



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 10.06.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to have the students back after the half term break, we hope you all had a restful week. We are continuing our drive for high standards and good attendance again this half term. Today will be the first day for the 100% attendance draw, we are really looking forward to seeing who will receive an ice lolly at the end of the day. What has been good about the 'In to Win' initiative, is that students are now thinking and talking about attendance and realising how important it is to be in school. Thank you to all parents/carers who are supporting their children and encouraging them to attend school and be on time. If you need any support in encouraging your child to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

Our Year 11 students are still hard at work with their GCSE exams, their conduct in the exam hall has been exceptional. We are really proud of how hard they are working and the commitment they are showing, by attending the extra sessions that are being delivered by the departments.

This week, during assembly, we have been looking at our school value 'Resilience'. We have linked this to the word Ambition and how having resilience allows you to overcome adversity, 'bounce back' during difficult times and get back to feeling good. We talked about encouraging themselves to build resilience by taking on new opportunities, challenges and achieving goals. It was lovely to relate this to what each year group will be able to look forward to achieving, from Year 10 starting their final year in school and achieving their goals of a good set of results, to Year 8 going into Year 9 where they start the process of selecting the subjects they want to study when they are in Year 10 & 11. It was nice to talk to them following the assembly, listening to what they want to do in the future, what their dream is of doing when they leave school. Next week in assembly the theme is STEM.

I have also spoken to the students this week around the East Lancashire Road. This is an extremely busy road and at peak times is very dangerous. Sadly, more recently, we have had a number of students who have chosen not to use the underpass or the footbridge and are risking running across the road through the traffic. We have reiterated that this is extremely dangerous, and if they are found to be taking these risks there will be a consequence. We were informed that a student from another school in the local community was sadly clipped by a car when doing the same thing earlier in the week. Thankfully, they were not hurt, but was extremely distressing for the driver. We would really appreciate your support in echoing this message at home.

As always, thank you for all your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

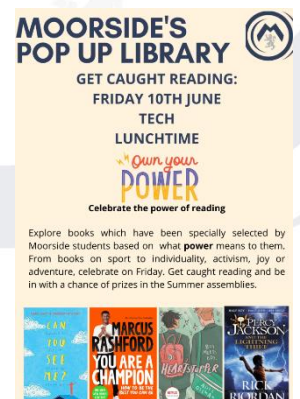
Best Wishes

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

### Pop up library

This week we saw our first 'Pop Up Library' during Friday lunchtime. The theme was 'Power' and there was an array of books available for the students to look at and take out. If any students or parents/carers would like to recommend books they'd like to see promoted, then please email [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

Students who are 'caught' reading will be entered into a prize draw for the summer assemblies. Why not catch your child reading at home and send us an image for us to celebrate their commitment to reading?



