



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 12.05.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Yet another short week for us at Team Moorside. Can I take this opportunity to express a huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring your children are attending school and on time. We have seen a dip in attendance during the short weeks, but this week we have seen attendance start to rise again. Please do continue to remind students that they need to be in school every day. If you need any support in getting your child into school, please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be happy to support you.

Last week, five of our year 10 girls were invited by the Rio Ferdinand Foundation to be part of the Include Summit, which is the UK's largest conference focussed on equality, diversity, and inclusion in sport. Our students had the opportunity to be part of discussions looking at increasing involvement of minority groups within sport including women's sport. The students engaged in workshops and discussions with staff from the BBC and The Mirror. They had the opportunity to listen to guest speakers involved in an Autism Awareness group and participate in conversations with people working within sport to increase engagement. All five students were an excellent representation of our school and staff from the Rio Ferdinand Foundation were hugely complimentary about the positivity and enthusiasm the students approached the day with. The students represented Moorside to the highest level and clearly showed everyone on the day 'The Moorside Way'. Well done to Evie, Millie, Grace, Millie, and Hannah. The Rio Ferdinand Foundation have already spoken to us about future events for the school and I feel part of this is due to the efforts of the students involved on this day and how they have represented us.



Our Year 11 students will commence their external exams on Monday 15th May 2023, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success with these exams. We have been so proud with how the students have conducted themselves over the past two years, especially with the extremely challenging conditions the pandemic has brought. Students have prepared well for these exams, and we are confident that the hard work they have put in, will be rewarded with the grades that they receive and deserve.

If you or your child needs any extra support during the exam season, please do contact us, as we are happy to support in anyway, we can.

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Change to the school day.

Just a polite reminder, to accommodate the external exams, we are changing the school day slightly from Monday. Some external examinations require up to 2 hours in the afternoon, so from Monday 15th May up until Friday 23rd 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. All students have been spoken to about this during assemblies this week and are all aware of the changes to the timings. This is a temporary measure for during the exam season and will not cause any disruption to lessons.

National Numeracy Day

Wednesday 17th May is National Numeracy Day – the UK's only day dedicated to everyday maths. It's a day that celebrates the importance of numbers for children and adults alike, building brighter futures through confidence with numbers and inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy skills. National Numeracy Day on 17 May: During R time students will be taking part in a numeracy quiz with the chance to win a prize for their form. National Numeracy Challenge (13+): We'll be encouraging our older students to improve their everyday maths skills and boost their number confidence with National Numeracy's interactive online tool. One of the best ways to support children to feel positive about numbers is to feel confident yourself. National Numeracy has lots of free resources to help adults, so you can support your children with numbers and maths and boost your own numeracy skills too! You can access a range of free resources for adults on the National Numeracy Day website. <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>

Social Switch Project.

We are really excited to be one of 32 schools across Greater Manchester who have been accepted to be part of the Social Switch Programme. This is fully funded by the violence reduction unit, and we feel very privileged to be part of the project. The project will start on Monday, when all Year 7 students will have an extended assembly. During this assembly they will cover:

- Identity and belonging – looking at how social media can impact on identity and our sense of belonging
- Relationships – looking at how online interactions can impact on relationships.
- Wider risks and opportunities – looking at the wider opportunities and risks online, such as learning opportunities and fake news.

Following this assembly, a number of Year 10 students, who have been trained as Social Switch Champions will attend the Year 7 'R' time, once a week over 6 weeks. During these sessions, they will run a set of activities to explore some of the topics that will be discussed during the initial assembly. This will give students a really good opportunity to ask questions and have conversations with our champions, students who have been through the same social media experience as our Year 7.



Finally, there will be a 1-hour session after school in the summer term, which is joint training for students and their parents, this will aim to help upskill parents with greater knowledge around social media, as well as discuss how to start good conversations.

We know social media and phones have fundamentally changed the way we socially interact, whether you are an adult or a child, and has now become an intrinsic and inevitable part of growing up in the UK. There is no doubt that the advent of social media has brought about many opportunities, from learning to entertainment. However, it has almost inevitably brought about numerous pressures and risks - from the large volume of harmful content online, to the potential for social media to exacerbate and incubate conflict, and beyond. We know we need to do better to prepare children, and this is what this programme is all about. I look forward to keeping you all fully informed on our progress.

Sports News

We have had a fantastic week of sport for #TeamMoorside! On Thursday, our Year 9 students attended a mixed rugby tournament which has successfully led to them qualifying for the next round at 6 Ways Stadium in Worcester! It was a superb effort from everyone, and we look forward to seeing them in the next round. Secondly, huge congratulations to our Year 11 boys, who won the Salford Schools Plate on Thursday evening. It was a tough match against St Ambrose Barlow, but we finished with a 2-1 win during extra time. I think we can all agree, this was a fantastic achievement to enjoy and celebrate before the start of their formal exams on Monday. Thank you to all the students and parents that came to support the boys, but in particular Mr Halsall who has coached this team and is clearly so proud of them. All our students were fantastic in representing Team Moorside, we are really proud of them.



