



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 10.02.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

During the first term we welcomed a large number of students who had applied to join us during this academic year. This is a fantastic position to be in as a school, we are currently full within every year group and have a large number of students wanting to join us in September 2023. With over 1144 students, the school is thriving. In September, following student voice, we made the decision to split the lunch time into two, due to large queues and students reporting they were unable to find a seat to eat their lunch. By changing the structure of the school day, lunch time is now a much more enjoyable experience. Recent student voice has shown that by splitting the lunch, it has had a big impact on students being able to have a better dining experience, with reduced queues and a place to sit. The next area we wanted to focus on was the busy corridors. On the whole, our students are extremely sensible and move around the school in an orderly manner. However, on the odd occasion they forget about being 'Socially Responsible' and can make some poor decisions around the behaviour they choose to demonstrate whilst exiting the student corridors or on the main stairwells. As a campus, we have third party organisations that share the building, this resulted in two of the stairwells not being accessible by our students. However, I am pleased to share that we now have full access to these stairs. This week we have introduced a clear exit strategy for the students, students in different classrooms are now required to exit using different stairs and external doors. This new system was shared with students during PSHE period 1 on Monday. This has allowed us to ensure that we limit the number of students using the main stairway. The next steps next week is to work with the students to incorporate a one-way system for all lesson changeovers. We are hopefully that we will complete the plans next week, ready to launch when we return after the February half term.

As I mentioned in the Parent Update a couple of weeks ago, it is great to see trips and visits back taking place. This week we had a group of students visit Salford University and this evening we have a group of Year 11 students who are off to PGL Winmarleigh Hall. This weekend is a mix of Maths, English and outdoor pursuits. We hope they all have a fantastic time, and we look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

Next week during assembly we are focusing on Staying Safe Online. You will be aware from recent media coverage that there have been concerns raised regarding social-media influencers, not solely, but in particular when it comes to their potential impact on boys and young men. We will share with you next week more information on how you can support your child and ensure they are staying safe when using social media and the internet.

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 8 Parents – Parents' Evening – Tuesday 7th March 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 8 parents to our face-to-face Parents' Evening on Tuesday 7th March. Online bookings will open next week, and more information will be circulated to parents.

Year 11

It's that time of year again - Year 11 final mock exams are coming up in March. We urge all Year 11 students to start preparing early and to make use of the resources available to them. Our staff are available for extra support, so do not hesitate to reach out if your child needs help. We have a new area on the school website now dedicated to supporting students with the exam preparation for science. Please [click here](#) to view the revision lists for each paper, and revision documents with interactive quizzes. All departments are currently preparing revision lists and these will be shared on the curriculum area of the school website.

Attendance Matters

We want to really push for excellent attendance for all students and we are not quite where we need to be just yet. Do you know your child's attendance? Research suggests that 17 days missed at school equates to losing a full GCSE. 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all, so we must make sure all students are in school! If you require any support in getting your child in to school, please do contact their Head of Year.

Consilium President Election Results

As a school, our students are an integral part of Consilium Academies Trust student council. Across the trust, including our own students, students campaigned over the space of a week and produced incredible promotional material, in a bid to win the majority votes to be the Consilium Council President. Over 1200 staff and students across the Trust voted, resulting in each candidate receiving over 100 votes each but there could only be one winner! We are so happy to introduce the new President Deniss and our new Vice President Vanilla. Thank you to all the staff and students for voting in our Consilium Presential Elections. We are so proud of the students that took part from Moorside High School but would like to offer our congratulations to Deniss and Vanilla and to all our council members. As a school we cannot wait to work with you all and to hear all your thoughts and amazing ideas.



Consilium Academies Engagement Survey

As you are 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, 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. Please click to access the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zJy2a7HF7u>

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for students to engage in. Please [click here to access the full list](#) of what is available. If your child has a club they would like to see in place, please ask them to speak to Mr Mills.

The Deans Youth Centre, also have a fantastic range of opportunities, please [click here to access the full list](#).

Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

When we write numbers as words, we can count the letters in those words, and get more numbers!

For example, 700 can be written as SEVEN HUNDRED, which is twelve letters long.

Can you figure out what this sequence represents and work out what comes next?
1, 4, 3, 11, 15, 13, 17, 24... ?

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 page is dark blue with the text 'WORD OF THE WEEK' at the top, 'SENTIMENT' in large white letters in the middle, and '(NOUN)' below it. At the bottom left of this page is a circular logo featuring a mountain and a tree. The right page is light grey with the word 'SENTIMENT' in large blue letters at the top. Below it, in smaller blue text, are the words 'FEELING | ATTITUDE | OPINION | IDEA | THOUGHT'. The definition follows: 'A thought, opinion, or idea based on a feeling about a situation, or a way of thinking about something.' Below the definition is a quote: '"He was overwhelmed by the sentiments of love and support in the cards and letters he received."' At the bottom right of the right page is an icon of an open book.

Key Dates:

- 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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