



#Team Moorside Parent Update 26.11.21

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we now are really getting into the winter months, some students are travelling to and from school in the dark, especially our students who stay for our extracurricular activities. This week, we have carried out assemblies on Road Safety and the importance of staying safe on the roads. Please can we remind parents/carers, if your child is travelling to school on a bike, they should have lights on their bike and wear a helmet. We will be continuing to remind students of this as we go through the winter months.

The rehearsals for Beauty and the Beast and going really well, we are all looking forward to seeing the show on the 16th and 17th December. Our sincere thanks go to the staff and students who are working hard to make this happen, and their dedication, coming in on a Saturday to rehearse. Please do not forget to purchase your tickets via parent pay.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Year 11 Curriculum Vitae – Xello

On Monday 22nd November and Monday 6th December, year 11 students will be using a software program called Xello, to create a Curriculum Vitae, during their PSHE lessons. On the 29th November, they will then be in the Performance Hall where they will be having a session talking all about apprenticeships. Xello allows students to build up their CV step by step. Students are required to have their CV completed by Friday 14th January, ready for their mock interviews at the end of January. Mr Farmer our careers advisor is more than happy to hold 'CV clinics' after school in January to help students finish CVs and check them for students. If your child is struggling to complete any college applications or their CV they can see Mr Farmer any lunch or breaktime in the career's office.

GCSE Pod

As you are aware, as a school we currently subscribe to GCSEPod, Year 11 students are already accessing this and being rewarded for their engagement. GCSEPod is an award-winning, online content and revision provider, which allows students to access online playlists for every subject. Our subscription comes with free unlimited streaming, progress tracking features and worldwide competitions. Research carried out by GCSEPod, has shown that on average, those students that regularly engage with GCSEPod, have increased their final outcome by at least one grade compared to their starting point.

This week, we have introduced Year 10 via an assembly, to GCSEPod. During the assembly, Year 10 also looked at the revision strategies that can be used alongside it. Year 10s now have their usernames, and all have been given a password reset to a generic password. Pupils need to log on and change their passwords to something more personal. Teachers will be setting homework and other tasks on GCSEPod and therefore it is essential that pupils are able to log on correctly and are familiar with the platform. We will be rewarding pupils for their engagement with GCSEPod and giving out weekly certificates for 'top podder' and 'pod expert', as well as grand prizes in our termly reward assemblies. Also included in our subscription are free webinars and workshops for parents to learn more about GCSEPod, the benefits and how best to support your child's learning. Please see the link below to sign up to upcoming parent webinars. <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

Mission Christmas

As we approach the festive season, we are encouraging everyone to be a secret Santa again this year. Moorside High School have always played a big role in supporting the charity, Cash for Kids and we are hoping to have a record-breaking year this year. If you are able to support, all donations can be left in our charity supermarket trolleys. The only requirement from the charity is that donations are unwrapped and unused (new). We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents/carers and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Food Bank

During the coming weeks, we will be collecting donations to support our local community. If you are able to spare a tin of beans or packet of pasta, please do send into reception.

Team Moorside's 'Great Christmas Jumper Exchange'

This year, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on the 20th December, for a small donation of £1 for charity. Students will be invited to attend school wearing a Christmas Jumper, alongside a Green/Red themed non uniform day. To support sustainability, we are encouraging students to bring in their old Christmas Jumper and potentially swap with a pre-loved one, which I am sure you will agree, probably has only been worn once, last Christmas Jumper Day! During the jumper exchange, any Christmas jumpers donated, will be sold for a small donation (all donations going to charity) Students can bring in their jumpers between 1st December to the 10th December. The big exchange will take place on the 10th December.

Last week of term

As a school, we really want to celebrate the students' achievements this term. All year groups will enjoy a celebration assembly where we can acknowledge, not only those students that do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place, but also those that go above and beyond. The following will take place during the last week of term:

Monday 20th December -

- Rewards trip for those students with top 'Behaviour for Learning grades'
- Christmas Jumper Day/themed non-uniform - Green/Red
- Christmas Lunch in the Dining Hall

Tuesday 21st December - Celebration Assemblies.

- Year 7 - Period 1
- Year 8 - Period 2
- Year 9 - Period 3
- Year 11 - Period 4
- Year 10 - Period 5

Wednesday 22nd December -

- Period 1 - Normal Lesson
- Period 2 - Normal Lesson
- Extended Break with a hot breakfast available
- Period 3 - Reduced Period 3 - Form Party/Quiz.
- Early Finish - 12.05 - Happy Holidays

Pre-Loved Book Swap

Thank you to all parents that have sent in their pre-loved books. The book swap will close Tuesday 30th November, so you only have this weekend to clear those bookshelves. Polite reminder, from January, having a reading book will be part of our equipment list.

Staying safe online

We are sure you have heard in the news recently that across the country, there has been an increase in young people sharing videos and images via TikTok that can cause offence to others. The internet is an important part of every child's life and during the recent lockdowns we have all had to be online more than ever. It may feel daunting to talk about staying safe online – especially when your children are using the internet differently to you. If you are concerned that your child may not fully understand the dangers the online world can bring, or you do not feel confident with what is out there. The link below takes you to the NSPCC website where there are some fantastic resources for both children and parents.

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](#)

Dates for your Diary

- KS3 Assessments - 29th November until 10th December 2021
- School Production - Beauty & the Beast 16th/17th December 2021
- Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day, Green and Red theme – 20th December 2021
- Christmas lunch - 20th December 2021
- 21st December 2021 - Celebration Assemblies
- 22nd December 2021 - School closes for the Christmas Break 12.05
- 5th January 2022 - School reopens for the spring term
- 18th January 2022 - Year 11 Parents Evening

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Invitation for Parents: Success Beyond School

Free-of-charge careers evenings for parents



We are thrilled to announce the last in our *Success Beyond School* series for 2021; **free-of-charge, live online evening seminars designed to help parents supercharge their children's career potential.** Parents can register now for:

[Wednesday 24th Nov: Learning to Lead](#)

Help enhance your child's leadership skills

[Wednesday 1st Dec: Building a Future in Finance](#)

How your child can break into the finance industry

[Wednesday 8th Dec: Level up with Law](#)

Support your child on their journey to becoming a top lawyer

These events are for parents of students aged 12-18 and free to attend. Please share this email with parents; either directly or via students. You can also download a PDF of the invite [here](#).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Summer Internship Experiences for Ages 12-18



We are already getting booked up for some of our most popular summer experiences in London. **For a limited time only students can get 15% off using code SUMMER15.** Shadow doctors in a hospital, argue a human rights case in the Supreme Court, explore a supercar engine with F1 engineers and much much more. Click below to register now.

[View All: Ages 15-18](#)

[View All: Ages 12-14](#)

