



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 05.05.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although it has been a short week with students in school, it has also been a busy one. Thank you to all parents/carers that have supported us during the national industrial strikes, we really do appreciate your frustrations around the teacher strikes and we have all got our fingers crossed that an agreement can be reached quickly.

Well done to our students in years 7, 8 and 9 who have now completed their assessments, staff will be marking and moderating these in the coming weeks and reports will be sent out following the half term break.

With just two weeks until the Year 11 students start their external exams, it is vital that they are fully engaging in lessons and all the opportunities available. During the exam season, there will be last drop exam workshops and intervention sessions available. These will be shared with students on Tuesday and will also be placed on the school website. If you have any questions regarding the exams that were not answered in the letter sent to Y11 parents/carers today, please do not hesitate to contact us at [MHsinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHsinfo@consilium-at.com)

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and The Queen Consort takes place tomorrow and today, students have had a range of opportunities to get involved and celebrate this historic moment. Students were able to enjoy a variety of great British food for lunch and competitions were running across school including the 'Big Royal Quiz'. I specifically enjoyed reading what one Year 7 would do if they were King for the day!

We are continuing to drive forward our 'Moorside Way' via the assemblies next week. During assembly we will be encouraging all students to act with respect and kindness to others. Our school values are clear that we want students to be Considerate, Aspirational, Resilient and treat all people Equally, it always fills me with pride when we see students demonstrate these behaviours and we look forward to rewarding them in our end of term celebration assemblies. As ever, if your child has demonstrated these values outside of school, we would love to be able to recognise this in school, so please do share any positive stories with us via [MHsinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHsinfo@consilium-at.com)

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **Literacy Parent Forum – supporting reading at home.**

It was great to welcome parents into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 15:00-16:00 with Mrs Beach and Mrs Nesfield. Reading is a skill we continue to develop throughout our lives, and we know starting this process as early as possible has significant benefits for our continued success as readers. Following this evening, Mrs Beach our Literacy Coordinator will be putting together an information sheet along with resources for the school website to support parents, in supporting their children with reading at home. If you have any thoughts on this topic, please do complete the following survey. [Click here to access the survey.](#)

### **Bikes and Electric scooters.**

As a school, we encourage alternative modes of transport to and from school to ease motor vehicle congestion in the mornings and at the end of the school day. With this in mind, we welcome the use of bicycles and scooters and provide suitable stores around the school, however, it has been reported that students are riding their bicycles and scooters across the school grounds. This is extremely dangerous for other students and members of our community walking around what is already a very busy site. In conjunction with Moorside Primary School, we are asking that all parents, carers, and children, both primary and high school, dismount from their bicycles or scooters upon entering the grounds. Staff have been tasked with politely challenging anybody not following these rules and you may be prevented from entering the school grounds with them in the future. Thank you for your support and understanding regarding this.

### **Our Pass**

The "Our Pass" bus pass application is now open for Y11 students. The Our Pass costs £10 to apply for, but then provides anyone aged 16-18 living in Greater Manchester with FREE public bus travel throughout the whole of Greater Manchester for 2 years, starting from 1st September 2023. Students can use the pass any day, any time (not just for college or work times!) To apply for the pass, you can apply online: <https://ourpass.co.uk/> (Apply ASAP so your card will arrive ready for September!)

### **Change to the school day.**

Due to the external examinations requiring up to 2 hours in the afternoon, from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May up until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June the lunch/R time period will move earlier in the school day. Year 7, 9 & 11 will have R time between 11:55-12:20, with lunch 12:20-12:55. Years 8 & 10 will have lunch 11:55-12:30 followed by R time 12:30-12:55. Students will then have lessons during period 4 (12:55-13:55) and period 5 (13:55-14:55) following the lunch period.

