

# TALKING TRANSITION

Moorside High School Transition Newsletter



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRANSITION TEAM

Hello, my name is Miss Birnie and I am the transition coordinator at Moorside High School. Mr Williams is the Head of Year 7 and we work together as the transition team. Our job is to make sure that childrens transition from primary school to secondary school is as smooth as possible. We will update you several times through the year with important information about transition via our newsletters – so look out for them. These will also tell you a bit more about life here as a part of #TEAMMOORSIDE.

I'd like to say a big thank you to all of you who attended our Open Evening on the 7th of October. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the evening and taking part in the wide variety of activities we had. We hope this gave you an idea of what life at Moorside is like and we look forward to meeting more of you as the year goes on! Mr Williams and I have had the privilege of going out to some of our feeder primary schools and meeting our future pupils ahead of the evening. If you haven't met us yet, we will be visiting more of you over the academic year, as well as inviting you here to take part in some exciting activities. We will be sending more details about this to our primary colleagues soon.

Our Year 7's have made an outstanding start to this academic year, producing fantastic pieces of work and getting involved in all aspects of school life. This newsletter will give you an insight in to what secondary school has been like for them starting here since September. Our transition newsletter will be sent out termly to update you on events, news and give lots of tips on how to make the move to secondary school successful. We hope that you are looking forward to joining #TEAMMOORSIDE next September.

**Miss Birnie and Mr Williams**

## ADVICE FROM YEAR 7 STUDENTS

We asked our pupils to tell us about their starting weeks at Moorside High School or write to advice to people who are starting high school. Here are some of the replies we received:

"The transition from primary school to high school was a big change for me. It went from lots of familiar faces to just a few. On my first day, I was terrified but I knew that I was not alone and everyone would be in the same position as me. The teachers at Moorside are amazing and will give you help whenever you need it. There are loads of different clubs you can join and they are an opportunity to make new friends as they might like doing the same things as you. Some lessons here at Moorside are really fun. We do experiments in science, performing in drama and cooking in food tech. I hope you enjoyed reading this and are looking forward to coming here." - Emily

You might worry, or be concerned about getting lost. You will always have your head of year around to help if you need it.  
- Sofija

High school is fun, I have learnt a lot of new things. Enjoy it!  
- Sophie

Secondary school is much different to primary but you will enjoy it. My advice would be to bring the right equipment, it helps you for starting your day right!  
- Harry

## OPEN EVENING

We held our annual Open Evening on the 7th of October between 5pm and 7pm.

There were lots of fabulous activities taking place including the dissection of a rat, trampolining, food demonstrations and headteacher's talks. It was fantastic to see so many Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Two of our Year 7 students gave an excellent talk about how they have settled in to life at Moorside. Well done Charlie and Stevie- Leigh!

***"I have loved my English lessons. I have enjoyed them because I love writing. I've made lots of new friends here!" - Stevie-Leigh***

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## NEWS AND EVENTS



Our new Year 7 pupils have been getting involved in our charity fundraising events and showing they are fully embracing the values of #TEAMMOORSIDE. Year 7s (and pupils from other year groups) brought cakes to sell to raise money for MacMillan Cancer support, an amazing charity that in 2018 alone reached to 6.78 million people, who were affected by cancer. They continue to help many people today by providing specialist health care, information and financial support. On the last day of the half term, many of our Year 7 students wore an item of pink clothing and donated money to raise money for cancer charities. We raised a fantastic total of £422.99. Students also helped Ms. Dolan raise £752.41 in sponsoring her "Brave the Shave!"

This term, we have lots of exciting Christmas events for charity. Firstly, we are taking part in Mission Christmas, where our school community donate gifts for children who might not get a gift to unwrap on Christmas day. 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.

In addition, 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. During the jumper exchange, any Christmas jumpers donated, will be sold for a small donation with all donations going to charity. Finally, we are also taking donations for the local food bank to support people in the local community over the festive period.



## SPORTS AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Year 7 have been getting involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities.

They have had a huge selection of clubs to get involved in year including Lego club, drama club, languages club, geography club, as well as clubs for sports including football, rugby and netball.

Our Year 7 boys football team have been particularly successful winning fixtures against Swinton (4-1), Walkden (6-0) and Oasis Oldham (4-0). They also won the Manchester United Power Play tournament at the Cliff to qualify for the finals at Carrington.

We had a fantastic turn out for the Year 7 girls netball team trials too – we can't wait to see how they do in their upcoming fixtures this term.



## Christmas Competition!

Our first transition competition this year is to design a Christmas card which brings festive cheer!

Take a photograph or scan in your entry and send it to [mhstransition@consilium-at.com](mailto:mhstransition@consilium-at.com).

There will be certificates and prizes for the best entries and they will be featured on the Moorside High website and social media pages!

On the email make sure you tell us your name, the year group you are in and which primary school you attend.

The deadline is 17th December! Good luck – we can't wait to see your entries!

Moorside High School presents:

*Beauty & the Beast*  
**16.12.2021**  
**17.12.2021**  
*Save the Date*



## COMING SOON...

Over this term we have lots of exciting events coming up including more sports fixtures, charity fundraising events and our school production of Beauty and the Beast.

Tickets for this will be available from the school office.

Follow our social media to keep up to date with all the latest news and events from #TeamMoorside

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