



**Moorside
High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 10.03.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been busy celebrating Careers Week and International Women's Day this week. Each morning we have had live streamed career talks from a variety of professions. These have included careers within Greater Manchester Police, Fire Brigade, and careers within the NHS. Students have really embraced these talks and engaged well with the talk during R Time on Labour Market Information. This talk gave students a flavour about the key areas of career growth within Greater Manchester, and the types of careers & jobs our students may be more likely to find within our region. Huge thank you to Mr Farmer (Careers Advisor), who organised all the events this week.

At the start of the week, we enjoyed welcoming our Year 8 parents/carers to meet with staff to discuss their child's progress at the annual Parents Evening. It was lovely to hear the positive feedback around the new structure for Parents' Evening. Our next evening will be on Tuesday, 25th April for Year 10 parents/carers. Midweek we then welcomed our KS2 students from Moorside Primary school. The students enjoyed a reading party to promote a love of reading. Our guests were entertained by our fantastic Year 9 librarians with a book reading, book bingo and a book treasure hunt. As the week comes to a close, so do the mock exams. The Year 11 students have really taken on board the importance of these exams and we have seen a real shift in their attitude to the GCSE summer examinations. Teaching staff will be marking these papers now and students will receive their results within subject lessons before Easter. Following the Easter Break, a Progress Report will be sent to parents to give them an update on their child's progress which will include their target grade, the mock result, the current grade (where students are currently working) and an attitude to learning grade. During assembly on Monday, we will be revisiting what the following weeks will look like in the run up to the exams and reminding them of all the support that is available.

Also, over the past two weeks, we have had a group of Year 10 students who have visited an international law firm, Squire Patton Boggs in Spinningfields, Manchester. The Year 10's joined students from our other North-West Consilium Schools, to take part in a programme of mentoring and guidance from professionals within the firm. The programme is designed to enable students to progress more effectively into the world of work. Each student has been assigned a mentor who will support them in building a CV, whilst looking at what career they would like to go into in the future. The students will have three sessions across the year. They have already returned to school very positive about the experience and are looking forward to the next session.

Finally, we are having a real push on rewards during the final three weeks of the term. If you would like to nominate your child for something they have gone above and beyond with in the local community, please do share this at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We would like to be able to recognise as many students as possible, especially for being great ambassadors of the school and demonstrating social responsibility.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 11 Parents - Prom

During assembly on Monday, we will be reminding students around our expectations with regards to behaviour and attitudes. With just seven school weeks before the final GCSE exams, students need to ensure they are working with us to ensure they secure their invite to the Prom. The Year 11 Prom will be taking place at the AJ Bell Stadium in Irlam, on Thursday, 22nd June from 6:30pm to 10:00pm. The expression of interest slips and medical consent form, will be given to students next week alongside a letter from the Head of Year, providing more details about the event. Once you have received this letter, if you have any questions regarding prom, please do contact us.

Our approach to mobile phones

We fully understand that children rely heavily on their mobile phones and that parents and carers find it reassuring to know that their child has a phone for safety and ease of contact. In PSHE and ICT, students are taught about the safe use of phones and social media. Phones are not a substitute for personal, face-to-face interaction.

During the school day, including break and lunchtime, students' phones must be switched off and kept in their bag, not in their blazer pocket. It is too tempting to look at their phone if it is kept in their blazer pocket. Students who have their phones out during the day will be asked to hand the device to the member of staff. The phone will then be handed to reception, and kept in the school safe, until the end of the day. We expect students to cooperate with this reasonable expectation at the first time of asking. If students co-operate, phones will be given back at the end of the day. Failure to hand over the mobile phone will result in a 1-hour detention. If students need to contact their parents or carer during the school day, they must do so via the school office or Head of Year. Please can we ask that you speak to your child about turning their phone off in school, not using them at break/lunchtime and working together to create a safe learning environment at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

NEU Planned Industrial Strikes – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

As a reminder, there is a two-day national planned industrial action strike by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU) on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. 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 Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March apart from Year 11. We have not taken this decision lightly, but our first priority has to be to open the site in a safe and secure manner. Work will be set online for all other year groups, but we do appreciate that for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10, if their teachers are on strike, potentially, there will not be any work set on Microsoft Teams. To ensure all students have work that they can complete, we will be sharing a literacy well-being pack on Teams, with a variety of activities for students to complete at home. These tasks can be completed if their current teacher is on strike, and they have no work set. As there are some fun tasks involved as well, all students may want to have a go at them. If students do complete the tasks, we would love them to share with us what they have got up to at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. As the industrial action could still be paused, I will write to you on Monday, to confirm if the strike days will go ahead.


Year 10 Parents Evening – Tuesday 25th April 2023

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents to our face-to-face Parents' Evening on Tuesday, 25th April. Online bookings will open the week before Easter. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Parent meetings/phone calls

As you are aware, all teaching staff have full days in school, and it is not always possible for them to meet with parents if they turn up to school unannounced or want to speak to them when they initially phone. If you need to speak to a teacher or meet with them, this can be done by arranging a meeting via reception or by emailing MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We appreciate that sometimes your concern or query cannot wait for a set meeting time. If this is the case, then you are able to email the Heads of Year directly or request a call back through reception as soon as they are available. In a non-urgent situation, we would always aim to contact you back within two school days. If the situation is more urgent, then reception will always do their best to get a member of the pastoral team to contact you to offer some support the same day, if not immediately. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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, 'PERSEVERANCE' in large white letters in the middle, and '(NOUN)' below it. At the bottom left of the page is a circular logo featuring a mountain and a tree. The right page is light grey with the word 'PERSEVERANCE' at the top, followed by 'ENDURANCE | TENACITY | DETERMINATION' in smaller text. Below that is the definition: 'Persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.' At the bottom of the page is a quote: '"Even when the exams were hard, he never stopped trying and showed great perseverance.'" and an icon of an open book.

Key Dates:

- W/C 27th March 2023 – Celebration Assemblies
- Thursday 30th March 2023 – School closes to students
- Friday 31st March 2023 – Inset Day & Year 11 Mock interview day.

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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Family event

SALFORD PARENT CARER FORUM

FREE
ENTRY



SALFORD SEND INFORMATION DAY

Does your child have any Special Educational Needs or Disabilities? If so, come along to this amazing event to meet service providers and practitioners and find out what support is available in Salford

Full details of exhibitors
to be announced soon

Saturday 18th March
11 am till 3pm
Free parking

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