



## #Team Moorside Parent Update 14.01.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through January. Our students have been amazing since their return, it has been lovely to see students ready to learn with their reading book, knowledge organiser and planner. If your child has misplaced their Knowledge Organiser or Planner, these can now be purchased via the ParentPay Website. [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) Students must have their planner, reading book and knowledge organiser with them each day and they must be out in lessons so they are available to use.

During assemblies this week, we have looked at what it is to have a positive mindset and to make the right choices. Over the next six weeks, in the run up to the next half term, the students have been challenged to orchestrate their days to stay positive and get the best from school and their lessons. We have also launched our spotlight on 'Great Uniform'. Students will receive 'Great Uniform' tickets, if they are wearing their uniform correctly. These tickets are worth 5 bonus House points and will be able to be exchanged for rewards. I know lots of the students are already excited about the thought of trading in their House Points, for a Team Moorside pen. 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.

This half term we are also opening our Food Bank collection. All donations can be left in the House trolleys at reception.

Until the 26<sup>th</sup> January, we are required to continue to encourage students to wear a face covering in classrooms and social areas around school. Please can you remind students to bring a mask with them to school. We would also really appreciate your continued 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](mailto: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.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Head of School

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### **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Year 11 Parents Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 18th January 2022, bookings will close on Tuesday 18th January at 14:30. Mr Farmer, our Careers Adviser, is also available on the evening and appointments can be made via School Cloud. Further details are available on the school website.

### **Vaccinations Update**

This week you should have received a letter explaining about the COVID-19 vaccine being offered to your child at school. If you wish your child to receive either their first or second dose, please use this link to consent. <https://form.jotform.com/213506422039044>

[The Letter can be accessed here.](#)

### **Key Stage 3 assessments and reports**

We are very conscious that Key Stage 3 students completed their assessments at the start of December, and you have not yet received their Progress Report. Hopefully, your child has shared with you the result they received, as many have received these during lessons. Due to the additional pressures that Covid brought to the school before Christmas, the deadline for staff to input these results was extended. You can therefore expect your child's Progress Report the week commencing 31st January 2022. Should you have any concerns with regard to your child's progress, please do contact the subject teacher in the first instance. Any concerns can be emailed to [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) where your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.

### **Oxford University Presentation.**

On **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 3-4pm** there will be a talk for any interested pupils in Year 11 and Year 10 about opportunities at Oxbridge universities. The talk will also cover what Russell group universities are, and things to consider for future applications. The talk is optional, but we would love as many students as possible to attend and demonstrate our CARE value of 'Aspiration'. Thank you to Mr Farmer for organising this event, if you require any further information, please do contact [simon.farmer@consilium-at.com](mailto:simon.farmer@consilium-at.com)

### **The Things I Wish My Parents Had Known**

This new guide from the Children's Commissioner for England is about how to talk to young people about online sexual harassment. 'The Things I Wish My Parents Had Known' it is aimed at parents/carers and is based on the experiences and opinion of young people with simple but very important tips. To read the guide, [please click here](#).

### **Van Gogh Live Trip**

This week, 30 Year 7 students attended the Van Gogh Live exhibition at the Lowry in Salford. Students returned to school, full of excitement and feeling that the exhibition was incredible and the best art show they had ever seen. The year 7 pupils were a credit to their parents/carers and Moorside High School, demonstrating excellent behaviour. Members of the public even stopped Mrs Goth and Mr Williams, to say how well-mannered the students were. A fantastic opportunity for the students. We really hope that we can start now to organise more trips and visits for our students.



## **Blood Brothers Workshop**

We are really excited to welcome into school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Stage-Ed Theatre Company. The company will be delivering a 'Blood Brothers masterclass workshop' to our Year 10 and 11 Drama students, to support them with their preparation for their component 1 exam. If your child is involved in this event, you should have already received a letter, with the option to consent.

## **Student Bikes**

As many of you are aware, sadly several schools across Salford had bikes stolen from their bike sheds this week. We are currently working with the police to see if we can organise a bike marking event and are looking at grants to provide a more secure shelter.

Each year in Manchester alone, hundreds of bikes are recovered by or handed in to the police. Unfortunately, many of the owners cannot be tracked down. By registering your child's bike with one of the many registrations schemes available there is a good chance that should it go missing, you will get it back. <http://www.immobilise.com/> is a free national registration database for cycles and other personal property. As with staff cars, drivers park, leave their bike at their own risk. If students are coming to school on their bike, we would really encourage students to follow the following advice from Greater Manchester Police:

### **Follow these 10 tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.**

**1. Double lock it** - Using two locks slows thieves down and makes your bike less of a target. Use two quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock. Thieves are less likely to carry multiple tools, so use two different types of lock if possible.

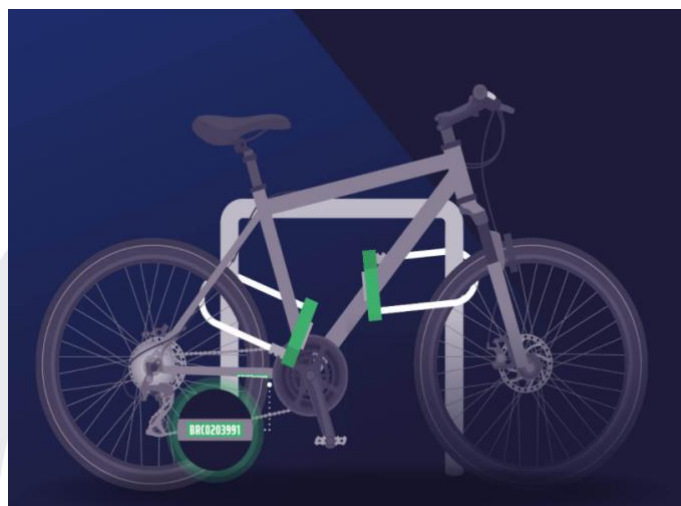
**2. Lock the lot** - Lock the frame and both wheels to a secure cycle stand.

