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## #Team Moorside Parent Update 03.03.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

I think we would all agree, it is so nice to have lighter mornings and evening, although it is hard to believe we are in the month of March. The students have returned following the half term break with a renewed energy and have been really focused this week. We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students who are currently completing the second round of Mock Exams. These exams replicate the external exams in summer and are a great opportunity to have a practice run, but also to find out what they don't know, so they can ensure they work on these areas before the exams starting in May. Students studying languages will be having their speaking tests next Thursday and more information will be shared with them nearer the time.

As you will be aware, the government have now set out the next phase of their response to the Covid pandemic: 'Living with COVID-19'. Although the legal requirement to self-isolate has now been removed, students and staff who test positive for Covid are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days. They should continue to follow the guidance for self-isolation until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days. Students and staff who have been in close contact with positive cases of Covid-19 are no longer required to take daily tests for 7 days and contact tracing has now ended. Face coverings are no longer required in school, though anybody who wishes to continue to wear a face covering in school will be more than welcome to do so.

After the considerable disruption of the last two academic years, attendance to school has never been more important. Unless your child is at home as a result of testing positive for Covid or is unwell, please do all you can to make sure that your child is in school. Where possible, please make routine medical and dental appointments during the school holidays or out of school hours. If you need any support with this, please do contact your child's Head of Year or our attendance officer.

Finally, I am sure that, like me, many of you have been watching the events in Ukraine over the past week and our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people. Over the coming week, we will be sharing sensitively, information on these events to ensure students understand what is happening and have the opportunity to ask any questions. This content will be delivered as part of our PSHE sessions during form time. We will also be sharing with students some useful links, including a link to the BBC Newsround website, where there is some useful advice for young people on what to do if they are upset by anything in the news - Advice if you're upset by the news - CBBC Newsround

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

As always, we are really proud of our students at Moorside High School and we feel that although this is a short half term, it is going to be a really successful one for them. We are already planning our Easter rewards assembly and looking forward to presenting the students with their awards.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Head of School

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### **Year 8 Parents – Parents Evening – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 8 parents to our Online Parents Evening on Tuesday 15th February. Online bookings have gone live today, please click here for further information – [Year 8 Parents Evening](#)

## Parent Forum – SIMS App/Homework

Thank you to all the parents that attend our parent forum event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. We are really thankful to be working alongside parents and looking at how we can continue to move the school forward. After consulting with parents at this event and working with Middle Leaders this week, we are going to trial using the SIMS app this half-term to inform parents about homework in classes. We will be trialling this with a small number of classes across a small number of subjects. Our aim is to trial the software first to see if any errors occur and develop the use of the software further. Our intention is to provide training to all staff in school this half-term, allowing us to potentially use the app in the summer term following the Easter break, to better inform parents about what homework is being set in class. We will monitor the use of the app during this time, to see if any errors across school occur and correct them in time for the new academic year in September 2022. The aim is that from September 2022, the SIMS app to inform parents about homework will be customary practice. If your child's class will be part of the trial, we will write and inform you.

## 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 [MHInfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHInfo@consilium-at.com)

## World Book Day

We had a great day on Thursday, celebrating world book day. There was guess the teacher who has been 'caught reading', a book hunt, best reader and most improved reader prizes, recordings from authors and journalists on in the library and a 'Shelfie' competition! The students really enjoyed getting involved and we are really proud of how reading is becoming part of our everyday school life at Team Moorside.



# WORD OF THE WEEK

# TOLERANCE

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# TOLERANCE

The ability to allow other people to say and do as they like, even if you do not agree or approve of it.

"Kind, caring and respectful people show tolerance for other people's beliefs and feelings."



## Dates for your Diary

- W/C 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - KS4 Assessment Window continues
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Year 8 Online Parents Evening
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Year 10 Online Parents Evening
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 – School closes for Easter Holidays 14:55
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – Inset Day (staff only)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – School reopens 08:25
- W/C 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – KS3 Assessment Window

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