



Moorside  
High School

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we bring another year to a close, I feel we have lots to celebrate at Moorside High School and Consilium Academies Trust. I thank you and the whole school community for your support, challenge and also patience as we continue to navigate this pandemic. I can honestly say this has been the hardest 12 months I have had as a Headteacher, but also the most rewarding.

As with my summer letter last year, this letter is a little longer than usual, however, I urge you to take time to read it thoroughly so that we are all clear on our plans. In addition to this over the coming days, a Parent Handbook will also be put onto our website.

### **September 2021**

The current DFE guidance seems to show another step back towards a normal school day and hopefully a big reduction in the need to isolate if a contact. Our aim is to run a full and normal school day with also increased before and after school provision. Further information is in the table below but please note this does include Covid-19 testing.

Our school priorities next year will see us focus on:

- Attendance
- Whole school SEND and our Enhanced Resource Provision
- Our curriculum (inc homework and work conducted outside of the classroom)

Moorside High School will close for the summer break on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021** at an earlier time of 12.15

Thank you once again, and my best wishes for a lovely summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Christopher R Davis  
Headteacher

### **September 2021- Testing**

In order to facilitate mass testing in line with the DFE guidance we will be inviting students into school during our staff INSET session. Please see details below for your respective year groups

**Year 7** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September testing only: 11.00-12.00.

**Year 8** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September testing only: 12.00-13.00.

**Year 9** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September testing only: 13.00-14.00.

**Year 10** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September testing only: 14.00-15.00.

**Year 11** - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September testing only: 15.00-16.00.

**Please note:** Parents and Carers do need to give consent via the link on the message for testing to be conducted.

### **September 2021- School Day**

Given we have the biggest ever intake into Moorside High School, Year 7 and 11 start school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 08.25. All other year groups should arrive at 09.00 - the day will start with a year group assembly, form time and then lessons will commence.

September 2021 will see us fully return to our school wraparound provision and we will be open to students for breakfast from 08.00 each morning. Please note students not purchasing food will still be required to wait outside of the main building until form time.

### **Year 11 Exam Results Day: 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

We will be delighted to welcome students back onto campus between 09.00-11.00 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 via the Sports Hall. From 11.00 until 14.00 students can still collect these from reception but please note staff will not be available. After this time results will be posted out to all other students.

In order to help you we have set up [results2021@moorsidehigh.com](mailto:results2021@moorsidehigh.com) should you have any questions.

### **School Opening Hours during Summer:**

During the summer break we will be reducing the time our phone lines are open, please see below the schedule.

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July-11<sup>th</sup> August- Closed
- Reception is open on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August for Examination Results 09.00-14.00
- Monday 16-20<sup>th</sup> August - Closed
- Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August - Reception will be open each day 09.00-12.00

Please note: visits to the school site can only be made with a prior appointment.

### **New Year 7 Cohort**

As discussed in our event last week we cannot wait to welcome you to the Moorside Campus. Our TEAM ethos continues to grow, I look ahead with great excitement to welcoming this group of students into our TEAM in September. Welcome to Moorside, the record-breaking Class of 2026!

### **Uniform:**

Full uniform is compulsory again in September and this can be purchased from Whittakers Schoolwear, Swinton. Please be advised you will be required to call in advance of your visit to the store to make an appointment. Contact 0161 794 1396 or email them at [swinton-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk](mailto:swinton-orders@whittakersschoolwear.co.uk)

Despite the flexibility shown when returning to school post national lockdown, I am hoping students will have now recognised our high expectations around uniform. I want to be very clear that trainers of any kind are not part of our school uniform. Trainers will be required for PE lessons. School skirts should be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee and blazers are to be worn on all corridors.

Students who arrive to school in incorrect uniform will be sanctioned in line with our attendance policy from the first day back.

**Trousers, Skirts, Shirts, Socks/Tights:** Trousers must be black and tailored; school skirts should be plain Navy and no shorter than 3" above the knee. Students should wear a white tailored school shirt with our school tie. For girls, navy blue or black non-patterned tights or white ankle socks. For boys, black ankle socks.

