



**Moorside  
High School**

*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

Dear Parent or Carer,

I'm sure you appreciate, writing a letter like this is never easy, especially as we are working so hard to ensure that all our students get the very best they deserve. As you are aware, we still have a significant number of staff who are out of school as a result of covid and other illnesses, we are incredibly proud of how resilient the students have been, but I am also very mindful that the lack of consistency and number of supply teachers is not good enough.

I have worked closely this week with Mr Deva, Head of Department and Miss Smalley, Deputy Headteacher - Quality of Education, to find a solution that will help our Year 11 students and hopefully provide some consistency in the run up to the exams. Our main aim is to ensure there is equity across all the Year 11 classes, so for this reason we have looked at the timetable to see how we can distribute our own subject specialists to support all students.

As a result of doing this, from Monday, your child's Science lessons will be delivered by Mr Prescott. Mr Prescott is a highly experienced Science teacher who has been at Moorside High School for many years. Mr Deva has met with Mr Prescott to look at the group and what he can do to ensure they feel ready and prepared for the summer exams. This will eliminate them now having a supply teacher in Ms Carters absence.

As a department, Mr Deva and his team are also running intervention sessions on a Wednesday. These take place both before school and afterschool and we would encourage all students to engage in these. We also heavily promote GCSEPod, a low stake testing online platform that allows students to recall their learning. The platform can be found at <https://www.gcsepod.com/> If your child has forgotten their username or password, please contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) and we will ask Miss Aitkin to provide you with this.

As a Leadership Team, we are also currently looking at ensuring school is open for at least some of the Easter Holiday, to facilitate an environment for students to attend and revise independently. We fully appreciate that sometimes the distractions at home are not always conducive to studying, mainly the television or mobile phone! So, we will ensure there is an area in school where students can come.

We do appreciate that hearing that we have had inconsistency within our staffing in science is frustrating, but we really want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure your son/daughter is well prepared for their GCSE exams.

If you require any further information or have any questions regarding the preparation for the forthcoming GCSE Science exams, please do contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) and we will ensure a member of the Science team responds.

Thank you for your continued support.

*M Ryles - Dean*

Mrs Ryles-Dean

Head of School