



**Moorside  
High School**  
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## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 04.11.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been great to welcome students back into school this week following the half term break.

This half term is always the most challenging for students as the dark mornings and nights settle in. We have started the year really positively with regards to attendance and we want to keep this going as we know about the strong correlation between attendance and achievement. On the theme of dark nights/mornings, please can we encourage all students to ensure they can be seen when walking to and from school and ensure they are crossing the roads at pedestrian crossings or at a safe place. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of using the subway or bridge when crossing the East Lancashire Road. We have had reports of students running across the road during peak times and this is a real concern. Can we also ask you to remind those students who travel to school on a bicycle, they must ensure they have lights on their bike and that they are wearing a helmet. We will also be reminding students regularly in school.

This week, form tutors have also reminded students around the dangers of fireworks and staying safe on Bonfire Night. Last year nationally, there were over 990 injuries caused by fireworks, 494 of those were children who were injured by sparklers or fireworks. 479 people of all ages required hospital treatment after being injured by fireworks. This year, Salford City Council has organised a Bonfire Night event at Buile Hill Park where there will be three firework displays. The Buile Hill Park Fireworks event will take place on Saturday, 5th November 2022, gates open at 4 pm. It is set to be a fantastic event which has lots of fun in store including a main fireworks display, fire walk, fire gardens with fire performers and fire drawings and traditional fun fair including smaller children's rides. There will also be food, drink vendors and fire pits where you can buy marshmallows to toast. There will be no bonfire at the event this year. If your child is attending the event, please do encourage them to stay safe. If you would like more information on how children can stay safe, please do visit this website:

<https://capt.org.uk/firework-safety/>

On Monday, we will see our Year 11 students embark on their first set of mock exams in preparation for their summer GCSE exams. Prior to half term, all students received a 'Make it Stick' pack containing all the stationary required for successful revision. This complimented the presentation on how to successfully ensure that knowledge is remembered and recalled for the exams. We know how hard our students have been working and we wish them every success over the next two weeks. If your child is worried about any element of the mock exam period, please do direct them to Mr Halsall or Miss Aitken, who are there to support them and put their mind at rest. These exams are a great opportunity to see what they do know, so they can then focus on what they didn't know. This will allow them to ensure they have no gaps when the next set of mock exams come round in March. We wish all our Class of 2023 lots of luck in their Mock Exams.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **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](mailto:MHInfo@consilium-at.com)

### **Charity Work**

This half term we are having a key focus on supporting the charities that are linked to our House system. We have already started collecting food bank donations. If you would like to contribute to the food bank, please do send any donations to reception where we are hoping to fill four supermarket trolleys. The food bank currently requires tinned fruit, pasta, baked beans and coffee. A typical food parcel includes, breakfast cereal, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, biscuits and snacks, so we know these items are always welcome. As always, if you are able to support, this is very much appreciated. Should you require support from the foodbank, and are unsure about who to contact, you are able to phone (0161 637 2120) or email (info@salford.foodbank.org.uk) the foodbank and they will talk you through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency. Once you've got your voucher code you can then exchange that for a food parcel at any of the Distribution Centres.

### **Short listed for the National Schools Award**

As you are aware, Moorside High School has been on a real journey for the last few years, and we are still very much on it. The steps forward we have made have all been down to a whole school team effort from both staff, students and our parents/carers and we are truly grateful for all the support, commitment and dedication everyone has shown. Over the half term break, we received some news that came as a huge surprise. The Leadership Team at Moorside High School had been nominated for a National Schools Award, but more to our surprise, The Leadership Team had been shortlisted to the final four. This came completely out of the blue, in fact, we thought it was a SPAM email when it arrived! We are very much looking forward to the awards evening and really hope that we can bring the award home for us all to celebrate.



### **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, students are given the opportunity to read whilst the register is taken. Please can you encourage your child to ensure they have their reading book with them.

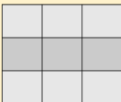
### **Armistice Day**

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, but we will fall silent for two minutes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms. Over the next week, Poppies will be available for students for a small donation. We would also like to invite any students who are in cadets to attend on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November in their cadet uniform. Assemblies will also be delivered to ensure students are fully aware of the significance of this day.

## Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week



Put the nine numbers below onto a 3 by 3 grid so that each number occupies one space, and the product of every row, column and diagonal is equal to 1.

Remember – Product = Multiplication

1   2   3   6    $\frac{1}{6}$     $\frac{1}{3}$     $\frac{1}{2}$     $\frac{2}{3}$     $\frac{3}{2}$


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

# FORTITUDE

(NOUN)




### FORTITUDE

DETERMINATION | RESILIENCE | STRENGTH

Mental or emotional strength that enables courage in the face of adversity.

"Despite adversity, she showed great fortitude."



### Key Dates:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November      Year 11 and 8 Assessment Weeks
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December      Year 7, 9 and 10 Assessment weeks
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December      School closes for Christmas
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023      INSET Day
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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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