



#Team Moorside Parent Update 21.01.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the launch of our spotlight on 'Great Uniform', it has been really pleasing to see students taking a pride in their appearance and wearing their uniform correctly. We are looking forward to seeing the students exchange their tickets for rewards. Please do not forget, 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. Polite reminder, students are not allowed False, Gel or Acrylic nails, students will be required to have these removed if they have them on for school.

Last term we circulated a Microsoft Form, Parent Voice survey, to gain feedback on what you felt the school did well and what the school needed to do to continue to develop. One area that came up from the survey, was that parents didn't always know what their child was studying/learning. Over the past few weeks, we have been working hard to develop our curriculum area of the website, to enable us to share this information more readily with you. This is still in the early stages, but over the coming months we will be developing the website to become a hub of information for you, on all areas of the school. Please do take a moment to visit the new curriculum subject pages on the website, where it will inform you of the topics your child is currently studying.

As a school over the past 18 months due to Covid, we have really struggled to offer a compressive wider curriculum to our students. Last term we saw a large number of clubs and activities start up again. We are really excited to launch the extra-curricular timetable for this term with students and this will be published from Monday. Students do not need to sign up for the activities and clubs, they are able to just turn up and attend. Please do encourage your child to get involved and take advantage of all the clubs and activities.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Covid 19 update

On Wednesday 19th January, the Prime Minister announced that all Plan B measures would be removed in England, with a full return to Plan A by Thursday 27 January. For us as a school, this means:

From, Thursday 20th January, face coverings will no longer be recommended in classrooms and teaching spaces for staff and students in year 7 and above. From Thursday 27th January, face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas for staff and students in year 7 and above. This decision comes in response to national infection data showing the prevalence of COVID-19 to be on a downward trajectory. Whilst there are some groups where cases are likely to continue rising, it is likely that the Omicron wave has now peaked nationally. There remains significant pressure on the NHS but hospital admissions have stabilised, and the number of patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU) remain low and are falling. Although this is very promising, the virus is still with us, so we will be continuing with proportionate protective measures, such as encouraging regular hand washing and good ventilation in order to ensure we continue to protect students having to learn remotely. Directors of public health will continue to advise individual schools experiencing outbreaks.

Vaccinations Update

Polite Reminder, if you would like to consent to your child receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, please use this link to consent. <https://form.jotform.com/213506422039044>

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

As part of our on-going Careers Programme in Year 11, we are inviting pupils to take part in a mock interview with a visitor from the world of work. The mock interview day will take place on **Friday 18th February 2022**. This is an INSET day for school, so pupils will be issued with an interview time so they can come into school, have their interview, and then go home. Pupils should expect to be in school for this event around 30-40 minutes maximum.

Visitors will range from sixth form/FE colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers. It is a superb opportunity for the pupils to gain an understanding of what a real interview may be like and practice their skills in preparation for them finishing Moorside High School this summer.

SIMS Parent App

From April 2022, the main communication method will be via the SIMS App. Over the past few weeks, new sign up emails have been sent to those parents who are yet to sign up. If you require any further information or support in getting set up, please do email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Save the Date - Year 9 Guided Pathways Option Evening

On Tuesday 8th February 2022, we will be holding our remote Year 9 Guided Pathways Option Evening. More information will be circulated nearer the time and will be available on the school website.

Oxford University Presentation.

On **Wednesday 26th 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

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) education is a school curriculum subject through which students develop the knowledge, skills, and attributes they need to manage their lives now and in the future. From making responsible decisions about alcohol to succeeding in their first job, PSHE education helps students to manage many of the most critical opportunities, challenges, and responsibilities they will face growing up. Although some of these topics may seem hard hitting, all staff have received relevant training and content is delivered sensitively.

This term the following themes will be delivered.

Year 7: Puberty and Body Development (Girl/Boy focus, Personal Hygiene, FGM, Self-Esteem and Assertive Consent)

Year 8: LGBTQ+ (Homophobia in School and Society, Supporting those that are LGBT, Challenging Homophobia, Transphobia, Coming Out)

Year 9: Body Confidence (Self Esteem, Bullying, Dealing with Grief and Loss, Media and Airbrushing, Cancer Prevention and Lifestyle)

Year 10: Sex, The Law and Consent (Sexting Nudes, Porn Life Vs Real Life, Relationships, Sexual Abuse and Rape, Domestic Abuse and Violence, and Campaigning Against FGM)

Year 11: Violent Crimes and Staying Safe (Drugs NPS, Festivals, Drugs & Nitrous Oxide, War on Drugs, Cosmetic Surgery, Drugs Substance Addiction & Online Reputation & Digital Footprint)

During form time, students will also be looking at British Values.

Year 7 Parents - Year 7 Transition

The local authority is currently carrying out an evaluation of the KS2-KS3 transition policy. They have asked that we ask our current Year 7 students and parents to complete. A link has been messaged separately for you to complete the deadline is the 4th February.

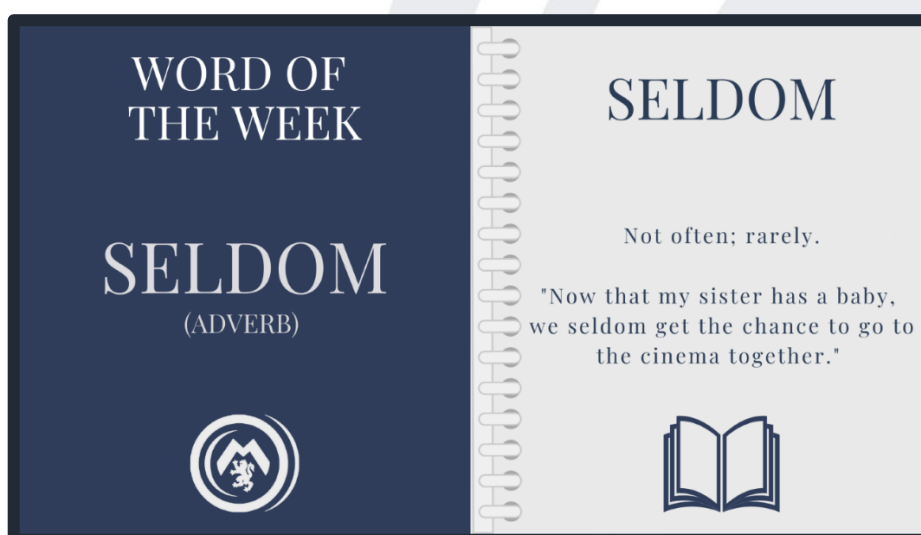
Self-isolation

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of the tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Dates for your Diary

- 8th February 2022 - Year 9 Options Evening - Remote
- 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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