



**Moorside
High School**
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Water safety during the hot weather and summer holiday.

I am sure that you are aware of the tragic loss by drowning of a Salford teenager over the weekend at Salford Quays. Our hearts go out to his family and friends, as a school community we have all at some point known the sadness and grief of loss. I have contacted his Headteacher today to pass on our condolences and we will keep the family, staff, and students in our thoughts at this very sad time.

This distressing incident is a powerful reminder of the dangers of entering water even during warm weather. It is a topic that pupils in all Salford schools are taught about, and which is often re-visited at the end of the summer term. I urge you to talk to your child about water safety whether you are staying at home or going away this summer, so that by raising awareness and encouraging young people to act safely we can reduce the chances of tragedies such as this being repeated.

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue have a website dedicated to the issue which can be found here:

<https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

When you are out and about around Greater Manchester's waterways you can stay safe by:

- Never jumping into or swimming in open water (including reservoirs, rivers, canals, and ponds). Cold Water Shock can kill in 60 seconds, you never know what's lurking beneath the surface, and under-water currents can be deadly.
- Letting someone know where you are going and when you are coming back, if possible.
- Taking any warning or safety signs seriously.
- Looking out for hazards around water and sticking to proper pathways.
- Never entering the water to rescue your dog - who will rescue you? Please take this issue seriously and speak to your child about the risks and ways to keep safe.

At the end of our Celebration Assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday, Heads of Year will be talking to students about staying safe over summer and where they can go if they need support. We are currently updating the website to also have this information on.

Thank you in advance for discussing this important information with your child. As always, if you require any support, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Kind regards,

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