**3. Secure it** - Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

**4. Take removable parts with you** - Take parts that are easy to remove with you, such as wheels, lights, baskets or the saddle. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently.

**5. Register it** - Register your frame number for free on a cycle database such as BikeRegister or immobilise.com. The frame number is usually found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in. If your bike is ever stolen and recovered by the police, it can be traced back to you.

**6. Mark it** - Get your bike security marked. It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested. Bikeregister provide a list of police bike marking events. You can also mark your bike with SmartWater.



## **Poetry Anthology**

We would like to celebrate the success, of six of our Year 7-9 students who have been selected for publication in the nationwide Young Writers anthology, for their inspiring poetry on the theme of 'empowered'.

Well done to our brilliant creative voices. Winners of the nationwide competition will be announced in the coming weeks. Good luck!

## Reading for Pleasure Fortnight

As part of our commitment to encourage a life-long love of reading in school and at home, we will be taking part in a Reading for Pleasure Fortnight. To celebrate **National Storyteller Week** (30<sup>th</sup> January-6<sup>th</sup> January 2022) we will be taking part in a Sponsored Read in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books for the school. Students will receive more information on this during form time in the coming weeks.

## Scholastic bookfair

We will be hosting a **Scholastic bookfair between 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. As this will be cashless, we encourage those who wish to make purchases to pre-load cards through Scholastic at the link here from 30<sup>th</sup> January:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1200254>. Alternately, there is also the option to order online during the event. Feel free to browse the books which will be available in advance, here:

<https://www6.scholastic.co.uk/3dissue/catalogues/SchoolsCatalogueSecondary2019/>

Students will also have the opportunity to attend numerous exciting events hosted by authors and journalists throughout the fortnight. Finally, we just wanted to stress that the most important part of this fortnight is to encourage reading for pleasure throughout the school and any donations from the sponsorships are extremely valued, but not compulsory.

## Attendance

**Well done to Year 7 and Pankhurst House - Top Attendance this week!!** 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](mailto: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.

## GCSEPod

We are having a big push on GCSEPod again this half term for our KS4 students. GCSEPod are offering free parent webinars where a GCSEPod expert will give you lots of hints, tips and advice on how best to use GCSEPod to support your child. The webinars are running on the following dates:

26th January - 5pm, 9th February - 5pm, 23rd February - 5pm, 9th March - 5pm, 23rd March - 5pm

GCSEPod are also hosting an exclusive student webinar on Wednesday 19th January at 5pm. This will discuss effective techniques to succeed with GCEPod and will also cover three key areas: 'Forgetting', 'Procrastinating' and 'Failing'. To sign up to these webinars just follow the link below. <https://www.gcsepod.com/podup-presents-parent-webinars/>

## Drop Everything And Read

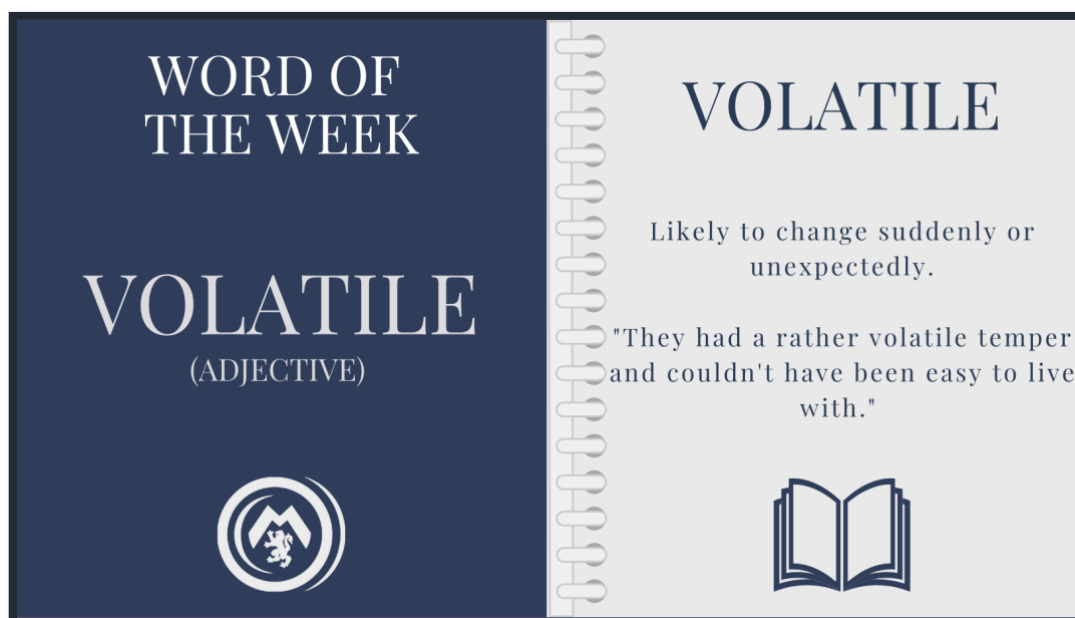
We are really excited to have received our brand-new class readers for DEAR time next week! We hope the students really enjoy the books.





### Dates for your Diary

- 18th January 2022 - Year 11 Parents Evening
- 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 - Year 11 Mock interview day- More details to follow
- 18th February 2022 - Staff Inset Day
- 28th February 2022 - School reopens 08:30am
- W/C 28th February 2022 - KS4 Assessment Window



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