



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 06.01.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first academic week of 2023. It has been fantastic to see the students return with a revised energy and ready to learn.

This week in assembly, we have had a re-set around our expectations for behaviour for learning. We have reminded students about the importance of attending school ready to learn, fully equipped and prepared for the day ahead. We have encouraged students to think about January 2023 as a clean page in a book, ready for them to write their next positive chapter of their time at Moorside High School.

This half term is a very important one for our Year 9 students. It is time to consider their choices for KS4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure you that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the next six weeks. More information will be sent directly to parents/carers via the SIMS App.

Since September, like all schools, we have had a focus on attendance. We know it is widely acknowledged that attendance has a direct impact upon achievement, success, and welfare. To continue to encourage good punctuality and attendance, our attendance leagues have been reset for this term. Students will continue to be entered into a weekly prize draw for 100% attendance that week and bonus house points will be awarded for improved attendance/punctuality. As a reminder, the linked document gives some good advice around if your child is too ill for school. To access this, [please click here](#). If you require any support in encouraging your child to attend, please do contact their Head of Year.

Finally, we would like to wish the Year 11 Creative I Media students who have an exam next week, the best of luck. All our interventions, Saturday School and Rise and Revise sessions are now back up and running for all Year 11 students. I will be meeting with every Year 11 student before the February half term, to ensure they have everything they need and to reassure them that we are here to support them. Parents/Carers will have an opportunity to meet with subject teachers at our Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening on Tuesday 24th January. More information can be found below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Lockdown Drill

Safeguarding our staff and students is of paramount importance. A large part of our safeguarding efforts is ensuring that our students, staff, and community are prepared to respond to emergency situations. In school our students are familiar with emergency procedures such as fire drills, which happen at planned intervals throughout the academic year. These drills ensure that students, staff, and visitors are clear on their responsibilities to keep themselves and others safe and reduce the anxieties around such events should they occur. We want to continue to respond to any possible risk regardless of the likelihood of it occurring, so as part of this work, alongside Consilium Academies Trust, we will be carrying out an emergency lockdown drill. This will prepare students and staff to be aware of their roles and responsibilities should this need arise. We are not aware of any increased risk locally or nationally at this time but feel this is a good time to carry out a drill. Students will be supported throughout the drill by staff. A letter regarding the lockdown drill can be [accessed here](#). Parents/Carers will be notified when the drill is occurring and after the drill is completed. Should you have any questions following the information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening – Tuesday 24th January 2023, 15:30-18:00

Bookings will be open from Thursday 12th January 2023. The evening will be face to face and will take place in the main sports hall. Further information will be circulated next week to Year 11 Parents/Carers.

Great Standards Fortnightly Focus!

As the students have returned this week, it has been great to see how organised and smart they look. Thank you for your support in ensuring all students have attended school with the correct equipment and uniform. We are continuing to have a spotlight focus on standards over the next two weeks. 'Great Standards Fortnight', will see students receive house point tokens for wearing their uniform correctly, having the correct equipment and being on time for school and lessons. Students will then be able to trade these in for a reward at the end of the fortnight. We have high expectations and standards at Moorside High School, and it is important that students realise that making good choices around positive behaviour for learning will be rewarded, whilst making poor choices will have consequences. If you require any support in ensuring your child is fully prepared for school with the correct equipment/uniform, then please do contact their Head of Year. We will loan blazers, ties, school shoes and provide equipment if needed, however students will receive a consequence if this is repeated behaviour. If a student is persistently not ready to learn, we will arrange parental meetings to discuss the concerns and what support we can put in place to rectify this.

Flu Vaccination – Year 7, 8 and 9 only.

Please complete the consent form online by clicking on the link, the link will close on 09/01/2023 <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=144199&Type=FLU>

School meals

Polite reminder that the cost of a school meal has now gone up by 10p across all Salford Schools. The cost of a high school meal has increased to £2.30. If you have any difficulty in providing payment for meals, please email mhsinfo@consilium-at.com. All queries will be dealt with confidentially and we will work with you to ensure that a suitable solution can be found. We encourage all families to check their eligibility for Free School Meals regardless of their income, please click the following link to view more information. [Free School Meal Checker](#)

SIMs Parent App

Thank you to all parents/carers that have downloaded the SIMS App. For those parents/carers that are still to download, an invitation link will be sent to you next week. The SIMS Parent app will allow you to monitor your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour reports, and homework. As you are aware, we use our 'Behaviour for Learning' grades to reward students, but also to identify where they may need to improve their conduct. All students start afresh each lesson on a BFL Grade 2 moving to a BFL Grade 1, should they show effort and commitment to their learning. More information around our 'Behaviour for Learning' grades can be found on the school website; the app will allow you to see when your child is issued with a BFL grade. Alongside this, you will also have access to their student timetable, and you are able to use the app to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency. If you are having difficulty with the app, please contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

The word NINETY-FIVE uses only straight lines when written as a word in capital letter. The number 417 uses only straight lines when written in digits.

Which number uses only straight lines when written in digits AND as a word?

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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VOLATILE
(ADJECTIVE)

VOLATILE
UNCOMFORTABLE | TENSE | STRAINED | UNEASY

Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably, especially for the worse.

"My younger brother has a volatile temper and isn't easy to live with."

Key Dates:

- Thursday 19th January 2023 – Year 9 Choices Evening
- W/C 23rd January 2023 – Yr7, 9, 10 Progress Reports Published
- Tuesday 24th January 2023 – Year 11 Parents/Carers Evening
- Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening
- Friday 17th February 2023 – School closes for half term, 14.55
- Monday 27th February 2023 – School reopens 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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