



**Moorside
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#Team Moorside Parent Update 19.11.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a good week; we have had a busy week here at Team Moorside. Year 11 have continued with their mock exams and were very grateful to sit their last one on Wednesday. Year 10 also completed their assessments, with Key Stage 3 students preparing to commence their assessments from Monday 29th November. The Key Stage 3 assessment timetable can be found on the school website, under the student tab, exam timetables. If you have any questions around the assessments, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

This week, Mr Webb, our Designated Senior Leader for Safeguarding, has delivered our assemblies. The focus in assembly and during form time has been centred around anti bullying, for 'Anti Bullying' week. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. From the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. These are all key messages that we are sharing with our students and ensuring they understand the impact of bullying and unkind behaviour towards individuals. Students have been reminded about our sharp system where parents/carers and students, can all report any concerns anonymously via this platform, although by adding a name, it does help us to do everything we can to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Curriculum Update

Following the recent parent voice feedback, we are pleased to confirm, that more information around what the students are learning, will be available on the school website shortly. Along with this, we are also currently looking at Homework. In particular, how often this is set and the option of using the SIMS parent app to communicate what homework is being set to parents. This is something we do not want to rush and get wrong, but we also appreciate the urgency in finding a solution, that will ensure parents are better informed about what work students are doing and how this can be developed through the homework being set. We will aim to keep you fully informed of our progress over the next few weeks.

Wellbeing

The mental health and wellbeing of our young people is vitally important and now, more than ever, we hope to encourage our students to speak out, ask questions and access the support they need for their wellbeing. On Friday this week, we saw several external agencies join us in the atrium during lunchtime, to allow students to visit the stands and access signposting and advice. Over the coming weeks, we will be adding more information and signposting to our school website, in a bid to continue to support our students and parents.

Contacting our SENCO

We appreciate that some parents are having difficulty in contacting our SENCO. In order to support this and make our lines of communication clearer, you can now email MHSSenco@consilium-at.com Both the SENCO and Deputy SENCO have access to this inbox, so hopefully we will be able to respond to your communication much more efficiently.

Art exhibition

We have been overwhelmed by the talent within school and our Art department. This week, all staff have been privileged to be able to visit the exhibition set up within our staff area. Huge congratulations to all students that have been involved and had their work displayed. We are hoping in the New Year, we will be able to have another Art Exhibition in school, for students, friends, and family to attend. Thank you to Mrs Goth for co-ordinating this.

Attendance

As you are aware, we are having a big push on attendance and ensuring students are in school and learning. We really appreciate your support in encouraging students to attend school. Should your child not be well enough to attend, please contact the absence line before 9am or email mhsabsence@consilium-at.com The absence lines are not monitored after 9am and students will be marked as an unauthorised absence. Registers close at 9.45am, this means that any students arriving after this time, will receive a U code in the register. The Department for Education requires registers to close within one session of the registration period, therefore resulting in the U code generating an unauthorised AM absence mark. Students arriving after 8.30am but before the register closes, will receive a late detention on the same day and this will be communicated to you via Text/SIMS App. Good punctuality is not only important at school, but also in the workplace, so we really want to ensure we get students in good habits moving forward. Thank you for your support with this.

Healthy Holiday Programme

The Healthy Holidays programme is back this Winter. Anybody attending high school and in receipt of free school meals can sign up for free access to gym and swim facilities at their local leisure centre for a month. They will also be able to pick up free packed lunches on the 22,23,29 and 30 December. To find out more please visit <https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/be-active/children-activities/winter-fun/>

The programme is being delivered by Salford Council, Salford Community Leisure and The Life Centre.

Beauty and the Beast

Tickets for our school production, Beauty and the Beast, will be available to purchase from the 22nd 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 16th & 17th December 2021. Start time 7.30pm - so don't forget to save the date!

Pre-Loved Book Swap

Thank you to all parents that have sent in their pre-loved books. There is still time to re-organise those bookshelves and donate any books that are no longer being read. From January, having a reading book will be part of our equipment list and we are keen to have a good supply of books in school for student to swap and share.

December Charity Drive

I was extremely privileged to be able to meet with two of our students, from our student leadership team, on Thursday. They have worked together to plan some fantastic events for the month of December. These will include, a Christmas Jumper Exchange, to aid recycling, Mission Christmas Toy collection, Christmas Food Bank collection, Candy Cane secret delivery for a small donation to charity, and our annual Christmas Jumper Day. More details of these events will be circulated over the coming weeks, but it is heart warming to see our students demonstrating our school values by showing consideration to others.