## Uniform Changes

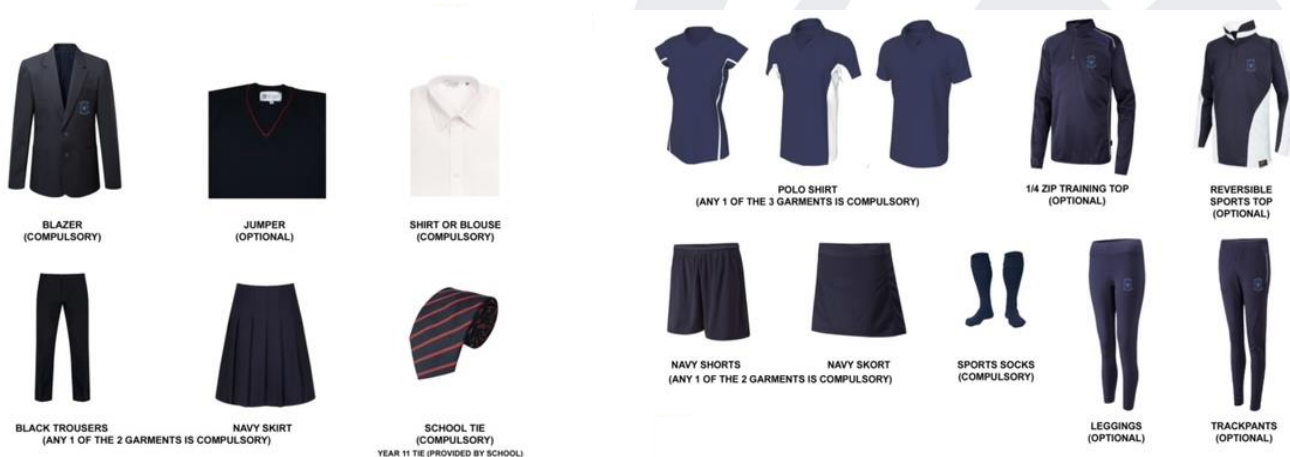
As you are aware we realise that the cost of uniforms can be a heavy expense and burden on parents. With the rising cost of living, now seems the most appropriate time to make these changes. We believe no parent/carer should struggle to clothe their child for school, therefore Consilium Academies have made this initiative to support all families across our Trust. Parents/carers will no longer have to purchase uniform with logos from exclusive providers, instead our uniforms can be purchased at supermarkets and high street stores, with an exception made for the school blazer and tie which must have official school branding. The change is expected to help reduce the long-term cost in purchasing uniform for parents and carers. This falls in line with the Department of Education's aims to make uniform more affordable by September 2022. We are also excited, that we have introduced a high-quality Eco tie which is made from recycled plastic bottles. Each tie saves two plastic bottles from going to landfill sites across the UK – which can eventually end up polluting the ground and getting into our food chain. The Eco ties use yarn produced from recycled plastic bottles and are made in a mill in Lancashire. The ties are delivered directly to our schools, reducing our carbon footprint by up to 90 per cent.

School uniforms are designed to break down barriers, to help every child feel they belong. A uniform can bring the school community together and develop a sense of school identity – but this can be achieved without unnecessary financial pressure on families.

Please see the images of the uniform range below. Trousers and skirts can be purchased from any suppliers, but must be plain black for trousers, plain navy blue for skirts, shirts or blouses must be plain and white. Students are required to wear a branded blazer and school tie (only new students are required to have the new branded blazer).

For PE, our kit is now plain navy shorts or skirt, navy blue plain socks and a plain navy blue (no logos/brands) polo shirt. These can be purchased from any supplier, as long as they are plain and Navy Blue. Branded optional items are available but are not required as part of the uniform kit. If you have any questions regarding the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Students are still required to wear plain, black, polishable shoes, no trainers. More information around the uniform changes can be found on the school website.



## Pre-Loved Uniform

In line with us moving to be more sustainable, we are having a big push on recycling. Within school now we have a pre-loved uniform area set up should students require uniform. If you have any old uniform, especially if you child is in Year 11, and you feel that it is still in a condition to be worn, we would welcome any donations. Please drop any washed and clean uniform at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

## Parent Pay

As our students in Year 11 prepare to leave, please can we remind parents to run down their child's Parent Pay accounts. If there are siblings in the school, any money on the Parent Pay can be transferred to the other child's account. If you need any support with this, please contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

## Salad Bar

As you are aware, we introduced a Salad bar this year into the dining area. Students really embraced this at first, but more recently it is not as popular as we would like. In a bid to raise the profile of the salad bar, the kitchen will be making pre-prepared salads in tubs. We would like to see if this easier option is more popular with the students. All students will be able to pre-order the salad bowls via an ordering machine, either from 8am in the morning, during morning break, or between 3pm and 4pm for the next day. I am currently in talks with the kitchen to look at our menus from September, and we are looking forward to adding more healthier options, alongside 'Meat Free Mondays' and themed days. As always, we will be doing student voice before any final decisions are made, to get students views on what they would like to see.

## Consilium Photography Competition – 'My Favourite Place'

Not long left to enter... Deadline for entries – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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](mailto:rachaelbarker@consilium-at.com)  
Deadline: friday 24th June 12pm



## WORD OF THE WEEK

MULTIFACETED  
(ADJECTIVE)



## MULTIFACETED

Having multiple sides, aspects or  
features.

"She had a **multifaceted** career as a  
talk show host, singer, director  
and wedding planner for  
celebrities too."



## Dates for your Diary

- 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Year 11 leavers assembly and Prom
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 10 College Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Year 9 into Year 10 evening (time TBC)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Pride of Moorside Awards evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Sports Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – Team Moorside Day, Celebration Assemblies
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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