



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 26.05.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

The final week of term is always a busy one, but this week has been particularly busy, especially with the external exams continuing. I have spent some of this week at appeals for admissions into Year 7 for September 2023. It is never an enjoyable experience and I always feel sorry for the parents involved; however, it is also reassuring to know that the school is even more oversubscribed than before and that so many parents and carers are eager to send their child to Moorside High School. This year, we have had 362 applications for 210 places, we are never complacent about this, but we do take it as a vote of confidence that our community are continuing to see the good work that is taking place.

The Senior Leadership Team have been out and about this week continuing to embed 'The Moorside Way'. This week we have focused on respect, standards and behaviour for learning. We are really pleased with what we have seen. Students largely are engaged in lessons; they are developing their oracy by taking an active role in the class activities or discussions and rising to the challenges faced by the work set. We will never apologise for having the highest of expectations and are proud that our students are developing such resilience and ambition for themselves. In the assemblies this week I spoke about mutual respect and having respect for each other. We do not expect students to jump hoops, just to be the very best version of themselves and do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place.

This week members of our cricket team were extremely lucky to be able to watch two double headers at Emirates Old Trafford. Lancashire Lightning took on Leicestershire Foxes, and Thunder took on The Blaze in the headline fixture as we celebrated Women in Sport. We are really lucky that trips and visits have started again, and we are currently planning the end of year trips and looking at what we can offer next year.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 10 Student Leadership Interviews

This week, we launched the application process for our student leadership team with Year 10 students. The deadline for applications is Friday 9th June 2023 – Good luck to all students who apply.

Pre-Loved Uniform

In line with us moving to be more sustainable, we are continuing to have a big push on recycling. Within school we have a pre-loved uniform area set up should students require uniform. If you have any old uniform, especially if your child is in Year 11, and you feel that it is still in a condition to be worn, we welcome any donations. Please drop any washed and clean uniform at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Year 11 Revision Books

As with the pre-loved uniform, we are also aiming to set up a revision book club for students to be able to share resources and allow students to take books home should they need them. If your child is in Year 11 and you have any revision books that they no longer require, we would be really grateful if you could donate them for our book club. All donations can be left at main reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

ParentPay

As our students in Year 11 prepare to leave us, please can we remind parents to run down their child's Parent Pay account. If you have other children in school, any money on the ParentPay account can be transferred to the other child's account. If you need any support with this, please contact MHInfo@consilium-at.com

Key stage 3 (Year 7, 8 & 9) Reports

Following the half term break, all Year 7, 8 and 9 students will receive their progress report. This report will provide you with an update as to where your child is currently working following the latest assessments. Should you have any concerns or worries following this information, your child's Head of Year will be available to support you and your child.

Year 11 Exam Support

The Year 11 students continue to make us proud with how hard they are working and conducting themselves when attending their exams. The external exams do continue after the half term break. To support students, school will be open next week Tuesday to Friday to support Year 11 students with their preparations for the exams after the break. [Please click here to access the timetable](#). There will also be an online Microsoft Teams session on Sunday evening at 7pm for students to access.

MMR Vaccination

We have been informed that currently, there is an outbreak of measles in London with a small number of cases in Greater Manchester. The best way to protect your children and family from measles is to have 2 doses of the Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine. [Please click here to access a letter with further information](#).

Parent Forum

We are really keen to ensure that each half term we have a Parent Forum event for you to attend. These forums are a fantastic way to keep you updated with our School Development Plan, but also for us to address with you national educational policy. In order to ensure we are responding to what you would like to address as parents, if there are any particular areas you would like us to focus on in half term six, please complete the Microsoft Form here. <https://forms.office.com/e/fQynh3hM4p>

These forums are not an occasion to discuss individual students, they are an opportunity for parents to work with us to continue to develop our school. For any individual student issues, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

Year 10 Work Shadow Day

As part of our careers programme, we are looking to reintroduce an opportunity for Year 10 students to gain experience in the world of work, via having a "work shadow day". This will be a day where students can go to work with a parent, relative or another trusted adult and spend the day at their workplace. The idea is to give the students an opportunity to learn about the different roles and tasks involved in the company and gain an insight into what a typical working day may be like in a particular job sector. The date we have allocated for this work shadow day is Thursday 13th July 2023. Year 10 parents, [please click here](#) to access further information that has been circulated.

Congratulations

In April we promoted to students the GM Higher University Summer programme. Ten students from Moorside High School registered their interest. Places were very limited as they were offered to the whole of Greater Manchester, however we were pleased to be informed that two students were successful on gaining a place on the 'Wise Up' programme at the University of Manchester. This is a three-day residential staying at the University. Further to these places, we have also been informed that a further two students have been awarded a place on a two-day programme 'Salford Wears Prada'. We are really excited for these students and look forward to hearing all about it.

Inset Days - September 2023

In line with many other schools, we are going to move to a model of two inset days at the start of the new academic year. This is to ensure that as a school we are ready to hit the road running when the students return and to allow us valuable Career Professional Development with staff in preparation for the new academic year. As a result of this, students will return to school following the summer on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 08:25. A full list of term dates for the next academic year can be found on our school website.

PSHE after half term.

We have been really lucky in securing an opportunity for the Police to join us during our PSHE lessons next half term. The students will be receiving a visit from our local Police Officer, PC Hart. Over the coming weeks, PC Hart will be delivering assemblies to each year group focusing on a range of topics such as knife crime, anti-social behaviour and online safety. The sessions will help to educate the students as well as offering advice and support, which will be invaluable in keeping our young people safe in the community.

Silent Reminders

We will be continuing these next half term. The students are really starting to respond and follow the Moorside Way, this half term our silent reminders were:

SILENT REMINDER MOVING AROUND THE CORRIDORS SENSIBLY



Why

1. We are a big, busy school and need to be considerate of all age groups who move on the corridors at the same time. (Remember how it felt to be the youngest in the school!!)
2. Being sensible eliminates the chances of stairs and corridors becoming overcrowded.
3. All students and staff should feel safe in school, being considerate of each other's personal space enables everyone to travel around the building with a sense of security.

Rules

1. Always walk on the corridors, and be sensible on the stairs, never run.
2. When queuing for lesson or lunch, queue in a single file to prevent blocking the whole corridor.
3. Walk on the left hand side of corridors and stairs, and follow the exit strategy from lessons.
4. If corridors/door ways are busy, be patient and allow students in front of you to clear a path before moving on.
5. If an incident occurs, don't rush towards it. Be socially responsible and keep away and seek support from a teacher.

Anyone who acts with disregard for themselves or others inside the school building will face a consequence to reflect on their behaviour.

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 to 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

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.

Word of the week

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THE WEEK

PRELIMINARY

(ADJECTIVE)




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PRECEDING | INTRODUCING | PRELUDE | PREFACE

Coming before a more important action or event, especially introducing or preparing for it.

"They had decided to change the design based on their preliminary findings."

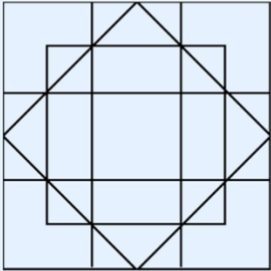


Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

How many squares can be found in the pattern?



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

Key Dates:

- 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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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

THE MOORSIDE WAY

#TEAM MOORSIDE



Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



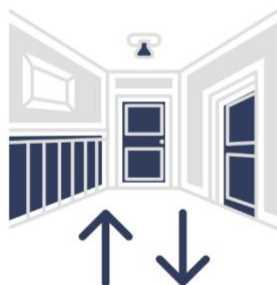
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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