



Moorside
High School

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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 all our Year 11 students and hopefully provide some consistency in the run up to the exams for all students. 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 Miss S Babolhavaeji. Miss Babolhavaeji is a permanent member of Team Moorside and joined us in September 2021. Miss S Babolhavaeji has excellent subject knowledge, and we are confident she will continue to get the best from your son/daughter. As a team, the science department are all working together producing lesson plans and resources to ensure all Year 11 students are getting the same diet and are ready and prepared for the summer exams. By moving our own Science specialists, this eliminates the need for supply staff within Year 11.

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 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.

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 and we will ensure a member of the Science team responds.

Thank you for your continued support.

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