



**Moorside
High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 27.05.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

The final week of term is always a busy one, but this week has been particularly busy, especially with the external exams continuing. I have spent some of this week at appeals for admissions into Year 7 for September 2022. It is never an enjoyable experience and I always feel sorry for the parents involved; however, it is also reassuring to know that the school is even more oversubscribed than before and that so many parents and carers are eager to send their child to Moorside High School. We are never complacent about this, but we do take it as a vote of confidence, that our community are now starting to see the good work that is taking place.

In staff briefing and assemblies this week, Miss McBride has talked to staff and students about the continued importance of attendance. Miss McBride has highlighted that even just half a day missed every single week of the year results across the school year, as four whole weeks of lessons and learning missed. Students were surprised to hear this and even more so when she started to explain that DFE research shows, that for every 17 days of school that are missed, typically there is a GCSE grade drop in attainment. We are excited to launch our **'IN to WIN'** summer competition to hopefully encourage an improved attendance. If students are in every day of the week, they will go into a prize draw, where 5 pupils in the year group will all win an ice lolly or ice cream to enjoy at the end of period 5 on a Friday. The form that gets the most improved attendance will win 'queue jump passes' for the canteen for the week and the year group that most improves their attendance over the half term will win a cinema and popcorn morning. Every child that has 100% attendance for the final half term will also be entered into a prize draw to win a voucher for a family meal. Miss McBride has communicated this home to parents, but if you have any questions or need any support in encouraging your child to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

A real highlight of the week for me this week was having the privilege, with Mr Mills and Mr Halsall, to interview students for our Head Student roles. We had the most applications we have seen for a long time and the standard was exceptionally high. To provide as many leadership opportunities as possible and ensuring that students are not pulled away from their academic studies to do these roles, we have opted for a team of Head Students, rather than the typical Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head girl. For this reason, we have selected two Senior Head Students, four Head Students, eight Deputy Head Students and twelve Senior Prefects. These students will receive their offer of position today and I look forward to sharing the names of those successful after the half term break. I am really excited about the leadership role they are going to take within the school, and I am confident they are going to do amazing things to support our students, move the school forward and be wonderful ambassadors for Moorside High School.

I can honestly say, the students during interview, were a credit to themselves and their families, they all should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

As always, thank you for all your continued support during this half term. I wish you all a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing the students return at Monday 6th June 2022 at 8:30am.

Best Wishes

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Key stage 3 (Year 7, 8 & 9) Reports

Following the half term break, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students will receive their progress report. This report will provide you with an update as to where your child is currently working following the latest assessments. Should you have any concerns or worries following this information, your child's Head of Year will be available to support you and your child.

UKMT Maths Challenge

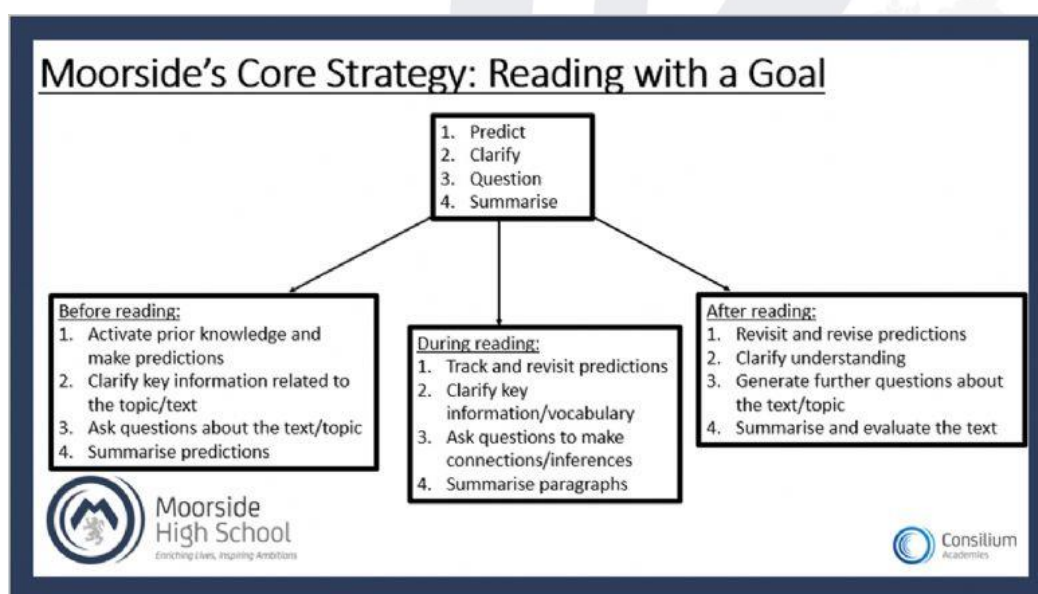
We have been so overwhelmed this week by the results we received from the UK Maths challenge. We entered a small number of Year 7 students who regularly attend our Maths Club. The Maths challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience. We were absolutely delighted to hear that two students received Gold medals, two received Silver medals, two received Bronze medals, and two received participation medals. A fantastic achievement for all involved. Next year we hope to be entering lots more students. Well done to all involved.

