



**Moorside
High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 21.10.22

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we have already arrived at our half term break. I would like to thank all students and staff for what has been achieved this term and thank you our parents/carers for your support.

This week has been a real hive of activity at Moorside High School, we have welcomed so many parents through the door. It was lovely to meet our Year 7 parents who attended the parents evening on Tuesday and then our Year 11 parents who attended with their child to take part in the GCSE English parent workshops.

Also this week, our Year 10 GCSE Drama students had the opportunity to visit the Lowry Theatre to watch Blood Brothers and a small group of Year 10 Computing students were fortunate enough to take part in a cyber hack trip with Mr Rooke to Cyber First Girls. We have also seen a group of students attend the Hope Hack at Lancashire Cricket Club. The Hope Hack is an opportunity for young people and those working with young people to discuss ideas for a safe and fairer Greater Manchester. The students that attended were an absolute credit to us as a school and their families. Over a 100 young people aged 13-21 and from a range of backgrounds attended from schools, colleges, pupil referral units and youth work organisations from across Greater Manchester. Their thoughts and ideas were shared with a panel of leaders and activists including the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham, Deputy Mayor Bev Hughes, Paul Canoville Chelsea's first black footballer and an ambassador for championing the potential of young people, Patrick Hutchinson who became a defining image of Black Lives Matter when he stepped in to save a counter-protester, Alison Cope mother of Joshua Ribera who was murdered in 2013 and Yahye Abdi from the Hope Collective Youth Management Group. We were so proud of the students that attended, they contributed and delivered to the room some fantastic thoughts.

During assemblies this week for Years 8-10, we have had a focus on sustainability and what we can do as a school to encourage a more sustainable way of living. We are excited to launch our Eco Club next half term, where we will be looking forward to students coming up with more ideas of how as a school, we can be more sustainable. Year 11 this week received an assembly around 'Making it Stick' and the science of learning. We are feeling very positive about their upcoming mock exams and hope that the revision pack they have received will help them prepare for these exams over the half term break. Finally, our Year 7 students have ended the half term celebrating their first half term with us. It was lovely to see so many students recognised for their efforts and commitment to secondary school life.

Although it has been a very busy half term, it has also been a very positive one. We are extremely proud of all our students and how they have returned to school following the summer break. A highlight for us as a school has been the positive attendance that we have seen. We do appreciate following the pandemic how hard it has been for students to return to the good habits of attending school, but we would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to our parents and carers for working with us to ensure our young people are attending school.

Thank you for your continued support
Have a lovely half term break

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Going above and beyond - We always love hearing about students' achievements outside of school and we want to celebrate with them. If your child has taken part in something that they would like to celebrate, please do let us know at - MHInfo@consilium-at.com

The cost of living

We appreciate that it is a difficult time for many people across Salford as the costs of energy, food and other bills continue to rise. Meeting the cost of uniforms, trips, school lunches, PE kits, pencils and pens, dress down days and other school costs can be difficult, and we want to do everything we can to support you. As you are aware, our uniform now includes minimised branded items, and our website gives you more details on which uniform items are optional. We also have a pre-loved area in school for uniform, so if your child requires any uniform, please do contact their Head of Year. If you have any old uniform at home that no longer fits, please do leave this at reception as this facility is regularly used. Finally, can we remind you that you may also be able to qualify for Free School Meals. You can apply for free school meals using our quick and easy online form. If you require any support or have any questions, please do contact us. The online form can be accessed here - <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

E Cigarettes (Vaping)

We are continuing to see lots in the press recently on the issue of 'vaping' in schools. Sadly, it is a growing problem across the country and one that all schools are having to spend more and more time and energy dealing with. On a practical level, it is more difficult to monitor than the smoking of cigarettes and this presents additional challenges for schools. We are also extremely concerned about the way vapes are being marketed especially in the local area and the perception amongst some students that they don't present any health risks. Vaping is illegal for under 18s and students are not permitted to bring vapes onto site under any circumstances. The typical consequence for anyone caught vaping in school is internal reflection with repeat offenders receiving a suspension which will go on their school record. As a school, we will continue to be vigilant on the issue and as always, reply upon your support. We would be grateful if you would talk to your children about the risks involved with vaping, as well as reinforcing the fact that it is illegal and will certainly not be tolerated in school. If you feel you need any support, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Science update - Accessing homework in Science

In Science we use the carousel learn platform to improve retrieval. The homework we are setting in Science is linked directly to the classwork and students see the same quiz questions that they did for homework at the start of every lesson. The result is an increased number of times the students have to think about the questions and as a result of this, better memories of the ideas. The homework is vital to improving in Science, making accessing the homework even more important. The department have sought to remove as many barriers as possible when it comes to accessing the homework. Here are the ways in which students can access the homework:

- Using the URL given by the teacher – students write this down and then type it straight into the search bar. All teachers are using a short URL so it is easier to write down and easier to type.
- Log into Teams and click the link – teachers have posted the link to the homework in the class team.
- Use a QR code – the Science teachers are providing the homework as a scannable QR code which takes you directly to the homework in a browser.

When you get to the log in page, logging in is simple. Write in your first name and last name and you can access the homework. If there are any issues, students can also come to the Science homework club on Monday at 15:00 to get help. Or they can simply sit and do their homework with a Science teacher around if they get stuck.

Reading

As you are aware, we are having a significant focus on reading and all students in all year groups, should have a reading book with them every day. Students can bring in a book from home or they can borrow a book from the library in school. During standards time, when we return after the half term break, students will be expected to read whilst the register is taken. Please can you encourage your child to ensure they have their reading book with them.

Charity Work


Next half term we will be having a key focus on supporting the charities that are linked to our House system. We will be collecting food bank donations and again will be launching our Mission Christmas drive. As always, if you are able to support, this is very much appreciated.

Contacting school over half term - Please note that reception will be closed over half term. If you need to contact the school during this time, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com .The school will re-open on Tuesday, 1st of November at 8:30am.

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week




Place the digits from 1 to 9 in each closed area so that the sum of the digits in each complete circle is the same.

1 has already been placed for you.

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.



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Word of the week

WORD OF THE WEEK

OBSOLETE

(ADJECTIVE)




OBSOLETE

OUTDATED | DISCONTINUED | DEFUNCT

No longer produced or used; out of date.

Landline phones are becoming obsolete due to the use of mobile phones.



Key Dates:

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| • Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th October | Half term |
| • Monday 31 st October | INSET Day |
| • Tuesday 1 st November | School re-opens 08:25 |
| • Monday 7 th - Friday 18 th November | Year 11 and 8 Assessment Weeks |
| • Monday 5 th – Friday 16 th December | Year 7, 9 and 10 Assessment weeks |
| • Wednesday 21 st December | School closes for Christmas |
| • Monday 3 rd January 2023 | INSET Day |
| • Tuesday 4 th January 2023 | School re-opens 08:25 |

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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