



**Moorside  
High School**  
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## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 16.09.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

None of us thought that our first week of the new term last week would end with our nation coming to terms with the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Students have reflected with maturity and respect and the atmosphere around school this week, though more subdued than usual, has been one of mutual encouragement, kindness, and a recognition of the significance of this historic moment.

Even with current events, we felt it was important to keep school life as normal as possible. It was great to have two successful evenings this week welcoming our Year 10 and Year 11 parents/carers into school. The evenings gave us an opportunity to share with parents/carers the support that is on offer and the structure of what the next twelve months will look like for our Year 10 and 11 students. The slides from the evenings, along with contact details of the staff team that support our Key Stage 4 students, will be emailed to Year 10 and 11 parents early next week. If you have any questions following this evening, please do contact either Miss Drinkwater or Mr Halsall.

This week, the students' approach to lessons has been outstanding and staff and students together have ensured a very successful start to the school year. Our new Year 7 students have continued to settle well and no longer look as lost as they did last week; they have done brilliantly and have been so independent and sensible moving around the school. Uniform across the school has also been fantastic and we thank you for your support with this.

The best part of this week for me was announcing the 100% attendance winners. Using the tannoy system, the names of students randomly selected were announced across the school, and it really did raise a cheer at the end of the day on a Friday. Students were invited down to reception for a sweet treat to say well done. We really do appreciate you encouraging your children to attend school, we have had fantastic attendance throughout this week hitting over 96% and your support with this, really is welcomed. We all know how important attendance is and the impact it can have on achievement. If you require any support in getting your child into school, please do contact the Head of Year who are here to help.

As you are aware, school is closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday, and we look forward to welcoming students back into school on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **SEND Coffee Morning**

Our new SENDCO, Mrs O'Kane is holding a coffee morning on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September between 9-11. This will be an opportunity for our parents of students who have an EHCP, to come into school and meet Mrs O'Kane so they can put a name to a face. We are hoping to hold more of these events across the year, so parents of all SEND students have an opportunity to come in, have a catch up and meet their child's key worker. Invitations to our parent/carers of EHCP students will arrive over the next couple of days. At the end of the parent update, there is a small bio about Mrs O'Kane to give you a little more information about her. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our communication with the SEND team, please do share these with Mrs O'Kane via the email address, [MHSSendco@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSSendco@consilium-at.com)

### **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. This is always a lovely evening and a fantastic chance for us to welcome our prospective Year 5 and 6 students. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved and help as a guide or volunteer for a department or activity. More information will be shared with the students, nearer the time.

### **MacMillan Student Coffee Morning.**

Our student leadership team are organising their first charity event of the year, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Students are going to be asked to bring in cakes and biscuits to be sold during breaktime, with all donations going to MacMillan Cancer research. We would really appreciate your support with this. If students wish to donate cakes/biscuits, they need to bring these into school on the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cakes and biscuits will be sold for 50p each, students will require cash to purchase them.

### **Polite Reminder - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

As you are aware, the Department for Education announced that schools will be closed on Monday 19th September, the day of the State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Moorside High School will be closed on Monday 19th September and all school activities will not take place that day. School will resume on Tuesday 20th September. Students should be on site at 08:25 ready to be in standards time at 08:30 in correct uniform, with their equipment, planner, and knowledge organiser.

### **School Photographer – Year 7 & 11**

Unfortunately, for a second time, we are having to postpone the school photographs. Due to the school closure for the Bank Holiday on Monday, the school photographer will now be in school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Photographs will be taken of Year 11 and 7 students.

### **Parent SIMS App**

We are aware that a number of parents have struggled this week with the SIMS app and we apologise for this. We have liaised with SIMS Capita and hopefully have resolved any issues. If you have not yet registered for the SIMS Parent App, or you are a new Year 7 parent [please click here](#) to support you with the process. The SIMs App is the main form of communication to our parents, if you need any support with the app, please email [MHSInfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSInfo@consilium-at.com)

### **College Open Days – Year 11**

On the school website, we have a full list of college open days that are available to Year 11 students and their parents. Please click here to access it <https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1188>

WORD OF  
THE WEEK

CONDUCTIVE  
(ADJECTIVE)



CONDUCTIVE

BENEFICIAL | FAVOURABLE | PROFITABLE | HELPFUL

Making a certain situation or  
outcome likely or possible.

"The noisy environment of  
the living room was not very  
conductive to studying."



## Key Dates:

- Friday 23rd September Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 6th October Open Evening
- Wednesday 12th October Year 11 – Make it Stick/Careers Fair
- Tuesday 18th October Year 7 Parents Evening
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October Year 11 – English Parent Workshop
- Friday 21st October INSET Day

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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## Meet The Team

### Mrs Lucy O’Kane, Assistant Headteacher – SENDCO

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Lucy O’Kane and I am very excited to be joining team Moorside. I’m originally from Birmingham (Aston Villa supporter not Blues) but went to the University of Liverpool at 18 and since then adopted the Northwest as my home. I studied Ancient History and Archaeology for my degree, prior to realising that I actually hated digging in the mud. I worked at Anfield McDonald’s throughout university, so also then adopted Liverpool FC as my 2<sup>nd</sup> team.

Teaching and supporting students with additional needs was always in my future, SEND and inclusion is my passion. My mother was a physically disabled teacher, and my father was diagnosed with Autism in adult life. The challenges they faced taught me so much and helped to develop not only my resilience but also my sense of social responsibility. I am the teacher and support they never had.

Although I trained as a primary school teacher, I have worked in a specialist SEMH secondary school for 14 years and for the previous 7 years I was an integral part of a senior leadership team as the school SENCO.

I have been married for 14 years, no children but we raised 2 elderly pugs to the grand old age of 14 & 12. We lost both recently and now my husband is considering a Sphinx cat. I’m all for uniqueness but am yet to be convinced that a cat in woolly jumper is in our future. We enjoy traveling, cruising, socialising and are both big movie buffs. I also love reading, cooking, and jogging.

I am looking forward to exciting times ahead, getting to know all the wonderful staff, parents, and students at Moorside High School. But most of all, I am looking forward to being able to offer my skills and support in building upon the numerous successes at Moorside High School.

Mrs O’Kane



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## what's on

### MONDAYS

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
**YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP**  
arts, cooking, games & more!  
Open to all young women in Salford in yr7 & above!

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### TUESDAYS

4.00pm - 6.00pm  
**SPY ACTIVITY SESSION**  
outdoor session, high ropes, fishing, art & more. For yr7 and above

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
**YEAR 6 NIGHT**  
sports, games, cooking, art & more.  
Open to all young people in Year6

starting Tuesday 4th October

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
social action, local and national campaigning

**JUST £1  
PER SESSION**


### WEDNESDAYS

3.45pm - 5.45pm  
**LADS ONLY GROUP**  
open to all young men in Salford in Years 7 - 13  
outdoor sessions, sports & more

5.30pm - 8.00pm  
**Deans LGBTQ+ Group**  
For Salford Young People in Yr7 & above

starting this Autumn, contact us for more details

### THURSDAYS

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### FRIDAYS

6.30pm - 8.30pm  
**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTHY**  
indoor & outdoor activities, sports, games, fishing, art & cooking  
For yr7 and above

#### WHERE TO FIND US!

Deans Road, Swinton, Salford, M27 0AP (we are on Moorside High School Campus)

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