



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 13.01.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, this week has certainly brought home how much we all rely on technology. Unfortunately, two days this week we were affected by broadband works in the area, resulting in us being without Wi-Fi. We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support, we appreciate that contacting the school was a challenge. We are currently working with the Consilium central team to see what we can do to improve our telephone system and make it easier for you to speak to us. Please do not forget, the best way to contact us is MHSinfo@consilium-at.com This email address is monitored at regular points during the day. Putting aside our challenges with technology, I would like to say a huge well done to all students who have completed the first full week of 2023 in school. Year 11 have been focused with their revision and attending the additional sessions that are on offer. It was great to see so many attending the rise and revise sessions, Eight for Eight, Strive for Five and Saturday school. In Assembly on Monday, Miss Aitken shared with students the updated intervention timetable and this can be found via this link to the school website. [Yr11 Intervention Sessions](#). We also carried out our lockdown drill on Tuesday, students really embraced this experience and were extremely sensible.

Earlier in the week I shared with you a letter from the Head of Health Protection in Salford, [Winter letter for parents](#). We have been encouraging all students to follow the guidance given and have put up some posters around school to support this, especially around hand washing and catch it, bin it, kill it. If you are unsure if your child is well enough for school, please do refer to the letter that gives advice but also the document from the NHS – Is my child too ill for school? [please click here](#) to access this. This week, attendance has been really high and we are grateful to all parents/carers who are encouraging this. If you require any support in encouraging your child to attend, please do contact their Head of Year.

This week in PSHE our new topics were launched to all year groups, Year 7 are focusing on Puberty & Body Development (Health & Wellbeing). Year 8 are looking at LGBTQA+ (Celebrating Diversity and Equality), Year 9 Health and Wellbeing (Body confidence), Year 10 Relationships and Sex Education and Year 11 Staying Safe Online and Offline (Violence, Crimes and Seeking Safety). Further information around the subtopics for each of these can be found on the school website. We are also hoping to launch our next initiative to fill the shopping trolleys, students have requested that we support our local animal charities this half term and collect items to support them, i.e., pet food, pet toys and accessories.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Meal Price

We updated you before Christmas to inform you that the cost of a school meal was increasing across all Salford schools. However, I have been informed this week that Salford council has now rescinded this decision in order to help support families in the current economic climate. Therefore, the cost of a meal will be £2:20. If we receive any further information, we will share this with you.

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

Bookings are now open for the face-to-face evening that will take place in the main sports hall. Further information about the evening can be found here: [Year 11 Parents Evening](#)

Flu Vaccination – Year 7, 8 and 9 only.

Flu Vaccinations will be taking place on Friday 20th January. Parents have already received information with regards to these.

Year 9 Choices Evening

This evening will be taking place on Thursday 19th January at 6pm and will comprise of a presentation in the Main Hall where our choices process will be outlined and the support that will be on offer for your child. This will be hosted by members of the Leadership Team. Students will then receive assemblies on all the subjects on offer and parents/carers will then have the opportunity to speak with individual subject teachers at the Parents Evening on 7th February. The letter for the evening can be accessed here: [Year 9 Choices Evening](#)

Great Uniform Fortnight

For the next two weeks we are going to have a spotlight on 'Great Uniform'. Students will be rewarded bonus house points for wearing their uniform correctly and dressing smart, thinking smart. Please do encourage you child to ensure they are attending school in full uniform. Should you require any support with this, please do speak to your child's Head of Year.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We are really pleased to be able to publish our wider curriculum opportunities that are available this term. [Please click here to access them](#). Mr Mills is also busy coordinating the launch of the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. More details around this programme will be circulated in the coming weeks. If there is a particular club or activity your child would like to do, please do share this with us.

Congratulations

Each week students can be nominated for the Headteachers award where staff or parents/carers can nominate students. This week congratulations have gone to Jessica P in Year 7 who was successful in achieving a merit certificate in the Young Writers competition, which is a national competition and Harry O in Year 11, who before Christmas completed his Access Sport's Coach Young Leaders Course at an event at Old Trafford, hosted by the Manchester United Foundation. Well done to both these students. If you would like to nominate someone, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Knowledge Organisers

All students should be receiving from class teachers, their new knowledge Organisers for this half term. Please can you ensure that students are bringing their Knowledge Organiser Folder and Planner to school each day. Knowledge Organisers specify the essential knowledge that students need to memorise and retain for a unit of work. They are contained on a single A4 page and organised in a way to aid learning. The knowledge they contain are the building blocks of effective learning; it does not include everything students could and should know about a unit of work but the essential knowledge that they need to memorise. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Reading Tests

Our ambition is for all of our students to be reading at or above their chronological age by the end of Year 9. This will allow students to confidently access their Key Stage 4 curriculum and GCSE exams. Further, confidence in reading will lead to students reading regularly, which will increase their cultural capital, enhance their vocabulary, and develop their imagination. We aim to build a reading culture where students develop a love of reading and read for pleasure. A good grounding in reading is essential for students' acquisition of knowledge and their ability to develop schema (making connections between the things that they know, both within and across their subjects). The average reading age required to access GCSE level texts and examination papers is 15 years and 8 months. We therefore have a comprehensive and rigorous approach to reading, which ensures that our students develop the knowledge, vocabulary and reading fluency to access the curriculum and their exams, and that they leave school with sufficient reading skills for future learning and employment.

This week our KS3 students will take part in the GL Assessment's New Group Reading Test (NGRT). GL Assessment's New Group Reading Test is a standardised assessment which measures reading skills against a national average. It is adaptive, which means that it responds to the ability of the child and adapts the questions accordingly, so that stronger readers are challenged, and less-strong readers remain engaged. The test takes around 30 minutes to complete, and students take the test on a computer. There are two sections: sentence completion and comprehension of a passage. These tests will inform our offer of reading interventions to students where appropriate. If you have any questions around this, please do not hesitate to contact our Literacy coordinator Mrs Beach.

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

I'm thinking of a 2 digit number. Both the digits are square numbers. The whole number is a square number. What is my number?

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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PURSUE

(VERB)



PURSUE

GO AFTER | CHASE | FOLLOW | TRACK

To follow or to chase someone or something.

"The news showed us footage of police officers pursuing a van."



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 Parent's/Carer's Evening
- Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Year 9 Parent's/Carer's 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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