



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 17.02.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is so hard to believe it is the end of the half term already and when we return there will only be five weeks until Easter. It has been a busy half term where we have seen our Year 11 students really step up the pace in the run up to the March mock exams and then the external exams. Year 11 students are now 25 days into their 50 Days to Amaze and all students are able to cash in their cards now for a reward for their commitment.

This week, love was in the air in the atrium. Students had a valentine's day raffle along with the opportunity to send someone a chocolate love heart. On the day, the students raised a fantastic £160 which is brilliant. Our Student Leadership Team and school council are really keen to be doing more charity work, so watch this space moving forward.

This week during assembly we have focused on Staying Safe Online. As I mentioned last week, 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. [Please click here to access a letter with more information around this.](#)

As we break up for the half term, can I remind you that students are expected back in school on Monday 27th February at 08:25. All students must return to school in full school uniform, with a school bag carrying their planner, knowledge organiser, equipment and reading book.

As a reminder, there is a further national planned industrial action strike day by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) on Tuesday 28th February. We have spent time reviewing the potential staffing impact and have worked closely with our Trust - Consilium Academies following the guidance from the Department for Education. As a result of this, school will be closed to all students on Tuesday 28th February apart from Year 11. I have not taken this decision lightly, but my first priority has to be to open the site in a safe and secure manner. Year 11 mock exams will continue as normal on this day, so it is vital that all Year 11 students attend school. There will be work set on Microsoft Teams for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. [Please click here to access a letter regarding this.](#)

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to welcoming the students back into school on Monday 27th February at 08:25am

Thank you for your continued support.

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 are now open.

Year 11 – Mock Exams

The Year 11 mock exams begin on Monday 27th February 2023. All students have been given a hard copy of all the documents linked below. It is vital over the half term break that students are studying for these mock exams. Along with the timetabled revision sessions, school will be open each day between 09:00-12:00 for students to come and study in silence. Please find links below to useful documents for these exams.

- [Mock Exam Timetable](#)
- [Pre-Exam Workshops Timetable](#)
- [February Half term Revision session timetable](#)
- [50 Days to Amaze Mocks Top Tips](#)

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.

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, students are invited to guess which teacher is reading in 'The Masked Reader' during form time based on the clues in the photograph. Staff will also be part of the 'Teacher Book Hunt' where they will share their favourite author/book with students in exchange for a 'good book' question. For reading inspiration, we will be sharing book recommendations from both students and staff which will be shared during lesson time and on social media throughout the week. Fostering a love of reading is beneficial academically, culturally, and socially we hope students can explore a range of books based on our suggestions and read books they can enjoy beyond World Book Day.

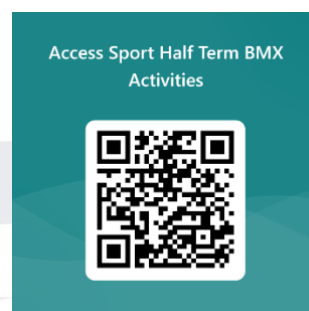
Careers Event

City Skills College is hosting a careers event on Wednesday 22nd February 10am-2pm. School leavers are advised to bring CVs.

Half term activities

On Wednesday 22nd February and Thursday 23rd February, there are one-hour sessions available across both days to access a session at Peel Park Pump Track – BMX Track. Parents can book a specific time slot to attend the Peel Park BMX Track, Manchester Rd W, Little Hulton, Manchester M38 0BT. There are 16 places per session and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. You will be contacted to confirm your place before the event. Please see the link below for a free intro sessions @ Peel Park Pump Track over February half term.

<https://forms.office.com/e/263FYkpDWq>



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 take 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

What is the angle between the two hands of a clock at 2.30?




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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ENLIGHTEN

(VERB)




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INFORM | NOTIFY | ILLUMINATE | ADVISE | TELL

To give someone greater knowledge and understanding about a subject or situation.

"If you're struggling with a topic, your teachers will be happy to enlighten you!"



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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