Silent Reminder

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring all students have a sensible school bag and blazer. We have seen a fantastic response to our Moorside Way – ‘At Moorside High School we wear the correct uniform’. If your child has not managed to get a school bag yet, please remind them, we are able to support with this. Students just need to visit the Hive in the morning to borrow one for the day. If you would like any support with uniform or equipment, please do speak to your child’s Head of Year- we are here to help.

This week our silent reminder is about stopping if someone wants a conversation with you. Sadly, we do see students walk away having the conversation rather than stopping to speak face to face. We hope this silent reminder will remind students about the importance of stopping to have a conversation.

SILENT REMINDER - STAND STILL FOR CONVERSATIONS

If a member of staff asks you to stop for a conversation, please stop, listen and respond appropriately.



Why

1. It is the polite thing to do and shows you respect the teacher
2. It enables staff to quickly offer support or correct small uniform/behaviour infringements
3. It prevents small incident being escalated unnecessarily

Rules

1. If you are asked to stop for a conversation around school, please stop immediately so the conversation can take place
2. Continuing to walk and respond is not complying with the request stop
3. Walking away from a member of staff **is not the Moorside way** and will lead to a behaviour consequence

If you are asked to stop and refuse or continue to walk and talk whilst a member of staff is trying to support you then a lunch/after school detention or time in reflection may be the consequence

Year 10 – Experiencing the world of work.

We know that the National Careers Service encourages schools to enable students to have the chance to take part in workplace experiences. This could either be shadowing someone at work to see what their job is like, visiting different workplaces or a work placement to spend a period of time outside the classroom, learning about a particular job or area of work. Work experience can help students to decide on their options for after Year 11 and beyond. It also allows students the opportunity to develop and show evidence of vital skills such as self-confidence, communication, independence, and a variety of others, depending on what kind placement they do.

Unfortunately, due to the constraints of risk assessments and public liability, it is becoming increasingly difficult to organise one-week placements. In a bid to try and come to a compromise, we are currently planning a ‘Take a child to work’ day. This will take place in the summer term and will give students an opportunity to organise a work shadow day with a local business, family member or family friend. Students who are unable to find a work shadow day, will enjoy a day in school where they will complete activities and have a number of employers giving talks. We are currently planning this day and Year 10 parents will receive more detailed information over the coming weeks.

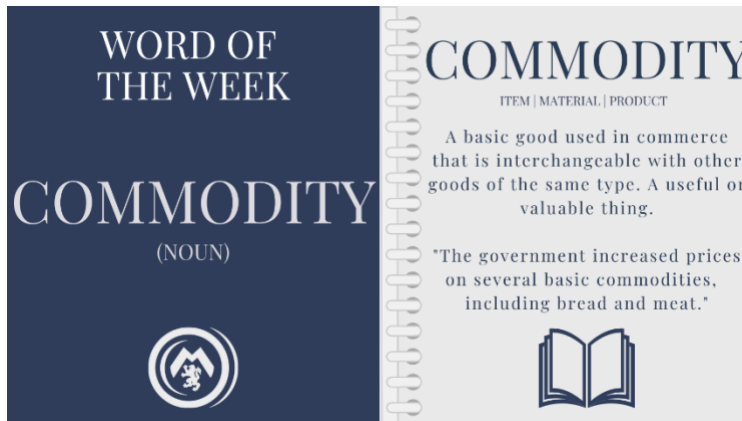
Year 10 Assessments

The Year 10 assessments are due to take place W/C 19th June for two weeks. We will be writing to parents next week to offer them the opportunity to come into school during the final week of this half term, to attend an evening where we will give advice on how you can support your child during these assessments. The evening will support parents in helping their child revise and prepare. It is really important that students take these assessments seriously, as it will be a perfect opportunity to find out where their gaps are and what they need to do before they start Year 11.

Class Charts

From September, we will be using Class Charts across school. We are currently rolling this out in school and are testing it with staff to ensure the setup is correct and works in a way that is effective for all stakeholders. We will be providing more detail to parents after the May half term. If you have had older children at the school when Moorside previously used the system, please can we ask that you delete the app. We will be issuing new logins for all parents in the run up to summer and we want to ensure that you are not affected by the inhouse trial. Thank you for your support with this.

Word of the week



Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

The following equation is wrong: $101 - 102 = 1$

Move one numeral to make it correct.

Move one line to make it correct.

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

Key Dates:

- Monday 15th May – Start of the external GCSE exams for Year 11.
- Year 10 – Help your child to revise evening TBC.
- Friday 26th May – School closes at 14:55. Half term break.
- Monday 5th June – School reopens for Half Term 6. 08:25
- W/C 5th June – Year 7, 8, 9 progress reports to parents.

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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THE MOORSIDE WAY

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Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



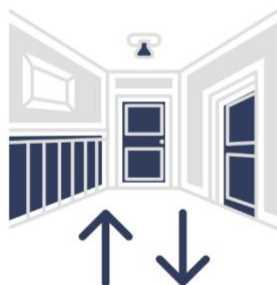
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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