



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 08.07.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week during assembly, our Performing Arts students delivered an amazing showcase of music, drama and dance. It was so lovely to see the talent that we have at Moorside High School and there are lots of plans to showcase their work more in the new academic year. One exciting event we are planning is a 'Charity Showcase' in September to support the Macmillan Coffee morning. Our students are working hard preparing songs and scenes from High School Musical and it certainly looks like it is going to be a great evening. More information will be circulated when we return following the summer holiday.

There was nothing better this week than to be able to wave off a coach full of Year 10 students heading to Wales. On both Monday and Tuesday, our Geography department were finally able to take our Year 10 students on a trip to Llandudno as part of their Geography field work. This is the first field work trip in a while and both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed it. The students were exceptionally well behaved and were a credit to their families and us as a school. We look forward to more trips being planned next academic year.

Finally, this week I have had to have a number of conversations with our neighbours in the local community. Unfortunately, we have a large number of students who are not demonstrating social responsibility and are choosing not to do the right thing during the evening/weekend. Please can you remind students that they are not allowed on the school site during the evening or weekend and are not able to play on the old school site field. We have also had reports that students are causing disruption outside the Co-op on Worsley Road, Broadoak Primary School and Worsley Golf course. The local community will be informing the Police, the PCSOs have already been made aware of the anti-social behaviour that the community are experiencing and will contact families should their child be involved. We really appreciate that students have very little to do in the evening or at the weekend, and I am currently in talks with the Local Authority to see what we can do to provide some activities for students during the evenings, weekends, and school holidays. In the meantime, I would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to demonstrate social responsibility and respect our local community. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **Visit from one of our partner schools**

On Wednesday evening, we hosted one of our partner schools who brought a coach full of students from Wyvern Academy. The students were heading over to Old Trafford to watch England vs Austria in the women's European Championships. Students and staff stopped off at Moorside High School and enjoyed a selection of games against our students playing football and netball. It was lovely to see the students enjoying time together and we are looking forward to taking a group of students to Wyvern Academy at the start of next year.

### **Bletchley Park Experience**

This week, computing students were able to take part in a full day with Bletchley Park experts. Students received a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about encryption from the experts at Bletchley Park. During the day pupils were tasked with breaking codes that revealed the identity of a spy, while gaining an understanding about why encryption is so important to the world we live in. Students were also given the chance to use the real Enigma machine from WW2 and the same one used by Benedict Cumberbatch in the movie, The Imitation Game. Following the day with our students, staff also were able to experience the session, it became very competitive when trying to crack the codes!! Huge thank you to Mr Rooke who organised the experience for us.

### **St Ann's Hospice**

We are really excited to have formed a new partnership with St Ann's Hospice, they are currently raising money to support a new build. Building a new hospice is not a 'nice-to-have' option for them, they feel it is an absolute necessity. If they can't raise the money that is so urgently needed, they may have to close some of their services. On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we have a team of students who will be representing our school and running a Chocolate Tombola Stall to support raising funds for the hospice. We would really welcome any 'Chocolate Donations' to help support our stall. If you have any time on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July between 12noon-3pm, please do come and support both our students and the team at St Ann's Hospice.

### **Snapchat**

We have been made aware of a new, high-risk feature Snapchat have added to their app. The feature, called 'Meet Up' involves the ability to integrate Google Maps & Apple Maps into the Snapchat maps feature (Snap Map) to get precise directions to a friend's location without any warning or notification. The new update tells people how long it takes to get to your location on Snap Maps and will also give full directions. We would encourage parents/carers to share the below top tips with students, to help keep the young people in your care safe online:

- Talk about the culture behind online friendships. Remind them that they should only share personal details with friends who they trust and who they know in-person.
- Keep location details private. Emphasise the importance of not sharing their location or personal details with strangers or someone they don't know very well.
- Remind them they can talk to you. Encourage them to tell you first if someone asks them to share their location, whether on Snapchat or any other app/platform.
- Discuss location sharing features. Ask them why they might want to use a location sharing feature and what they believe its benefits are. It's important not to interrupt, get frustrated or angry at their reasons as this may stop them from confiding in you if there's something wrong (e.g. if they're being pressured into sharing their location).
- Turn on privacy settings. Learn how to do this together by downloading the app yourself. Ensure your young person knows how to turn on 'Ghost Mode' and how to use allow/block features.
- Establish guidelines and rules. Check with how your young person is using Snapchat, and who they interact with. Knowing if they are likely to accept a friend request from a stranger is important, as some young people may not take issue with this.
- Outline who they can talk to. Check that the young person in your care can identify their trusted adults if they ever experience anything on Snapchat that upsets or makes them feel worried.

### **Pop Up Library**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July, we held our second 'Pop Up' library event. The theme of the event linked to the date – Liberty and students demonstrated their independence through reading. The event was extremely popular and saw over 35 books being checked out. We are currently in talks to invest in a piece of software that will allow for our school library to be online. This will allow both parents and students to browse books online and decide which ones they would like to check out to take home. We are continuing our literacy/reading drive and look forward to continuing this work in the new academic year.

### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

In line with us moving to be more sustainable, we are having a big push on recycling. Within school we have a pre-loved uniform area set up should students require uniform. If you have any old uniform, please drop any washed and clean uniform at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

### **Young Geographer of the Year Competition**

Please do not forget that our competition of 'Where, how and why' for Key Stage 3 and 4 students is coming to an end soon. Please ensure all entries are handed into Mrs Leadbeater before the deadline of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

## **Sporting Success**

Congratulations to our Year 7 students who took part in the inaugural Northwest 'Consilium Cup'. The students all had a fantastic time. Our Year 7 and 8 students also celebrated this week being crowned the 'Salford Rugby Union Champions' at Eccles RUFC – well done to all involved.

## **Food Bank Donations**

As we approach the long summer break, we appreciate that for some families this can often be a challenging time, and 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.

## **Y10 College Trip - Salford City College**

On Thursday, the majority of Year 10 pupils attended two Salford City College centres to start exploring their potential post-16 choices. Pupils chose two taster subjects at Pendleton College in the morning, followed by two subjects at the second college of their choice from either Eccles, City Skills, Future Skills, or Worsley College. Pupils were able to try both traditional academic subject tasters such as English, Maths, Sciences and Humanities, as well as more vocational studies like Construction, Media, Games Design, Sport, and Hair & Beauty. The pupils were highly engaged, and we received some outstanding feedback on the behaviour and attitude of the pupils - well done Year 10!



## WORD OF THE WEEK

# PERENNIAL

(ADJECTIVE)



# PERENNIAL

Lasting or existing for a long or apparently infinite time; enduring or continually recurring.

"The perennial flowers came into bloom during early spring."



### Dates for your Diary

- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Pride of Moorside Awards evening
- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Sports Day (students only)
- 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Rewards Trip/ Celebration Assemblies
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – Rewards Trip/ 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, 22/23, 23/24 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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