Encounters Art Project

Our GCSE Year 10 textile and photography students have recently taken part in a series of virtual art workshops. Encounters is an art project that is twinned with Aim Higher and Salford University. The lead artist Jack Brown encouraged our students to take part in a series of virtual practical workshops to enhance their art, textile and photography skills and techniques and provided the opportunity to explore what they might do if they were to pursue a career in the creative arts. Students created headdresses, screen printing and digital photography shoots to name but a few of the key skills developed throughout the project. As students took part in the Encounters workshops students could map out their ideas about studying art, careers, training, and any barriers they might face beyond high school. It was wonderful to observe our students discussing their current GCSE art projects in such a mature way and exchanging relevant career minded questions face to face with inspirational people in their workplace.

Pop Up Library

We are excited to have our first POP UP LIBRARY following the half term holiday. Please watch this space for more information on how your child can access this. We are continuing to have a drive on reading and literacy and Miss Powell has recently updated our website with our core strategy: Reading with a Goal. More information can be found here... [Reading with a Goal](#)



Year 11 half term sessions



The Year 11 students continue to make us proud with how hard they are working and conducting themselves when attending their exams. The external exams do continue after the half term break. To support students, the Geography, Maths and English departments are delivering additional sessions during the break. Geography will take place on Monday 30th May, 10am – 1pm, English will take place Wednesday 1st June, 10am -12noon and Maths will take place Saturday 4th June, 10am – 1pm. Students have been provided with this information and more details are available on the school website.

Year 10 End of Year Assessments

The Year 10 end of year assessments will take place week commencing 20th June 2022 and the 27th June 2022. Students do not need to worry about these assessments, it is merely an opportunity to find which areas they are confident with and which areas they may need to continue to work on. By having these assessments at this time, it allows students to go into Year 11 knowing the areas that they need to focus on more. Teaching staff will be providing students with information on what they need to revise in preparation for the assessments. Most of the assessments will take place in the classroom, with a small number taking place in the sports hall. Students were given a timetable yesterday and a copy has been texted to parents this morning. The timetable is also available on the school website – [please click here to access](#). If you have any questions or concerns around these assessments, please do contact Mr Halsall – Head of Year 10 in the first instance.

Consilium Photography Competition – ‘My Favourite Place’

Consilium
Photography
Competition



MY FAVOURITE PLACE




What place makes you feel happy?
Where do you feel you belong?
Is there a special place only you go to?
or a place you enjoy with your friends?
Where do you go to think? To have fun?
To do your best? To perform?
To be you?

Consider the lighting,
the viewpoint, the framing, the colour.
will you be in it? is it your view from
your favorite place?

1st place £50 2nd £25 3 runner up £10

This competition is open to all pupils and all staff
at Consilium schools. You can submit up to 3 photos.
Please include the following with your entry:
Name/age/school, short description of image
Entries will be judged by
Manchester Photographer Claire Wray


Submit your entry to: rachaelbarker@consilium-at.com
Deadline: Friday 24th June 12pm



WORD OF
THE WEEK

EMPOWERMENT


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EMPOWERMENT

The process of gaining freedom
and power to do what you want or
to control what happens to you;
giving a group of people more
freedom or rights.

"The surge of strong female leads
in popular books has been a source
of **empowerment** for many young
women."



Dates for your Diary

- 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
- 7th 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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