



Moorside
High School

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19th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 11 students on how they have started the external examinations, we are really proud of how resilient they have been and how they have embraced the process. It is hard to believe we are already one week down, with one week to the half term break.

As some of you may already be aware, we have had two slight disruptions during the exams this week. I want to reassure you, that we have informed the exam boards and JCQ of these. Unfortunately, during the GCSE Engineering exam in the Sports Hall on Monday morning, one of our external invigilators took unwell and fainted during the exam. Thankfully the invigilator has made a full recovery, but the incident did cause a minor disturbance during the exam. We allowed the students an extra 10 minutes to complete the exam as this was the time that it took for the invigilator to have first aid administered and leave the exam room.

Then, during the English exam, the fire alarm was activated. The exam was paused, students stayed seated and calm in the exam room and the alarm was silenced within minutes. The exam was restarted after seven minutes, and this time was added on at the end.

We will be making an application for Special Consideration to the exam board for all of the Engineering students in the sports hall, and all the students that were sitting the English Literature exam.

“Special consideration is given to a candidate who has temporarily experienced illness, injury or some other event outside of their control at the time of the assessment. It is applied when the issue or event has had, or is reasonably likely to have had, a material effect on a candidate’s ability to take an assessment or demonstrate his or her normal level of attainment in an assessment.”

On another note, and one that we think will make the students happy, the online shop for the leavers hoodies is again open for orders. The production lead time is currently 3 weeks, therefore, to ensure that students receive their leavers hoodies to collect at the leaver’s assembly, the online orders will close at 11:00pm Wednesday 31 May 2023.

You can access the online shop via this link - <https://www.leavershoodies.com/moorside-high-school-2023-leavers>

If you have any problems accessing the online store, or need support in purchasing a hoodie, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Halsall.

Thank you for your continued support.

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