



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 25.11.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcomed back into school our class of 2022 students to receive their GCSE exam certificates. It was lovely to see them all again and hear all about what they are now up to. We are proud of what they have achieved and look forward to keeping in touch with them and watching them continue to grow via our alumni group.

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Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Former pupils of Moorside High School - we would love to hear from you! We are keen to hear about the experiences and successes that our former students have gone on to do since leaving Moorside, and hopefully this can help inspire our current students to aim high!

Please fill in the short form via the link or QR code if you would like to be involved in our careers programme and help to inspire our current pupils at Moorside by sharing your careers journey.

bit.ly/MHSAumniInfo

With the Year 11 mock exams finished, the focus this week has been getting Year 11 students back into good routines, attending interventions, using the study room and ensuring they are arriving on time for lesson. We are having a big push on punctuality and have welcomed the countdown bell back. All students across the school know that if they are not sat in lesson by the time the countdown music stops, they will receive a consequence for arriving late unless they have a valid reason.

Road safety, please can we remind parents/carers, if your child is travelling to school on a bike, they should have lights on their bike and wear a helmet. We will be continuing to remind students of this as we go through the winter months.

Finally, this week, we have also started to put up some posters around school about being socially responsible and thinking about why we behave in certain ways. The corridors are really starting to reflect the messages that we want students to think about. Our aim is to educate students on the correct way to present in school and the reasons for this. This is a big piece of work that we are rolling out across school and are looking forward to the impact it will have on the way students treat each other and present in the community.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher



Year 9 Choices

It will soon be that time of year when Year 9 are looking at their GCSE option choices for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11). Following the Christmas break, on Thursday 19th January we will be holding a Choices Information Evening with the Senior Leadership Team for parents. At this time, students and parents will receive detailed information about the curriculum and choices that students can make. Parents will then be invited to the Year 9 parents evening which will take place on Tuesday, 7th February. Parents Evening will be face to face to discuss your child's choices with subject teachers.

Christmas Card Competition.

We are running a Christmas card competition next week. The competition is open to all students and the winning design will be published and sent out to other schools and our local community from Team Moorside. All entries should be handed in at reception before 12noon on Friday 2nd December. The design should be no bigger than A5 and should represent us as a school. We are really looking forward to seeing all the designs.

Handwriting club

As part of increasing our literacy/writing provision for all our students, Mr Molyneux will be offering a handwriting club on Thursday afterschool 3-4pm. The club will start this week and will be both by invitation and voluntary.

Year 11 Saturday School & Additional Support

We are really looking forward to welcoming our first round of students to Saturday school tomorrow. Please do not forget we want to make school a warm and welcoming place for our students to study, so please do encourage them to attend all opportunities.

- 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

GCSE Pod

As you are aware, as a school we subscribe to GCSEPod. GCSEPod is an award-winning, online content and revision provider, which allows students to access online playlists for every subject. Our subscription comes with free unlimited streaming, progress tracking features and worldwide competitions. Research carried out by GCSEPod has shown that on average, those students that regularly engage with GCSEPod, have increased their outcome by at least one grade compared to their starting point. Next week, we will be reminding Year 10 & 11 students how they can get the best from the platform. We will be rewarding pupils for their engagement with GCSEPod and giving out weekly certificates for 'Top Podder' and 'Pod Expert' as well as grand prizes in our termly reward assemblies.

Included in our subscription are free webinars and workshops for parents to learn more about GCSEPod, the benefits and how best to support your child's learning. Please see the link below to sign up to upcoming parent webinars.

[GCSEPod Parent/Carer Webinar](#)

Keeping safe online

Last week we shared with you a link to an article about staying safe on TikTok. For many of us, the online world is a scary place and is the unknown. We have a section on our website dedicated to [online safety click here](#) to access and also a section on [Keeping Children Safe](#). On this page of the website we have links to several websites, videos, and documents that provide advice and support to help you keep your children safe. In school the Trust have two layers for filtering and monitoring the IT systems. Layer 1, we currently have RMSafetynet but we are moving to a new Sophos XG system shortly which is more efficient. Layer 2 is IMPERO, this is the class-room management system we have in place. Key words are detected and alerted to key people within the school. All our software contracts are signed up with Southwest Grid for Learning (SWGFL). This is a tool that checks whether a school's filtering provider is signed up to relevant lists (CSA content, sexual content, terrorist content). 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.

Team Moorside's 'Great Christmas Jumper Exchange'

This year, we will be holding our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 6th December for a small donation for charity. All other uniform will be required. Students will be invited to attend school wearing a Christmas jumper as an addition to their uniform. To support sustainability, we are encouraging students to bring in their old Christmas jumper and potentially swap with a pre-loved one. I am sure you will agree, they have probably only been worn once on the last Christmas Jumper Day! Students can bring in their jumpers up until Jumper Day on Thursday, 6th December and leave at reception.

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

Make the number 1000 with the eight 8s and four '+' signs.
(8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, +, +, +, +)

_____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ = 1000



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

Word of the week

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ALLEVIATE

(VERB)




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REDUCE | RELIEVE | DIMINISH | MITIGATE

To make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe

"Friends can act as a support system to alleviate a problem."



Key Dates:

- Monday 5th – Friday 16th December Year 7, 9 and 10 Assessment weeks
- Monday 12th December Year 11 Mock results day
- Wednesday 21st December School closes for Christmas
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023 INSET Day
- Wednesday 4th 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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