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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 28.01.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are very nearly in the month of February. It has been another busy week at Team Moorside, our spotlight focus continues on our school uniform, and we are now adding to this the importance of being fully equipped for school. Students have been reminded about the importance of bringing their knowledge organiser, equipment, planner and reading book every day.

During assembly this week, Mr Fanning and Mrs McGivern delivered a very informative session about the Holocaust Memorial Day. This is the day each year when we remember the six million Jewish people who were systematically persecuted and murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust. Students were extremely attentive during the assembly and have then gone on to extend this knowledge during their form time sessions.

Following on from the information provided last week, hopefully, you have had chance to visit our school website to have a look at the curriculum area, where we are starting to update our information to keep you fully informed about what your child is currently studying across their subjects. This week, we have added more detail to our Literacy, Keeping Children Safe, Learning Support and Mental Health and Wellbeing pages, please do continue to visit the school website, as we will update this weekly.

Finally, please can I ask for your support in monitoring your child's use of social media and messaging platforms. We have been made aware that a number of year groups have large WhatsApp groups set up. Unfortunately, some of the messages that are being posted on this forum are including unkind comments and inappropriate language. If you would like more information on how you can keep your child safe when using WhatsApp, please visit the following webpage <https://www.whatsapp.com/safety> we will continue to educate students around staying safe online and will be highlighting Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Please do remember, if you have any concerns around the content you are seeing, please either inform your child's Head of Year, our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mr Webb or report it via the SHARP reporting system.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Head of School

Consilium Engagement Survey

As you are aware Moorside High School is a part of Consilium Academies Trust. Consilium Academies are deeply committed to serving our communities, this is reflected in an integral part of their mission statement which is, 'a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.' The Trust have launched the Consilium Community Engagement Survey, as they want to receive direct communication from you, the members of our wider-school community, on how they can further support all members of our Trust community.

All parents/carers will receive a message via the In-Touch app inviting you to take part in the survey. If you do not have the app, you can download it by contacting us for an invitation at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com If you do not receive the link to the survey, please do contact us so we can arrange for the link to be sent to you.

As it is crucial that the Trust receive as many responses as possible, so they gain a representative understanding of your views. They will be giving away a £100 gift voucher to one lucky respondent to the survey. The deadline for submissions is 21st February.

Oxford University careers talk

This week we welcomed Tamsin from the schools' outreach team at The University of Oxford to talk to interested Y10 and Y11 pupils about the possible opportunities at Oxbridge universities, and Russell group universities in general. Pupils learnt about the different factors that a university would be looking for from an applicant, and also did some myth-busting on some of the typical stereotypes of an Oxbridge university! Pupils also had a short virtual campus tour of a university building and also took part in a live Q&A session with two current Oxford university students. Thank you to the pupils that stayed after school on Wednesday to take part in the session, we hope you found it informative!



National Citizenship Service (NCS)

Y11 pupils had an assembly this week from NCS to promote the opportunities available this summer after GCSE exams. The NCS two-week summer programme is a fantastic chance for young people to get away with friends, have fun and learn new skills - and completing NCS looks great on future job or university applications too. Full details can be found on the NCS website: <https://wearencs.com/> NCS are expected to have a lot of sign-ups this summer, so places will be limited - it is important for any Y11 pupil interested to sign up ASAP to reserve a place. The two-week NCS programme costs £50 per person, which includes food, travel, accommodation, and all adventure activities. (If financial assistance is required, NCS could assist with this; please contact them to discuss) For Y11 pupils to sign up, either register on the website or return the paper application form and payment to school reception. For any further enquiries about the NCS programme, please email: ncs@salfordfoundation.org.uk



Apprenticeship Parent Information Event "A Parent's Guide to STEM Apprenticeships" - 3rd February

National Apprenticeship Week is coming up (WB: 7th February) where pupils will be learning more about what apprenticeships are and exploring opportunities which may be available post-16. Apprenticeships in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) are a great option for many young people seeking a career and could provide an alternative route to college or university study. We have been informed by our STEM ambassador of an online event for parents - "A Parent's Guide to STEM Apprenticeships". This is a 1-hour long session taking place on Thursday 3rd February 6-7pm. This is delivered by The STEM Ambassadors in the West Yorkshire region; however, the information will be generic and not specific to this region. The event may be helpful for parents in navigating the world of apprenticeships for school leavers!

This event will include:

- A focus on STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers.
- Amazing Apprenticeships will explore what an apprenticeship is, the different qualifications that can be achieved and how to find them.
- The role of training providers with input from a local college.
- An opportunity to hear from a national employer about how apprentices fit into their organisation.
- Interviews with current apprentices to find out first-hand what being an apprentice means.

If parents would like to take part in this session, please register via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-parents-guide-to-stem-apprenticeships-tickets-240093384777?aff=Hubcontacts>

Apprenticeships Parent Information Event "The Future of Work and Learning for Young People" - 8th February or 10th February

We work closely with Greater Manchester Higher which is an impartial collaborative network, supporting young people to access aspiration-raising activities and awareness of all routes into Higher Education. As part of National Apprenticeship Week (WB: 7th Feb), Greater Manchester Higher is offering an informative session for parents which could help you understand the many study options available to your young son or daughter, including alternatives to university.

The session takes place online and is entitled "The Future of Work and Learning for Young People"

Parents from pupils in Y11, Y10 or Y9 can register for one of the sessions delivered via Zoom below:

Either - 8th February 6-6.45pm: https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdOqhQD0jHtK-t25Yb-RrhX-UsNvWvA_3 Or - 10th February 6-6.45pm: <https://mmu-ac-uk.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqduqvrT8vHtzvcmBwiPZ8PVREMF2tGmF>

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 18 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. More information will be circulated direct to Year 11 students and parents/carers next week.

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 next week and will be available on the school website.

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 to you and the deadline is the 4th of February.

KS3 Assessment Reports

We thank you for your patience around the delay with the key stage 3 assessment reports. These will be published next week via email. Once you have received these, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's Head of Year or MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

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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