



#Team Moorside Parent Update 07.01.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome the students back into school this week. We were so proud with how they conducted themselves on the testing day and we are grateful to them for their patience with regards the remote learning. We know one or two had issues with passwords, but we hope we were able to rectify these quickly for them. We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to complete a lateral flow test, twice a week on a Sunday and Wednesday evening, by doing this, it reduces the chances of any asymptomatic cases being in school. All lateral flow test results can be logged at MHSCovidresults@consilium-at.com If you require any more test kits, please ask your child to collect these from the main reception at the end of the school day.

The safety of our students and staff is at the forefront of what we do. The Department for Education guidance – published January 2022 stated:

Face coverings help protect the wearer and others against the spread of infection because they cover the nose and mouth, which are the main confirmed sources of transmission of COVID-19. Where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure. From January 4th, we also recommend that in those schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This will also be a temporary measure.

We are therefore following this guidance and highly recommending that face coverings are worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. We would appreciate your support with this by encouraging your child to bring a face mask into school with them.

There has been a lot of talk about the potential for staff absence to cause major disruption in schools and there is certainly the possibility of that at Moorside High School. However, when we did experience some of this before Christmas, with a higher-than-normal proportion of lessons needing cover, we were able to keep all students in school and not send year groups home and we hope this will be the case again. There are bound to be some operational challenges along the way, and I obviously can't guarantee anything, but I can certainly assure you that we will be working extremely hard to minimise any impact on learning. Many thanks in anticipation of your support and understanding around these kinds of issues.

Finally, we would like to wish the Year 10/11 Engineering, Creative I media and Sports Studies students who have an exam next week, the best of luck. We have this morning received the following update from the DFE about face coverings in examinations and thought it would be useful to share with you.

Following the temporary reintroduction of face coverings in classrooms, the public health guidance to support exams was updated on Sunday 2 January. This guidance sets out that we would not ordinarily expect candidates and invigilators to wear face coverings during exams and assessments, but only on arrival and departure. Both candidates and invigilators may wear face coverings if they wish to do so.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Year 11 Parents Evening

Year 11 Parents Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 18th January 2022. The evening will be held remotely on school cloud, bookings will be open from 12noon on Friday 7th January 2022 and will close on Tuesday 18th January at 14:30. Further details are available on the school website.

Vaccinations Update

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI). Our colleagues from the health team have been in touch to inform us that the next in school, Covid vaccination session, will be taking place this term. This will be to offer second jabs for those who are due (this is 12 weeks after the first jab) and to offer first jabs for those who missed the opportunity last term. We are unsure of the dates at the moment, but will keep you fully informed, as and when we receive the information. Parents can also book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the NHS booking system. [NHS booking system](#)

Great Uniform Focus!

As the students have returned this week, it has been great to see how organised and smart they have looked. Thank you for your support in ensuring all students have attended school with the correct equipment and uniform. We are continuing to have a spotlight focus on uniform over the next two weeks. 'Great Uniform Fortnight', will see students receive house point tokens for wearing their uniform correctly. They will then be able to trade these in for a reward at the end of the fortnight. We have high expectations and standards at Moorside High School, and it is important that students realise that making good choices around positive behaviour for learning will be rewarded, whilst making poor choices will have consequences.

If you require any support in ensuring your child is fully prepared for school with the correct equipment/uniform, then please do contact their Head of Year. We will loan blazers, ties, school shoes and provide equipment if needed, however students will receive a consequence if this is repeated behaviour. If a student is persistently not ready to learn, we will arrange parental meetings to discuss the concerns and what support we can put in place to rectify this.

Attendance & Punctuality Matters

It is widely acknowledged that attendance has a direct impact upon achievement, success, and welfare. To encourage good punctuality and attendance, our attendance leagues have been reset for this term. Students will be entered into a prize draw for 100% attendance and bonus house points will be awarded for good attendance/punctuality. If you need to report a student absence, or need support in getting your child into school, please contact our attendance officer via the absence line before 08:30 or by emailing mhsabsence@consilium-at.com with an explanation and likely duration of absence. Parents must contact the school each morning that your child is absent unless we have a doctor's note for a longer-term illness. If we do not receive notification of your child's absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised.

Dates for your Diary

- 18th January 2022 - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 21st January 2022 - Year 11 Mock interview day
- 8th February 2022 - Year 9 Options Evening
- 15th February 2022 - Year 9 Parents Evening
- 17th February 2022 - School closes to students for February half term
- 18th February 2022 - Staff Inset Day
- 28th February 2022 - School reopens 08:30am
- W/C 28th February 2022 - KS4 Assessment Window

WORD OF THE WEEK

OBSOLETE

(ADJECTIVE) NO LONGER PRODUCED OR USED; OUT OF DATE.

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"Landline phones are becoming obsolete due to mobile technology"

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