



Moorside High School

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5th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I do hope you have all had a lovely summer.

Before a couple of quick reminders about the start of term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 students, Class of 2022, who received their GCSE and vocational results over the summer. They have performed well in their GCSEs, and we are very proud of all of them and so pleased that their commitment, resilience, and hard work, through a very difficult two years paid off. We wish them all the best of luck as they now embark on the next stage of their journey.

We are currently busy preparing for the new academic year and are looking forward to welcoming **all students back tomorrow, Tuesday 6th September. All students must be onsite at 08:25.** Year 7 students will go to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), where staff will be around to meet and greet them. Year 8-11 will go straight to their form rooms; rooms will be up around school, so they will know where to go. Normal lessons will begin after breaktime following an extended tutor period and assembly.

It is important to us that students make a positive start on their return to school following a holiday and we hope that your child is looking forward to getting back to learning and experiencing all the wider curriculum activities that they can access in school. As you will remember, due to the hot weather prior to the summer break, we did relax the uniform. However, full school uniform, (including blazers) will be expected again from the first day of the school year tomorrow. As a parent myself, I know you will have now sorted your child's uniform ready for tomorrow and we are grateful for the support parents show the school ensuring students attend looking smart. However, I would like to take this opportunity just to remind parents that all students are required to have a suitable school bag, not a handbag style bag. I know sometimes, these messages do not always make it home via the students. Students are also required to wear black polishable shoes, no trainers, and no jewellery apart from a plain wristwatch and small stud earrings – no more than one pair of plain gold/silver studs in the ear lobe. The intention of the uniform policy is to promote pride and responsibility in our students in preparation for adult life. It should also ensure equal opportunity without extremes of fashion. Correct school uniform must therefore be always worn on the school site and when travelling to and from school.

With regards to mobile phones, students are permitted to bring a device to school at their own risk but, the mobile device must not be used, seen, or heard in school at any time. Mobile devices should be switched off and kept out of sight in students' bags throughout the school day. If families need to contact their children during the school day, please can we ask that you do so through the school reception. If students need to contact their families during the school day, they should do so through their Head of Year. If students are seen using their mobile device during the school day, they will have the device confiscated.

Finally, I just wanted to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance in school this year. As you are aware, during the pandemic, school attendance really suffered. We are very keen to ensure all our students are in school and learning, as it is proven that those students with good attendance achieve the best outcomes. Attendance is also very high priority for the DFE and over the coming weeks, you will receive more information about how we are supporting students and parents with attendance from Miss McBride our Pastoral Deputy.

Please can we ask that you continue to encourage your child to attend school each day and only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. All medical appointments should be made where possible, around the school day.

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Our school website and parent handbook contain a huge amount of information and we would encourage you to check here first if you have any questions. Alternatively, if you need any support with anything, please do contact us at MHsinfo@consilium-at.com Over summer, we have had a change to our phone system and reception can now be contacted via 0161 804 4022.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming students back tomorrow and I'd like to take the opportunity to wish them all the very best for a happy and successful school year.

Thank you for your continued support, I will update you on our first week back on Friday via the Parent Update.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher



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