



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 18.11.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weeks are really flying by now and it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through November. The Year 8 and Year 11 students have been fantastic during their assessment fortnight, and we are now starting to prepare for the Year 7, 9 and 10 fortnight. These assessments will take place the week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December and Mrs Nesfield will be sharing the assessment timetable and revision lists with you. Please do urge your child to prepare for these assessments, but also encourage them not to worry. The assessments are an opportunity for students to find out what they do not know and what they need to do to progress. If you or your child are concerned about the assessments, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

This week we were visited by @teentechevent who helped our Year 9 students raise their aspirations and be inspired about a future in STEM. One of the sessions was about encouraging the students to come up with ideas to make life better, safer, simpler, or more fun, with a focus on sustainability. It was great to see the students introduced to some of the issues we face on our planet today. The students had a wonderful day and spoke highly of the event. You could clearly see that they went home feeling motivated and inspired.



This week we also had a cake sale for Children in Need. Congratulations to all students who took part in the Children in Need cake sale, we raised over a £100 in total. Thank you to everyone who donated.

This Sunday, 32 teams from across the globe will assemble in Qatar for the start of the 22nd football World Cup - and the first to take place in the Arab world. We are fully aware that many students will want to enjoy watching the matches, but please can I remind you that students will not be allowed to leave school or miss school to watch any of the football matches. However, on Monday we have moved around some lessons, so students are able to watch the first England match without it impacting on the curriculum. The match will be shown during lunchtime, R time and PSHE period 5, in classrooms if students want to watch it. Those students that are not interested in watching the football, will be completing enrichment activities in PSHE with their form tutors. The content that was due to be delivered during this PSHE session, will be distributed across R time during the week.

Unfortunately, along with the wet weather this week, we have seen an increase in anti-social behaviour during social time that is not acceptable in school. We appreciate that teenagers often disagree, but to then take this to physical altercations will not be tolerated. Please can we ask you to reiterate that if your child has an issue with another student, that they speak to staff to access support rather than take matters into their own hands. We talk a lot about being socially responsible and will be re-visiting this during assemblies next week.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students are attending and staying focused, your support is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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## December Activities

With Christmas just around the corner, we have confirmed some dates for the run up to Christmas:

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 'Christmas Jumper Day'**. Students will be invited to swap their blazer on this day and wear a Christmas jumper for a small donation. All other uniform will be required.
- **Christmas Jumper Swap Week**. To support Christmas Jumper Day, we are holding a Christmas Jumper swap week, this is to avoid students having to buy a new jumper if they have grown out of their old one. Students can donate their old jumper and swap for one that has been brought in during the week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Candy Canes for Charity**. The student leadership team will be selling candy canes for a small donation to charity. Students will be able to order a candy cane for a small cost and have it delivered to a friend. This will be available each break time from the 12<sup>th</sup> December and candy canes will be delivered on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Mission Christmas**. Throughout the month of December we will be supporting Mission Christmas again. Mission Christmas aims to help Santa reach all children. If you're able to support, we will be collecting new and unwrapped toys in our main reception until Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December. Mission Christmas aims to support all children from birth to 18, but always struggle most with gifts for babies and teenagers (especially boys). Last year we were overwhelmed by your support, and we are always grateful for any donation, no matter how small.

Finally, during the final week of term, we will be holding our Christmas rewards assemblies along with the opportunity to gain access to the Moorside Christmas Cinema. There is always lots to look forward to at this time of year, especially Christmas lunch that will be served on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. More details about this will be shared nearer the time.

## Charity Work

We are continuing with our collection for the food bank, 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 can 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 have got your voucher code you can then exchange that for a food parcel at any of the distribution centres.

## Year 11 Support

Now the mock exams are over, we are back in the full swing of intervention and study sessions.

Students have all the information regarding these, and the Intervention timetable can be [accessed here](#)

The following sessions are also now running between now and Christmas. Please do visit the KS4 resource page on the website for lots of helpful tips on supporting students making it stick! [Click here to access.](#)

- Saturday School – If students are involved in this, a letter will be sent home.
- Rise and Revise – Study room available between 08:00 - 08:30
- Strive for 5 – English, Monday & Wednesday, Maths Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 08:30
- 08:00 for 8 – English, Monday & Wednesday, Maths Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – 08:30
- Supervised Study Room - 15:00-18:00 Monday – Thursday
- Paper Society –15:00-16:00 Wednesday

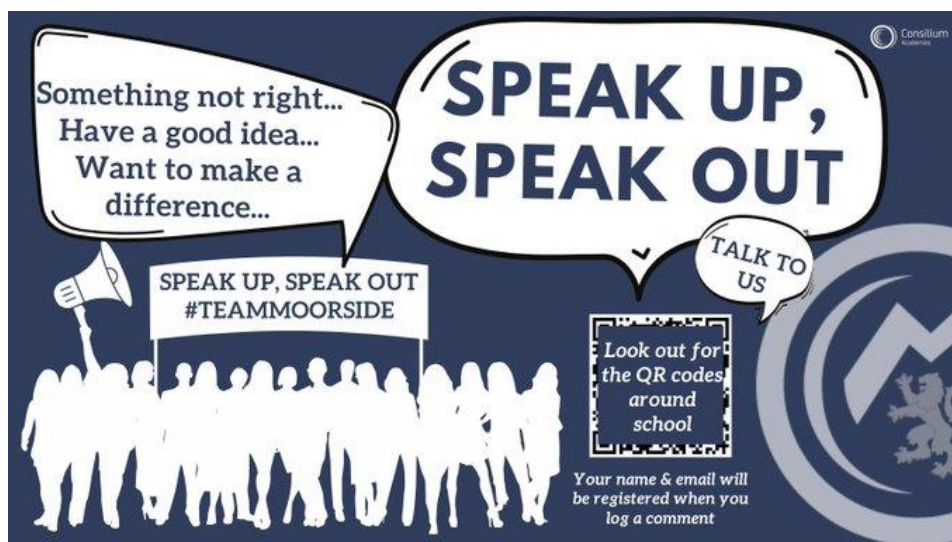
We really want to make school a warm and welcoming place for our students to study, so please do encourage them to attend all opportunities.

## Year 11 Mock Results Day

Mock results day will take place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Anti-Bullying week

This week, Mr Webb our Designated Senior Leader for Safeguarding, has delivered our assemblies. The focus in assembly and during form time has been centred around anti bullying, for 'Anti Bullying' week. Students have been reminded about our Sharp System where parents/carers and students, can all report any concerns anonymously via this platform, although by adding a name, it does help us to do everything we can to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. We have also launched our new campaign 'Speak Up, Speak Out'. This campaign complements our anonymous safeguarding reporting tool SHARP. It allows students to log suggestions or ideas about how we can improve things within school. They can register their thoughts using the QR codes around school. We hope that this new campaign allows more of our students to have a voice and make a difference.



### TikTok


As you are aware, there are many platforms for social media now and one that we still face challenges with is TikTok. To support parents/carers ensure their children are staying safe online, we thought this article may be of interest. <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/> If you require any support or have any concerns around your child's use of social media, please do speak to their Head of Year.

### Puzzle of the week

## Puzzle of the Week

Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

How many ways can you give change for 10p?



Tell your form tutor or maths teacher to get a card for a prize if you got the answer correct.

## Word of the week



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**INTRINSIC**  
(ADJECTIVE)



**INTRINSIC**  
INHERENT | CORE | FUNDAMENTAL | CENTRAL

Belonging to a thing by its very nature.

"Every human has intrinsic worth."



### Key Dates:

- 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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