*****SURVEY FROM THE LA AROUND PROVISION FOR SEND YOUNG PEOPLE*****

Parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities...HAVE YOUR SAY!

In Salford we are committed to ensuring that all children with special educational needs and/or disabilities have the opportunity to attend play, leisure, sports and other activities, including out of school provision, in their local communities. We understand the importance of this provision, not only providing children and young people with the opportunity to meet other people and have fun in a safe, friendly environment, but also giving parents and carers a chance to have a break from their caring responsibilities.

In conjunction with Salford Parent-Carer Forum, a working group have developed a short survey for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. We would like to gain parent/carer views in relation to access to leisure/social activities and wrap around/out of school provision - what is working well, and what would you like to see more of? Equally it's important for us to understand what the barriers have been to accessing required provision and how we can improve the offer going forward.

The results of the survey will help us to assess/further develop a community-based offer to support children and their parents/carers to access leisure activities, out of school/wrap-around care which is accessible, affordable, inclusive and safe. If you could spare 5-10 minutes to complete the survey in the link below, it would be much appreciated. The survey will remain open until Monday 29th November.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZFMVZ5B>

Thank you for your input.

Claire Barratt - Commissioning Manager (Complex Needs)

Please see a message below from the Counter Terrorism Police – North West

On Sunday, we heard the terrible news of an explosion in Liverpool, which killed one man – believed to be the attacker – and injured a second. Our thoughts are with the victim, his family and loved ones.

“This incident has been formally declared as terrorism, and the investigation – being led by Counter Terrorism Policing North West – is continuing apace. “On Monday, 15 November, the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) confirmed that the threat level from terrorism has been raised from “substantial”, to “severe”. “The threat level moving to severe means it is ‘highly likely’ that a terrorist attack could happen in the UK. But we want to make clear that the change is a precautionary measure and not based on any specific threat. Whilst we want the public to remain alert, they should not be alarmed by this change.

“We have seen in recent weeks two incidents declared as terrorism – the murder of Sir David Amess MP in October, and then the incident we saw take place in Liverpool yesterday. Whilst there is absolutely nothing to suggest any link between these incidents, the fact that two terror attacks have happened in relatively quick succession will have contributed to the intelligence picture that is continually being assessed by JTAC, and subsequently has led to the threat level increasing at this time.

“The threat level is designed to inform the public, and guide the level of response by police and other agencies who lead on public safety and national security.

The Home Office and National Counter Terrorism Policing HQ provide information and communications to share.

Our key messages to you are:

- It is important that we do not speculate on the circumstances surrounding the incident in Liverpool.
- There is no intelligence to suggest that there is any direct threat to Greater Manchester following the incident. However as a reassurance measure, GMP has increased patrols so communities will notice an increase in police visibility locally.
- As the threat level has now changed to severe, GMP will be updating operational policing plans accordingly.
- We urge people to remain vigilant, and if you do see anything suspicious then please report it, in confidence, to police via the anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321 or by visiting gov.uk/ACT
- Anonymous crime reports can be made by calling the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Non-emergency reports can also be made using the GMP website; always call 999 in an emergency. All reports will be treated in the strictest confidence.
- GMP will take all reports of any hate crime seriously and we would encourage our employees and members of the public to continue to report incidents to police. Reports from members of the public can be made using the GMP website or by visiting gmvictims.org.uk

Kind regards

Counter Terrorism Police

Dates for your Diary

- KS3 Assessments - 29th November until 10th December 2021
- School Production - Beauty & the Beast 16th/17th December 2021
- W/C 20th December 2021 - Celebration Assemblies
- 22nd December 2021 - School closes for the Christmas Break
- 5th January 2022 - School reopens for the spring term
- 18th January 2022 - Year 11 Parents Evening

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

Are you at high school and receive **free school meals**?

Would you like a **free month pass** for gym and swim facilities at your local leisure centres?

You'll also be able to pick up a **free packed lunch** from the leisure centre on 22, 23 29 and 30 December between 12noon and 2pm.



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Passes will be activated on the **15 December** for one month.

Sign up today at:

<https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/be-active/children-activities/winter-fun/>

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