



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 22.04.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have all had a restful Easter break and are enjoying the lighter evenings. It has been lovely to welcome the students back this week, we have seen our highest attendance in a while, so we are grateful for your support in ensuring the students are attending and on time. We have also been really impressed with the standard of uniform, so again, thank you for your support with this. As ever, if you need any support with attendance or uniform, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

We are continuing with our 'Great Standards Fortnight' again this term and the rewards cabinet is full of stationery ready for students to cash in their bonus House Points. There is always lots to look forward to in the summer term and we have started to calendar some of these events already. These events can be found on the key dates section at the end of the update.

As many of you may be aware, Mr Singleton, Assistant Headteacher (SENDCO) left Moorside High School at Easter. Mr Singleton joined us in September 2020 and really started to move the SEND department forward. Mr Singleton is starting a new adventure at a school closer to where he lives, and we wish him every success. This week we have a national advert out for a replacement SENDCO, and we are excited at the prospect of having a new member of Team Moorside. In the interim, we are extremely pleased that Ms Cox (Deputy SENDCO) is continuing the work Mr Singleton did and working closely with the SEND team. As always, if you have any worries regarding your child, please do contact their key worker or Ms Cox at MHSSendco@consilium-at.com

With the lighter nights and the weather starting to improve, we know more and more students will be wanting to engage in our extra-curricular activities' afterschool. Staff are currently updating the activities that will be on offer this term and we will be publishing the updated extra-curricular programme next week.

We have a busy term ahead, but I am confident that the students will rise to the challenges and continue to make us proud.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 11

This half term is a very important one for our Year 11 students. From the 16th May they will embark on their external exams, exams they have been working hard towards. We have a wide range of interventions and extra sessions available to support them over the next few weeks and Saturday School will be starting again. From Monday, we also have dedicated staffed study rooms available at lunchtime and afterschool to allow Year 11 a quiet place to study. These dedicated study areas are not for socialising and students will be asked to leave if they are not focused on their study. If you would like more information on how you can support your child 'Make it stick' then please visit the school website. [Click here to take you to the page](#)

SIMS Parent App

From April 2022, the main communication method will be via the SIMS App. We are currently trialling the Homework add-on for the App, this will allow parents to see what homework has been set for the students. Alongside this, we are also trialling the Activities App, this add-on will allow parents and students to sign up via the app for extra-curricular activities. There are lots of opportunities via the app for us to continue to improve communication, so we would encourage you to download it. If you require any further information or support in getting set up, please do email MHInfo@consilium-at.com

Student Leadership

Student leadership at every level is important to us here at Moorside High School. There are many opportunities to develop students' leadership skills from peer mentoring to sports leaders, to acting as prefects. We have high aspirations for our students and believe that developing them as leaders supports their own development. Next week Year 10 will have an opportunity to apply for a position on our Student Leadership Team. The leadership team comprises of two Head students, two Deputy Head students, and a number of Senior Prefects leading on different aspects such as charity events, transition, equality and diversity across the school, sustainability to name a few. This is an exciting opportunity, and we are looking forward to receiving the students' applications. If your child is interested in applying for one of the positions, or for a prefect role, please encourage them to speak to their Head of Year – Mr Halsall.

KS3 Assessments

Our Key Stage 3 students (Year 7, 8, & 9) will embark on their assessment fortnight from Monday 25th April. Students have all been provided with a timetable of when their assessments are, and individual teachers have informed students' what topics they will be assessed on. Students should not worry about these assessments; they are merely an opportunity to check what knowledge the students have and where any gaps are that need addressing. All students have knowledge organisers, and these are a useful tool in recalling the information they require. The simplest way to use a knowledge organiser is to Read, Cover, Write and Check. All students have been taught how to use a knowledge organiser so these should aid their preparation for the assessments. More information regarding the timetables can be accessed on the school website. [Click here to take you to the page](#)

Personal Development

This half term, the following topics will be covered during the Personal, Social, Health Education lessons. Students have these lessons each Monday, period 2, and extension work is often carried out during form time. During the summer term, Year 11 use this time to support their preparation for their external exams. If you would like to find out more information about our Personal Development curriculum, please visit our school website by [clicking here](#)

- **Year 7:** Politics, Parliament, and Me (What is politics, how is our country run, create a political party, elections and campaigning, exploring inside parliament, who is our Prime Minister)
- **Year 8:** Religious Education (Atheism, Buddhism, Christianity, Heaven & Hell)
- **Year 9:** Drugs and alcohol (Types of addiction, Cannabis, Drugs Classifications, Party Drugs, Illegal Drugs)
- **Year 10:** Sexual consent and the Law

S.L.A.N.T

To continue our drive around high standards, next week we are launching S.L.A.N.T within our classrooms.

S.L.A.N.T is an acronym for sit up, listen, ask, and answer questions, never interrupt, and track the speaker. This is a simple strategy to encourage and remind students about being attentive and active in lessons. Every component of the strategy contributes to creating efficient learners and improving students' performances. Students are really starting to engage with our new curriculums, and we are confident that this simple strategy will help students with how they learn in the classroom. Students will have the opportunity to achieve BFL Grade 1's for extra house points for their commitment to the strategy.



WORD OF THE WEEK

PROMPTLY
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With little or no delay, or at exactly a specified time.

"I arrived promptly to school early in the morning."

Dates for your Diary

- W/C 25th April 2022 – Year 7, 8 & 9 (KS3) Assessment Window
- 16th May 2022 – Start of the external exam season
- 27th May 2022 – School closes 14:55 for half term
- 6th June 2022 – School reopens 08:30, for half term 6
- 28th June 2022 – Year 11 leavers assembly and Prom
- 6th July 2022 – Year 9 into Year 10 evening (time TBC)
- 12th July 2022 – Pride of Moorside Awards evening
- 19th July 2022 – Sports Day
- 21st July 2022 – Team Moorside Day, Celebration Assemblies
- 22nd July 2022 – School closes for the Summer - 12:05
- Tuesday 6th September 2022 - School re-opens

All term dates for the academic year, 2022-2023 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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