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High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 07.10.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely this week to welcome our prospective Year 7 students to our school Open Evening which took place on Thursday, 6th October. We saw over 600 goodie bags given out and Moorside High School was a hive of activity. From crazy experiments in science to musicians and trampolining, there was something for everyone. Our student helpers were a credit to us and their families. I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff and students for their hard work on this evening. The feedback we have received was so positive and everyone mentioned how amazing our students were.

Also, this week we welcomed our Year 7 parents in for an opportunity to meet with Miss McBride - Deputy Headteacher Pastoral Care, Mrs O'Kane – SENDCo and Mr Williams – Head of Year. Thank you to all parents who joined us, we hope that it was a useful evening for you. Booking opens today for the Year 7 subject parents evening. This evening is being held face to face and will be based in the school sports hall. Please click here to access further information on the website. [Year 7 Parents Evening Information](#)

In assembly this week we have had a focus around Black History Month. Although it is a shame that there still must be a month for Black History to highlight what ought to be simply history, we feel it is extremely important to highlight positive black role models that are known to young people. Staff and students were blown away by the students who presented in the Assembly. Errin and Lydia read a very moving poem and Bolu spoke passionately about what Black History Month means to him. Students now have the opportunity over the month to engage in writing competitions, reading around the subject and a whole school quiz. Next week our assemblies are being delivered by Kooth.com and will have a focus on Mental Health Awareness.

Next week we are welcoming our Year 11 parents back into school for our 'Make it Stick' evening on Wednesday 12th October. This evening will be a combination of our Careers Fair alongside workshops to provide information about ways students can study, what they will need to focus on and how parents can support their child through the final year in school. More information has been sent to Year 11 parents, to access this, [please click here](#).

Many of you may be aware of the Panorama programme that aired on prime television last Friday, around the importance of school attendance. We have been working hard to ensure that all students are attending school, whilst maintaining support for our families. We fully appreciate that especially as the dark nights/mornings creep in, and the colder winter months and cold/flu season hits us, it is going to be slightly harder for students to want to get up and come into school. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. But more importantly, if your child misses school, they are missing out on so much more. We have a vast range of rewards, extra-curricular and engaging lessons that we want them to be part of. If you are struggling to get your child into school, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com where we will do what we can to help.

Thank you for your continued support

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Great Uniform Fortnight

We are continuing our 'Great Uniform Fortnight' next week where students will receive bonus house points for dressing smartly and wearing the correct uniform. Now the weather is getting cooler, students are required to wear their blazer around school. If it is warm in classrooms, students will be allowed to remove them. Students will receive bonus house points and will be able to cash these in for rewards. We look forward to welcoming all students into school ready to pick up those bonus house points.

Online Reading Hub

We are excited to announce our brand-new online 'Reading Hub'

<https://moorsidehigh.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home>.

As we build our hub, students and parents will be able to view and reserve our library books from home, as well as browse recommended subject reading lists, read about what's happening in the school news and see which books will help improve their reading age through Accelerated Reader. Keep an eye out on our specific PSHE and Careers pages.

Parent Voice

As you know, we are always keen to work with our families to ensure we are doing everything we can for our students. Last year we asked you to complete a Parent View to give us feedback on how we could continue to move the school forward, we also did this piece of work with our students. The information below shows some of the things we have put in place:

Parents or students said	We have done....
More vegetarian options in the canteen	We now have meat free Mondays and a vegetarian option each day.
Prayer room for Muslim students	We now have a dedicated area that students can use.
Lunch queues are too long, no where to sit to eat, food runs out	We now have a split lunch time; students have a 35-minute lunch with 25 minutes for 'R' time. Queues have reduced significantly; we are able to ensure food is reserved for the second sitting. There is a seat for everyone in the dining area. Lunchtimes are much calmer. 'R' time is allowing for structured reading and PSHE content. Year 11 have three extra 20minute intervention sessions.
More intervention and support	We now have a full programme of academic interventions but also pastoral interventions. Our SEND team are continuing to work hard to ensure students are supported in the correct way by a key worker.
Someone to talk to or a place to calm down if I am upset.	We have introduced a new area called the 'Hive'. This is an area that students can access if they have any worries or concerns. We also now have a member of staff who is a qualified counsellor in school each afternoon. All students with a SEND need have a key worker, the senior leadership team are mentoring Year 11 students who are worried about the year ahead.
Increased Communication	Whilst we acknowledge that the SIMS App has let us down since September and has been a frustration for parents, we are confident that we can overcome this, and communication will be more consistent. We have continued with the Headteacher Parent Update each Friday and improved the school website and communication on social media.
More Leadership opportunities	Our Leadership Pathways allows all students to access leadership opportunities across the school regardless of their year group. We have extended the senior leadership roles in Year 11 with more students than ever getting involved.
More clubs	We now have a large range of clubs, some that were highlighted by Ofsted – Mythology and Lacrosse. This year we also had an enrichment fair so students in Year 7 & 8 could see what was on offer. Students and parents are now also able to sign up for the clubs via the SIMS activity app.
Somewhere to study	Silent study rooms are now available for Year 11 each evening until 6pm. Study room each Friday morning 7:45-8:30 for breakfast club. There is also a homework club/study area for KS3.

We would like to do this activity again and would be grateful if you would take a moment to complete the following survey. [Parent Survey](#)

We are very grateful when parents raise issues with us, as this allows us to address them, but we are also equally pleased when parents tell us what we are doing well so we can continue doing these things and thank our staff. Thank you for your continued support.

Sporting results

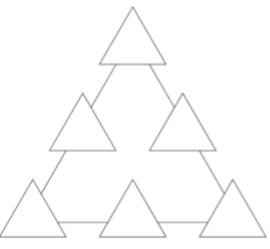
As a school we are fortunate to have a dedicated team in our PE department. They are always supporting our students at sporting events, even in the rain! This week we have had a number of sports teams involved in sporting activities, a huge well done to our year 8 pupils, who took part in the Sports Hall Athletics. Our Year 8 Girls took first place overall with our Year 8 Boys gaining second overall. Well done to everyone involved.

Puzzle of the week



Puzzle of the Week

Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

Place the numbers 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 on the triangles so that any three triangles in a line add up to the same number.



Tell your maths teacher the answer by the end of the week and they will give you a card for a prize if you got the answer correct.




Word of the week

WORD OF THE WEEK

DIMINISH

(VERB)




DIMINISH

LOWER | DECLINE | SHRINK | WEAKEN

To reduce or be reduced in size or importance.

"Although the restaurant is under new management, this hasn't done a thing to diminish the quality of the food and service."



Key Dates:

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| • Wednesday 12th October | Year 11 – Make it Stick/Careers Fair |
| • Tuesday 18th October | Year 7 Parents Evening |
| • Thursday 20 th 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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