### **School Bags & Blazers**

We have seen a fantastic response to our Moorside Way – 'At Moorside High School we wear the correct uniform'. More and more students are attending school dressed smartly and ready to learn with their school blazer and tie on - 'Thank you' for your support with this. Our next challenge is to ensure that all students have a suitable school bag. All students should have the correct equipment, a Knowledge Organiser and planner in their school bag. Too many students are either not bringing a bag or have a handbag style bag which is not big enough to fit anything in. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring your child has a suitable school bag. If you need any support with this, we have a number of Moorside branded rucksacks that students can borrow until they have one or we can support in providing one, please just contact your child's Head of Year. Having the correct mindset for school is essential for being successful and we really want all our students dressed smartly and ready to learn.



### **Silent Reminder**

Each week, linking to the Moorside Way, we now have our 'Silent Reminders'. These are slides that are up on the screens to remind students of the way we do things at Moorside and the reason why. We thought it would be useful to share these with you, so you can also support these messages at home.

## **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SCHOOL PLANNER WITH THEIR TIMETABLE IN IT.**

### ***Why is it a rule?***

- It enables you to prepare for the day ahead in school.
- Having access to your timetable supports you in getting to lesson on time.
- Being organised is an essential life skill which you will need for the rest of your life.

### ***The Rules***

- All students must have a school planner with them every day.
- Your school planner must have your timetable written inside it.
- If you forget your planner, you must ask your HOY for a planner replacement card.
- If you lose your planner, you must buy a new one. Ask your form tutor for support with this.



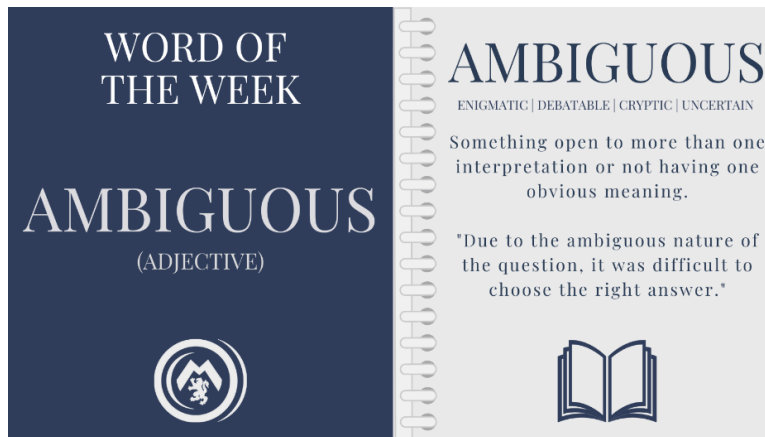
**Form tutors will complete regular planner checks in form.**

**Students who regularly don't have their planners will be given a lunchtime detention.**

### End of the school day

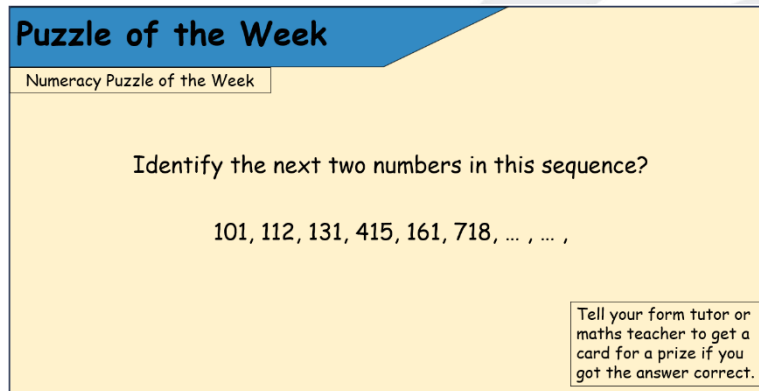
We have been made aware that a number of students are leaving site via the West Gate and walking up to Partington Lane. Disappointingly they are then not showing social responsibility and are congregating outside the Premier Shop. There have been a few instances of physical altercations on the pavement, poor behaviour within the shop and a lack of respect to members of our local community, all of which are not acceptable. We now have a member of staff on duty in this area and have requested that our PCSO has a presence at the end of the school day. Please can we ask that you remind your child that they are to go straight home and should not be hanging around in large groups demonstrating anti-social behaviour. Consequences will be issued to any students bringing the school into disrepute whilst wearing their Moorside uniform.

