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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 27.01.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are very nearly in the month of February. It has been another busy week at Team Moorside. Our spotlight focus continues on our school uniform, and we are now adding to this the importance of being fully equipped for school. Students have been reminded about the importance of bringing their knowledge organiser, equipment, planner and reading book every day.

As you may be aware Moorside High School is part of Consilium Academies Trust. At Consilium Academies they are deeply committed to serving their communities, this is reflected in an integral part of their mission statement which is, 'a dedication to do all we can for the communities we serve.' On Monday 23rd January a link via text was sent inviting you to take part in the annual Consilium Community Engagement Survey. Completing this survey gives you the opportunity to tell us how we are doing and where our priorities should be placed. You are a vital member of our community, and we value your opinions and feedback as we strive to be even better and provide your children with great opportunities and the best education – allowing them to succeed both in the classroom and beyond. It is crucial that we receive as many responses as possible, so we gain a representative understanding of your views. Therefore, we will be giving away a £100 gift voucher to one lucky respondent to the survey. The deadline for submissions is the 24th February. We look forward to receiving your responses and hearing your thoughts. Can I also add that positive feedback is always welcome. Our staff work hard every day and getting reflective feedback in surveys like this does go a long way for them. We know that typically, you only fill in a survey if you are dissatisfied with something, please can we encourage you to also fill in the survey to highlight the good work that does take place every day and to share your positive thoughts of the school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Thank you to all parents/carers that attended our Year 11 Parents' Evening on Tuesday, bookings for Year 9 Parents/Carers evening is now open. If you have any problems accessing the appointments, please do contact your child's Head of Year – Mrs Kirk.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 9 Parents/Carers Evening – Tuesday 7th February 2023, 15:30-18:00

Information about Year 9 Parents/Carers evening can be accessed here [Year 9 Parents Evening](#). Bookings for the face-to-face event are made via school cloud.

What is my child learning?

This is a question that parents/carers often ask. We appreciate when children become teenagers, some are very reluctant to discuss at home what it is they are doing in school. To support this, we have a curriculum section on our school website. Parents and carers can access this information, via our curriculum page ([click here to access](#)) On this page, for each subject, you will find our curriculum intent statement which explains what students will be taught. Alongside this, you will find a curriculum overview for the full five years. This overview shows the main topics taught each half term. We hope that you are able to use this information to support conversations at home. Students are also provided with a knowledge organiser for subjects at the start of a half term. On the main curriculum page, you can also explore information about our Personal Development curriculum which includes information about careers, enrichment, and mental health support alongside other elements of what your child is learning. If you would like to find out more information, please do not hesitate to contact MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Parent Forum

We aim to run a Parent Forum each half term with our parents/carers. If you have a particular area you would like to discuss with us as a school, please do contact MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We will then organise a forum to support the topic of choice.

National Education Union (NEU) industrial action. Wednesday 1st February 2023.

Following on from my letter earlier this week regarding the nationally planned industrial action by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 1st February. We have spent time reviewing the potential staffing and have worked closely with our Trust - Consilium Academies and have followed the guidance from the Department for Education. As a result of this, school will be closed to all students on Wednesday 1st February apart from Years 7 and 11. We have decided to prioritise Year 7 as we know that many parents may be uncomfortable with leaving students of this age at home throughout the day. With regards to Year 11, we believe that we can use the day to prepare students for their forthcoming summer examinations. I have not taken this decision lightly. My first priority has to be to open the site in a safe and secure manner. Just to reiterate:

- Year 11 and 7 students in school.
- Year 8, 9 & 10 are not to attend on this day as we will not have enough staff available to ensure we can educate students in lessons and supervise them at break and lunchtime.
- The following identified students will be invited into school. Students with Education, Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and /or children who are supported by Social Services. Parents/Carers of students who come under these focus groups will be contacted.

For those students who are not in school, we will provide learning that will be accessed online via teams for students to complete during the allocated lesson.

Please note that the NEU have also provisionally called strike action on the following dates:

- Tuesday 28th February 2023
- Wednesday 15th March 2023
- Thursday 16th March 2023

We will know more about our ability to open on the above dates based on the experience of next week. I will send a message in the week beginning Monday 20th February (during half-term) with regards to what we plan to do on the next proposed strike date.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. Please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com if you have any further questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

What is the number?
It is a multiple of 9.
The product of its digits is 12.
It is between 200 and 300 inclusive.
It is odd.

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

Word of the week

The graphic is designed to look like a spiral-bound notebook. The left side is a dark blue cover with the text 'WORD OF THE WEEK' at the top, 'PREDOMINANTLY' in large letters in the middle, and '(ADVERB)' below it. At the bottom of the cover is a circular logo featuring a mountain and a lion. The right side is a light grey page with the word 'PREDOMINANTLY' at the top, followed by synonyms: 'MOSTLY | MAINLY | PRIMARILY | LARGELY'. Below this is the definition: 'More noticeable, important, or larger in number, than others.' and a quote: '"She is predominantly a dancer, but she can also sing and act."' At the bottom of the page is an icon of an open book.

Key Dates:

- 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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