



**Moorside
High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 24.06.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was an emotional day yesterday when our year 11 students sat their final GCSE exam, they have been impeccable throughout the whole process, and we are so proud of them. We are now looking forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday for their final day with us. Year 11 will be able to enjoy a celebratory breakfast, followed by a formal leavers' assembly. There are lots of plans for the leavers' assembly, including a montage of photographs, which I am sure will bring both laughter and tears. Students will then leave site at 10:30am, so they can get themselves ready for the 'Class of 2022' Prom at Hotel Football. We are all looking forward to sharing the evening with them, and I am sure it is going to be a very memorable occasion for them all. These will be huge events for the school, particularly given the fact that we have not been able to hold these traditional rites of passage for two years. If Year 11 parents require any further information regarding the final day in school, please do contact Mrs Copestake.

One of the highlights this week for me was watching our Year 8 debate team rise to fame against Ellesmere Park High School. The debate was on the death penalty, and both teams delivered outstanding, convincing, and eloquent arguments. Well done! We can't wait for next month's debate!

June is Pride month in the UK – a celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. Next week we are going to celebrate Pride month and diversity. On Monday, our Pride club ambassadors are going to have a stall in the Atrium, where they will be giving away rainbow cakes and cookies that they are making that morning. Moorside High School is a place where we endeavour to ensure that all our students and staff feel happy and safe; a place where diversity is accepted and celebrated. We aim to further develop our ethos of inclusive education for all, however, just like in the wider society, some students will fall short of expectations and not automatically be aligned to those values, so we will keep educating our students. I will be baking for the stall on Sunday, and I am looking forward to tasting the rainbow cookies made by our amazing students.

Finally, this week we had a school photographer on site all day on Monday, capturing a typical day at Moorside High School. He captured informal shots of staff and students as well as more formal images of our Student Leadership Team. We will start to use some of the new photographs on our school website, communications and marketing. We are really looking forward to seeing the memories he has captured.

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

Best Wishes

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Food Bank Donations



As we approach the long summer break, we appreciate that for some families this can often be a challenging time. For this reason, over the next four weeks, we will be having a real drive on collecting food items for our local food bank. Every time Moorside High School engages in this initiative, we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. At the moment, the foodbank is running low on tinned fruit, biscuits, jam and rice pudding. Other items that are also welcome are breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables and tea or coffee. Our local foodbank relies on our goodwill and support, and we always appreciate your donations of food.

STEM Competition

On the back of the STEM assemblies last week, we are launching the AECOM STEM competition for all Year 8 students. This is a poster competition for all Year 8 students across Greater Manchester. The competition is centred around environmental challenges and there are three themes for students to pick from. Please click here to watch a video that provides more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl7l8Omkvll>. All entries must be submitted no later than Friday 1st July 2022 to Mr Deva (Head of Science).

Homework

As you are aware teachers are now setting homework via the SIMS App so you are able to see what homework is being set. As we are in the early stages of roll out, we appreciate that there have been some teething problems. Most concerns are coming from the students struggling to access TEAMS. This week we have given all students a chance to login to their accounts during the computing lessons. Hopefully this will eradicate some of the issues, however if your child is still struggling to access TEAMS, please [click here](#) to access a support guide.

Pop Up Library

Our first 'Pop Up Library' with the theme 'Power' was extremely popular and we are looking forward to our next one. If you have any suggestions for the next pop-up library, please register the books here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/avARA66Wyi>

Please do not forget, 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?

Pre-Loved Uniform

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

Young Geographer of the Year Award

Throughout the pandemic our ability to travel near or afar has been severely limited. This year, to encourage young people to widen their geographical horizons, whether locally or much further afield, the Geography Society is asking pupils where, how, and why. **Where?** Where might you want to travel to? We'd like you to give a geographical overview of the place you'd like to visit. It doesn't matter if the place is local to you or much further afield, we'd like you to give its geographical overview and share your understanding of its key physical and human features. **How?** How would you get there and what reasons might you give for the type/s of transport you might use? Is the place a short walk away or somewhere that would require transport to take you beyond the UK? **Why?** What makes this place geographically interesting, important, or meaningful to you?

Entry Requirements - In your entry you should address the criteria of "Where, How and Why?" and be eye-catching, innovative, informative and accurate where you can show off the geography of where you would like to go, how you'd go there and why this particular place.

Criteria: Must be A3 and completed on paper or on Word, PowerPoint or Publisher. Your work should describe at least 6 geographical features using annotated images, data and diagrams. Include geographical terminology, labelled and appropriate sources. Be original and independent produced.

Deadline: All entries must be handed in to Mrs Leadbeater by 8th July 2022. The top 10 entries across all Consilium schools will be entered by subject staff. Good luck!!

WORD OF THE WEEK

SPORADIC

(ADJECTIVE)



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Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.

A **sporadic** sleep schedule may make it difficult for you to fall asleep.



Dates for your Diary

- 28th June 2022 – Year 11 leavers assembly and Prom
- 7th July 2022 – Year 10 College Day
- 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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