### 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, 'AMBIGUOUS' in large white letters in the middle, '(ADJECTIVE)' below it, and a circular logo at the bottom. The right page is light grey with 'AMBIGUOUS' in large blue letters at the top, followed by 'ENIGMATIC | DEBATABLE | CRYPTIC | UNCERTAIN' in smaller blue text. Below that is the definition: 'Something open to more than one interpretation or not having one obvious meaning.' A quote follows: '"Due to the ambiguous nature of the question, it was difficult to choose the right answer."' At the bottom right of the right page is an icon of an open book.

### Puzzle of the week



The graphic has a blue header with the text 'Puzzle of the Week'. Below the header is a yellow box with a small tab on the left that says 'Numeracy Puzzle of the Week'. The main text in the yellow box asks: 'Identify the next two numbers in this sequence?' followed by the sequence '101, 112, 131, 415, 161, 718, ... , ... ,'. In the bottom right corner of the yellow box, there is a small white box with the text: 'Tell your form tutor or maths teacher to get a card for a prize if you got the answer correct.'

### **Key Dates:**

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday, school closed.
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Start of the external GCSE exams for Year 11.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School closes at 14:55. Half term break.

**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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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

# THE MOORSIDE WAY

## #TEAM MOORSIDE



Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



Complete all homework and hand in on time



Listen to and follow instructions first time



Move around the corridors sensibly



Look after school property and keep the school tidy



Arrive on time to school and lessons



Be respectful to everyone

**Foster Care  
Fortnight**  
The Fostering Network



Could you help make a difference to a young person's life in Salford?

Now is a very exciting time to join Salford Fostering Service. We want young people to grow up in happy, stable homes in which they can flourish, ideally within the Salford area, however this is not essential, but you must have the ability to transport children to and from school, family time, training, and attend meetings. You will have good parenting experience (this does not have to be with children of your own). Be over 21 and ideally have a spare bedroom (however we may look at those who are able to care for 0-2 years who may not have this). Salford are actively recruiting general foster carers to care for a diverse range of children and young people aged 0 – 18 who are in short term and long-term fostering placements. We need carers who can show compassion, commitment and understanding to children and young people during difficult times.

We offer a highly supportive and nurturing environment which enables individuals to grow. With excellent training packages, support groups, fostering buddies, on call service, as well as 24hr urgent support, allocated supervising social worker, support workers, monthly newsletters, events such as panto, celebration events, development days, Christmas party, support groups for foster carers own children as well as competitive allowances of up to £500 (tax free) per week per child as recently reviewed and uplifted (without affecting most benefits already received). We offer a highly supportive and nurturing environment which enables individuals to grow.

To find out more about becoming a Foster carer email us at [fosterforum@salford.gov.uk](mailto:fosterforum@salford.gov.uk) or call our helpful team on 0161 799 1268

We are hosting various free information events regarding fostering where you will be able to ask the team questions and speak with experienced foster carers...

17th May 1pm-2.30pm - Online webinar [Foster with Salford Council - Online Information Evening Tickets, Wed, May 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

23rd May 4.30-8.30pm - Swinton Town Hall - Route 29 Event [Foster with Salford Council - Route 29 - information evening Tickets, Tue, May 23, 2023 at 4:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

25th May 10am-2.30pm - Buile Hill, Woodland Suite, Salford - General Fostering advice [Foster with Salford Council information day Tickets, Thu, May 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

26th May 10am-11.30am - Online Webinar [Foster with Salford Council - Online Information Evening Tickets, Fri, May 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)