



**Moorside  
High School**  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*



**Consilium**  
Academies



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 11.11.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a leadership team, we aim to spend as much time as possible walking around school and being in and out of lessons, it's one of the pleasures of our job. I personally love spending time on the corridors during social time and lesson change over, having the opportunity to speak to our students. Our school is full of committed teachers and non-teaching staff with high expectations alongside fantastic students. We know it is a busy half term, but we relish everything that it brings. Thank you for continuing to support us by ensuring your child is attending school with the correct equipment, planner and knowledge organiser. It really does help when we all work together. Year 11 have had a great first week of Mock Exams and we wish them luck next week as these continue.

The half term really has started with lots of celebrations. So far, we have celebrated our shortlisted nomination for the National Teaching Awards and have celebrated our students and staff at the annual Consilium Academies Trust Awards evening. The evening took place at Elland Road in Leeds on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November and we were so proud to see our staff and students represent Moorside High School at the event. Congratulations to the following staff and students that were nominated for an award:

<b>Award</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Partnership</b>	Mr Farmer	Hannah G
<b>Integrity</b>	Ms Ghelichi	Lacie H
<b>Opportunity</b>	Mr Mills	Emily E
<b>Equity</b>	Mrs Henn	Eleanor B
<b>Excellence</b>	Mrs Leadbeater	Anna L
<b>People Centred</b>	Mrs McGivern	Sam M

Congratulation to Hannah G who won the Partnership Award. Eleanor B, Mr Mills and Mrs Henn were all runners up. There are over 6000 students across the Trust, so this was a fantastic achievement; we are so proud of them all.

As we move towards Christmas, we are starting to think about our rewards for this term and ensuring that students are acknowledged for their achievements. Please can you encourage your child to get their Leadership Pathways signed off in their planners. Once students have achieved the criteria, they will be awarded with their leadership colours and will receive a badge and certificate at the Christmas Rewards Assembly.

This week has been notable for the selling of poppies in school to mark Armistice Day and we held a beautifully observed Last Post this morning. It was also lovely to see those students who are involved in cadets and other organisations proudly wearing their uniforms in school. We also had a group of Year 10 students who attended the remembrance service at Peel Green Crematorium and a group of Year 9 students who attended the Humphrey Booth dementia friendly Forget Me Not Café, where they created a poppy wreath and chatted to the local community who attend the café. It is heart-warming to see all these elements taking place and are a true part of our acts of remembrance as a school and demonstrate our respect and values as a school community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### 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 require 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](mailto: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.

### Year 11 Mock Exams

What we often do not see as parents/carers and teachers is the hard work that goes on behind the success of our children/students. We know that many students work incredibly hard very quietly and we do not get the chance to congratulate them, as they just naturally do it without asking. The illustration below clearly demonstrates what does go on behind the scenes and we want to keep encouraging students to keep going and working hard, as they are doing brilliantly. The mock exams allow students to find out what areas of the course they still need to focus on as they have not yet fully mastered the knowledge or understood it. There is a very true saying that without failure, there is no success, as you are not aware of what you do not know. We really want all students to fully embrace the mock exams and be able to then take something from them moving forward to the March mocks and finally the summer exams. We have been so impressed with how students have embraced the first week and have shown our care value of resilience. We have one more week to go, and we will continue to encourage all Year 11 students to keep working hard, ensuring they are ready for the exams by having an early night, setting an alarm to ensure they are up in plenty of time, and having a good breakfast.



### SIMS App

We are finally starting to see the SIMS App working far better for parents and we hope that this will continue. Students have raised that they would also like the notifications about extra-curricular activities and homework. Via a recent student voice activity, they have asked if we can sign students up to be able to access the student version of the app. In the first instance, we have decided to trial this with a small group of students to see how well this works for them. It will not be compulsory that students use this app, and we will still be insisting that students log homework in their planners. As you are aware, students do not need a phone to access this app, it can be accessed

via any electronic device, laptop or desktop computer and students will be able to use school computers if they wish to access the app. We will keep you updated on the feedback we receive.

### Parking around school

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents about parking in the community when dropping and picking students up. There are a number of roads around school that get very congested, for example, Westbrook Road and it is really unfair on our neighbours. If parents can be mindful of this, we would be grateful. Thank you.

### Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week


The year 2010 is one in which the sum of the digits is a factor of the year itself. What is the next year that has the same property?

For example  $2 + 0 + 1 + 0 = 3$   
 $2010 \div 3 = 670$   
So 3 is a factor of 2010

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**  
**RECIPROCAL**  
(ADJECTIVE)  


**RECIPROCAL**  
RETURNED | MUTUAL | REQUITED | SHARED  
Something given, felt, or done by both sides of a group.  
"The two colleges had a reciprocal arrangement where students from one college could attend classes at the other."  


### Key Dates:

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| • Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 11 and 8 Assessment Week     |
| • 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       |
| • Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023                       | INSET Day                         |
| • Wednesday 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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