



Moorside  
High School

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*



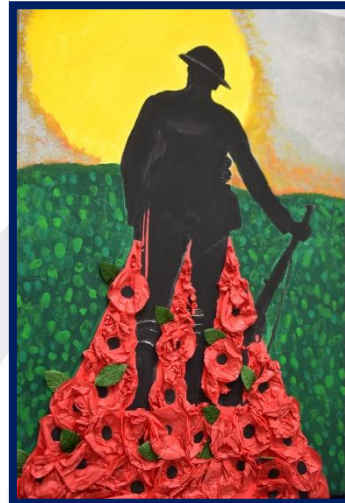
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## #Team Moorside Parent Update 12.11.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was a real privilege this week, to stand at the side of our wonderful students on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021, whilst we reflected during our two minutes silence, showing respect to our Armed Forces community, past and present. As a school community, during assemblies this week, we have reflected on the day, to honour the soldiers who fought for our country and freedoms. King George V said about the silence: "All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead." And on Thursday 11th November 2021, Moorside High School fully embraced this.

As part of our theme this week, students worked together to create a wonderful art installation of Poppy's in our reception area.



This week has also highlighted how amazing our Year 11 students are. They have fully engaged in the Mock Exam process, and we hope it has given them a flavour of the summer exams 2022. There are still three days to go next week, alongside some mop up sessions. But we would like to express how proud we are, of how well they have conducted themselves.

As you are aware, we are having a real focus on 'dress smart, think smart'. Your support with this, is very much appreciated. Please remind students to leave the house with their correct shoes on, shirt tucked in, skirt rolled down, their school bag with equipment, knowledge organiser and planner. If any student needs support in achieving this, please do contact their Head of Year who would be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Head of School

### **Beauty and the Beast**

Tickets for our school production, Beauty and the Beast, will be available to purchase from the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021. Ticket prices will be £5 each. On the evening, programmes will be available alongside refreshments and a raffle.

The dates of the production are 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Start time 7.30pm.

### **Twisted Tales Short Story Competition**

Moorside High School and the Consilium Group have signed up to the national Young Writers Competition.

This year's theme is "Twisted Tales" a short story in 100 words. There is the opportunity to win group and national prizes and for our students work to be published. Please encourage your child to take part in this, it is a fantastic opportunity. Students can get more information from Miss Smith, in the library or their English teacher for more information.

### **Philip Pullman Event**

To celebrate The Northern Lights series, Moorside High School is working with the Consilium Group and Oxford University in a major Philip Pullman event. If your child would like to become involved in one of the reading groups, please ask them to see Miss Smith in the library as soon as possible. There will be a lunchtime and after school group, so as many pupils as possible can get involved. Once we have read the book, we will "meet" with the author via a webinar on the 24th November. The final celebration will be a movie event with popcorn and refreshments.

### **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.

### **Sexual Abuse/Harassment**

Following on from the recent Ofsted review on sexual abuse in schools, we have decided to conduct our own research to see how this sits in our school context. Our reason for doing this, is to ensure we have the correct support and interventions in place. In order to get an accurate response, we have selected at random, a cross section of students to be involved. If your child is selected, you will receive a letter with further information on.

### **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. The link to book appointments 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.

### **Attendance League**

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.

### **3G Pitch**

We are pleased to announce that our new 3G pitch is now complete. Our PE department are happy to be able to use the pitch again, as we're sure the students are!



### **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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