



**Moorside
High School**
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**Consilium
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#TeamMoorside Parent 15.07.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that I am writing this update with just one week to go until we break up for the summer break. The last few weeks have been extremely busy, but thoroughly enjoyable. This week we hosted our very first 'Pride of Moorside Awards Evening'. In the run up to the evening, staff nominated students who they felt demonstrated our core C.A.R.E values of Consideration, Aspiration, Resilience and Equality. Alongside these awards, they also nominated those that had demonstrated the Consilium Values and had shown an outstanding contribution to school life. The evening was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the students and we look forward to doing it again next year, bigger and better.



Over the academic year we have aimed to ensure that rewarding students has been an integral part of our day-to-day routine. Many students have received rewards for using our word of the week, demonstrating great uniform/standards, having 100% weekly attendance, and demonstrating social responsibility. The rewards come in many forms, either a small token ice cream or packet of Haribo, an opportunity to attend the Moorside Cinema, a Leadership Pathways badge, an award at the end of term assemblies or a nomination to be invited to breakfast with the Headteacher. We really want to continue to develop this next year and see our students getting rewards more often throughout the year. Next week we have our Celebration Assemblies, and we are looking forward to seeing lots of students being rewarded.

As you are aware, the forecast for next week is for extreme hot weather across the country. Due to the intense heat that is reported for the first few days of the week, all students will be allowed to wear their PE kits on Monday and Tuesday in the first instance. They must be in the correct PE kit as per our uniform policy, and not non-uniform branded items. We will closely monitor the forecast and will notify you when we expect students to be back in their usual school uniform. Please can we also take this opportunity to urge students to ensure they have a filled water bottle with them and sun cream if they have PE.

Sport Day Tuesday 19th July, 2022 - Due to the high temperatures predicted, we have decided that students will not go outside and spectate on Sports Day, it would be impossible to provide shade for them all. Sports Day will still take place on Tuesday, however, some events may take place on Monday morning when the temperature is cooler. We will video the events and take lots of photographs; these will then be put into a short montage that will be played on the last day of school during form time, so all students still get to enjoy sports day.

Thank you for your continued support

We hope you have a lovely weekend and get to enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Changes to lunchtime from September.

It is vital that we continually take time to stop and reflect on whether there is more that we can do to support our students, in September we will have more students in the building than ever before, with more than 1140 on roll for the first time. To ensure that lunchtimes are efficient and safe, we will be splitting the lunch break into 2 halves. This will mean that Years 7 and 11 will have their lunch at the same time and then Years 8, 9 and 10 will have their lunch together. When Years 7 and 11 are having their lunch, Year 8, 9 and 10 will have 'R' time – Reading, Reflection and Review with their form tutors, we will then swap over. Students will have 35minutes for lunch and 25minutes 'R' time, there will be a 10minute crossover where all year groups can be together. Year 7 and 11 are together so the prefects in Year 11 can support the Year 7 students during lunch time, and also support during the 'R' time. Having 8s and 10s together also allows for the Peer Mentors in Year 10 to support the Year 8 students. Currently, very few students access a club at lunchtime due to the length of time it takes to queue and then eat. Many of our clubs now take place afterschool, and these will all continue. Those clubs such as Pride Club, Card Club, Young Carers will all still be available during the lunch time. There will be no change to the start and end time of the school day, however students will have a 10minute standards time from 08:30-08:40 to support them in having all the correct equipment, uniform, planner, and knowledge organiser. This will be with their form tutor.

A split lunch will benefit our students by:

- For first lunch 455 students will have lunch, for second lunch 692 will have lunch, this is instead of 1147 students altogether.
- All students will be served quickly at the start of lunch because of much smaller queues.
- All students will have time to sit and eat their lunch.
- All students will have access to dining tables and chairs to sit down and eat in the Main Canteen.
- All students will have time and access to toilet facilities.
- The lunch time and spaces will also be much quieter and more settled, allowing staff to supervise more efficiently and to ensure that the spaces are used appropriately and calmly.
- There will be no dead time where students are at a loss of what to do.

We are confident that these changes will positively impact all students. Having said that, we realise that any change could feel unsettling for some. Where a student has a key worker, over the next week, they will be talking to them about these changes in preparation for September, so they are not just returning to the change. If you have any worries or questions about the change to lunchtime, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com where someone will contact you to discuss this further.

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, please drop any washed and clean uniform at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Author Visit

We were extremely lucky to have a visiting author on Friday 15th July. Matt Dickinson is a filmmaker and writer who is best known for his award-winning novels and his documentary work for National Geographic Television, Discovery Channel and the BBC. Matt Dickinson was one of the climbers caught in the 1996 Mount Everest disaster and went on to write the Everest Files. Year 7 students received a talk from him with students across the school then attended workshops. It was a fantastic event, having authors in school is something we definitely want to engage with more from September.

Knowledge Organisers

All students will be getting new knowledge organisers in all subjects for the new academic year. Please can you ensure your child has returned their knowledge organiser folder to their form tutor by the last day, these folders will be refilled for September.


Last day of term - Friday 22nd July 2022

This is the last day in school for students and the end of term. We have altered our school day timings to accommodate an early finish. Students will finish on this last day at 12.05. Students will return to school on Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 08:25.

WORD OF THE WEEK

TRIUMPHANT


(ADJECTIVE)



TRIUMPHANT

Having won a battle or contest; victorious. Feeling or expressing jubilation after a victory or achievement.

"When students finished their last day of school, they felt tired but triumphant!"



Dates for your Diary

- 19th July 2022 – Sports Day (students only)
- 20th July 2022 – Rewards Trip/ Celebration Assemblies
- 21st July 2022 – Rewards Trip/ Celebration Assemblies
- 22nd July 2022 – School closes for the Summer at 12:05pm
- 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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