain our high standards. We are encouraging students to make sure they have their shirt tucked in, skirts are not rolled and with regards to piercings, they only have one single stud earring in each lobe. Your support with this, as ever, is very much appreciated.

On Monday, we will see our Year 11 students embark on their first set of mock exams, in preparation for their summer exams. Prior to half term, all students received a 'Make it Stick' pack, containing all the stationary required for successful revision. This complimented the presentation on how to successfully ensure that knowledge is remembered and recalled for the exams. We know how hard our students have been working and we wish them every success over the next two weeks. If your child is worried about any element of the mock exam period, please do direct them to Mrs Copestake, who is there to support them and put their mind at rest. These exams are a great opportunity to see what they do know, so they can then focus on what they didn't know. This will allow them to ensure they have no gaps when the next set of mock exams come round.

Finally, we are all looking forward to seeing our supermarket trolleys filled with preloved books, as part of the great November book swap. I know it is on my to-do list for this weekend and I am truly looking forward to clearing my children's books cases, to make way for some new and exciting books.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Head of School

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### **Everest Challenge and Borrow Box**

We are really excited about our latest Inter-house Competition. After finishing any book, students can take the accelerated reader quick quiz, which will in turn get them points. 1 point for between 10,000 and 50,000 words read, 2 points for between 100,000 and 250,000 words read, 5 points for 500,000 words read and 10 points for word millionaires! Which house can reach the top of the mountain first?

The link to join libraries so they can access BorrowBox is [here](#), and BorrowBox is a free app that can be downloaded on Android and iOS, but more info is on the website [here](#).

### **Improving secondary writing**

We would like to say a huge 'congratulations' to one of our students in Year 8, whose work has been identified to be used as part of an exemplar report. The report will be circulated to a larger number of schools to demonstrate and support their teachers on what an outstanding/excellent piece of work looks like. This just goes to show, what amazing students we have here at Moorside High School - Well done!

### **Pre-Loved Book Swap**

As you are aware this November will be the month of the Moorside High School's Big Autumn Book Swap. We are asking students to donate any lightly used books during November which they have enjoyed but no longer need. Students will then be given the opportunity to select a book to take home with them later in the month. It is a great opportunity for students to read something completely new and a chance for parents/carers to rehome some unwanted books. Students can leave any books in the supermarket trolleys in the atrium.

### **PSHE UPDATE**

Last half term saw the launch of our new PSHE curriculum at Moorside High School. Students from Year 7 - 11 have each been studying individual themes within their lessons and we are in the process of completing a student voice to assess what the students think about the new structure of lessons.

To give you an insight into what each year group have been studying last half term, and will be studying this half term, the topics for each year group are listed below. If you have any questions about any of the units of work, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McGivern (Head of PSHE).

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Year 7	Transition to Team Moorside (Relationships, Life Beyond School & Staying Safe Online and Offline)	Transition to Team Moorside (Relationships, Life Beyond School & Staying Safe Online and Offline)
Year 8	Dangerous Society Online and Offline	Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing
Year 9	Life Beyond School	Relationship and Sex Education
Year 10	Mental Health and Wellbeing	Violence, Crimes and Seeking Safety
Year 11	Exploring Relationships and Sex Education	Your Future and Beyond

### **Stop it now information.**

At Moorside High School, we aim to ensure that our families and students are supported as much as we can. To assist us to do this we have added signposting to the 'stop it now' campaign on our school website, this can be found via the following link <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/> We will continue to sign post families to advice and support. If you feel there are areas you need support and advice on, beyond what is on our website please contact Mr G Webb - Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead. [gareth.webb@consilium-at.com](mailto:gareth.webb@consilium-at.com)

## **Dark Nights and Staying Safe – Bonfire Night**

As it starts to get darker later in the mornings and earlier at night, we are very keen to encourage our students to stay safe. When it is dark, it makes it harder for road users to see each other at night. It is important that if our students are walking to or from school or if they are on their bike, that they ensure they are as visible as possible and avoid dark clothing so others can see them. We will be encouraging students to have reflectors and lights on their bike, to be alert and to ensure they always wear a helmet. For those walking to and from school, again we will be encouraging them to keep to the footpath where there is one, if not, keep to the right-hand side of the road so they can see oncoming traffic and most importantly, to always choose a well-lit place where they cross the road. Please can you support these messages at home.

This weekend also sees the celebration of Guy Fawkes. Students received a session on the dangers of fireworks before the half term holiday. With many organised events cancelled in the local area due to Covid, please can we ask that you reiterate our messages about staying safe. In 2020/21, there were more than 100 hospital admissions of people injured by fireworks. Some 21 of the 116 admissions involved children aged 14 or under, with 9 aged between 1 and 4. You can find more information about firework safety via the following link:

<https://www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety>

## **Year 7 Parents Evening**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 7 parents to our virtual Year 7 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 16th November. A letter has been uploaded to inform parents how they are able to book their appointments. This can be accessed by visiting [www.moorsidehigh.co.uk](http://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk), Parents tab, Parents Evening where you will be taken to the Parents Evening System and further details how to book. If you struggle to access this, please email:

[MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

## **Attendance Matters**

School attendance matters. It is arguably one of the most important indicators of school success. Students cannot learn what they are not there to learn. Students who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful. This half term, we are running an attendance league for form groups, and we look forward to rewarding those students who are in school day in day out. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school and attend on time. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please remember to contact your child's Head of Year who is there to support them.

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## **Dates for your Diary**

- KS4 Mock Exams - 8<sup>th</sup> November until 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Year 7 Parents Evening - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021. 15.45-18.15
- KS3 Assessments - 29<sup>th</sup> November until 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- School Production - Beauty & the Beast 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- W/C 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Celebration Assemblies
- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 - School closes for the Christmas Break
- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - School reopens for the spring term

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