**Blazers:** These are compulsory and should always be worn, unless given permission from staff to remove. Students may wear an optional jumper, this must be a navy-blue sweater with the red stripe on the V-neck, purchased from our uniform supplier.

**School shoes:** Plain black sensible leather shoes (no logo), no canvas shoes, no trainer style shoes. School shoes are particularly expensive, but we have had issues this year with parents spending a lot of money on footwear which clearly does not take note of the above information. We would very much like to avoid this as it puts the school at odds with the student which is not what any of us would wish for and is a negative start to the school day for all concerned. The local Clarks Shoe Shop in the Trafford Centre are nearing reopening. They are trying to reach out to every parent or guardian who will require some help in fitting their children for new school shoes. You can contact the store online and book an appointment which will help manage the queues.

**Coats:** These must be dark in colour with no logos. Students are not allowed to wear coats in the building, if students have their coat on in the building, they will be asked to remove it and will be given a consequence. If this becomes a regular occurrence, the coat will be taken from them and returned at the end of the day. Please note that sports jackets, denim jackets and hoodies are not permitted, casual, hooded and outdoor tops must not be worn under the blazer.

**School bag:** In order to ensure that a student is ready to learn, it is vital they have all the correct equipment. Students should have their school planner with them and out in every lesson. It is vital

therefore that they have a sensible school bag. Far too many students are either not bringing a bag or are using a shoulder strap small handbag. This is not acceptable, and students will receive a consequence if they do not have a suitable bag that can hold all their equipment, planner, and books.

**Jewellery:** Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings and a watch are the only items allowed. All Jewellery must be removed for PE activities and is brought into school entirely at the student's own risk. Nose studs and all other types of piercing are not allowed. Students will be required to remove any items of jewellery which contravenes this code; they will be confiscated until parents collect them from school. If you do decide to allow your child to have additional piercings please ensure that they are removed for school.

**Make Up:** Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish is not allowed. False nails are not allowed.

Further details about our uniform can be found on the school website, at the moment, it is also important to point out that as part of the uniform list, a mask is required:

[https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/docs/Uniform 2013-2014/uniform page.pdf](https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/docs/Uniform%202013-2014/uniform_page.pdf)

## Head of Year

From September 2021 we are making a slight change to our pastoral strategy and will be keeping a fix Head of Year for Year 7 and Year 11. This change is due to the specialist nature of the work with transition from primary and then also post-16.

### Structure from September 2021

Year 7	Mr Williams	<a href="mailto:Year7MHS@consilium-at.com">Year7MHS@consilium-at.com</a>
Year 8	Mrs Kirk	<a href="mailto:Year8MHS@consilium-at.com">Year8MHS@consilium-at.com</a>
Year 9	Miss Stephan (Maternity Cover for Miss Drinkwater)	<a href="mailto:Year9MHS@consilium-at.com">Year9MHS@consilium-at.com</a>
Year 10	Mr Halsall	<a href="mailto:Year10MHS@consilium-at.com">Year10MHS@consilium-at.com</a>
Year 11	Mrs Copestake	<a href="mailto:Year11MHS@consilium-at.com">Year11MHS@consilium-at.com</a>

A more personalised letter will follow from Mrs Ryles-Dean but I did want to share this as early as I could do. I hope the new email accounts for each year group also help communication.

## Student Lockers

Given a number of ongoing issues, we are in the process of phasing out all lockers in school. Please can you ensure that if your child has a locker, this is emptied before we finish for the summer break. Please note that anything left in the lockers beyond this point will be put into the bin supporting health and safety.

As we move forward it is important that students take self-responsibility for belongings and this also supports our push for students to have a school bag and maximise learning time. If the purchase of a school bag is a concern for any family, please contact your Head of Year.

## New School Website, Twitter, Instagram and Sims Parent App

One of the areas of school which was heavily criticised when I took over as Headteacher was communication between home and school. Since this we have tried to have a big push to

improve and whilst I acknowledge there is still lots to be done we have the following platforms.

- **School website** <https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/>
- **Instagram** handle: moorsidehighofficial
- **Twitter:** @moorsidehigh
- **Sims Parent App** and **Parent Pay**- A further invite will be sent to all parents and carers during the first week back. Please know we are now a fully cashless school.

