



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 30.06.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wow, what a busy few weeks! We have had all the sporting events, the leavers events, Transition Evening for Year 6 parents and carers, the Salford Children's Book Awards, Year 6 Transition Days and next week it doesn't stop. Next week, although a short week due to the National Strike Action, all Year 10 will be visiting a sixth form college on Wednesday 5th July. We also have interviews planned for our Student Leadership Team, a Medical Mavericks Day and most importantly, a Doughnut Party for the form in each year group with the highest Class Charts Points over the past week! Summer really is coming too quickly and we are determined to pack as much in as possible.

The Greater Manchester Athletics Competition was a great success. Our students were not only competing against Year 8, but also a combined team of Year 8 and 9 students. Our students faced some challenges which they overcame together as a team, with the Year 8 boys finishing in 5th position and the girls finishing in 7th position overall. Well done also to Tahira who finished second in the 100m, Leilani who finished third in the Shot Put and Alex who finished third in the 200m.



Well done also to our Year 9 boys and girls who reached the national finals in the Touch 2 Twickenham rugby competition. After a long three hour drive down to Sixways Stadium the students had a fantastic day. Competing against a range of schools from across the country, the team came away as group winners. Out of the eight games played they won five, drew two and lost only one! Well done to the boys and girls who demonstrated fantastic team spirit throughout. They even managed to get themselves a selfie with Love Island's Kai Fagan. A great effort and outstanding behaviour from our students, they represented Moorside High School to an amazing standard. Well done Team Moorside!

Finally, this week I have had to have a number of conversations with our neighbours in the local community. Unfortunately, we have a large number of students who are not demonstrating social responsibility and are choosing not to do the right thing during the evening/weekend. Please can you remind your child that they are not allowed on the school site during the evening or weekend and are not able to play on the old school site field. The local community will be informing the PCSOs who have already been made aware of the anti-social behaviour that the community are experiencing and will contact families should their child be involved. We really appreciate, that students have very little to do in the evening or at the weekend, so I would really encourage them to take advantage of all the activities that are on offer at the Deans Youth Club. I would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to demonstrate social responsibility and respect our local community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

National Education Union (NEU) industrial action. – Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023

As you are aware, there are a further two days of national planned industrial action by teachers in the National Education Union (NEU), on Wednesday 5th July & Friday 7th July 2023. It is looking highly likely that this strike will go ahead and will affect the provision at Moorside High School. Please click here to access a letter regarding provision in school on these two days. [NEU Industrial Action Letter](#)

Food Bank Donations

As we approach the long summer break, we appreciate that for some families this can often be a challenging time. So, for this reason over the next four weeks, we will be having a real drive on collecting food items for our local food bank. Every time Moorside High School engages in this initiative, we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. Items that are welcome are breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, and tea or coffee. Our local foodbank relies on our goodwill and support, and we always appreciate your donations of food. All donations can be left at reception.

Y11 School Leavers - Careers Support

We would like to remind our Y11 school leavers and parents & carers that Mr Farmer (School Careers Adviser) continues to be available for careers support until the end of the summer term, as well as over the GCSE results period. Should there be any queries or concerns regarding college, apprenticeships, jobs or other careers related issues Mr Farmer can be contacted via email - simon.farmer@consilium-at.com or by calling the school on 0161 804 4022. We also ask if all Y11 leavers could ensure they have completed the Intended Destinations Survey to confirm their plans after school and provide contact details should students require further support. Y11 leavers can click the form below or scan the QR code to access the survey. Y11 Careers Survey Link - <https://forms.office.com/e/hJKTwCiP8X>



Year 10 Work Shadow Day

Last call for information if your child wishes to take part in the “Work Shadow Day”. To be able to participate in the Work Shadow Day, we require:

- Parent consent via ParentPay (parents must log on and complete the “Y10 Work Shadow Day” consent form)
- Completed [Employer Placement Form](#) – this confirms who your employer will be and their contact details.

These must be completed ASAP – any students who do not confirm a placement will be expected to be in school as usual on Thursday 13th July. All students in school will be taking part in an all-day session run by Inspiration

Class Charts

You should have received a letter regarding Class Charts this week with your unique login details, these were given to students during R time on Friday. If you have not received this letter, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com and we will ensure this is sent to you. By trialling the App between now and summer with you, it will hopefully give you an opportunity to feedback what is working and what changes we need to make. Class Charts enables us to share behaviour information with parents/carers. Within the software there are a number of functions that will provide you with an overview of your child’s achievement and behaviour data within a customisable timeframe. You will be able to interrogate the system to find the detail behind each behaviour event. One of the advantages of this system is that it will provide the granular detail, including every log that is recorded. If your child’s behaviour is causing concern, please contact your child’s Head of Year via email in the first instance. Please be aware that many staff will see over 250 students a week so a subject-by-subject conversation over everything that is logged will not be possible. I want to reassure you that if there is an emerging concern about negative behaviour, your child’s Head of Year or a member of the school’s Pastoral Team will contact you. Our policy regarding detentions has not changed, however rather than being phoned to notify about detentions these will be received through this system. We hope that the introduction of this system will go smoothly, we will help parents with this process by publishing information on the school website. Hopefully the use of Class Charts will help to develop and improve home school communication. Evidence suggests that when school and home are working together, then students have a greater chance of success. We hope this gives you an insight into your child’s day at school and how well they are progressing.

Rewards Trips

As we come to the end of the final term, we are excited to be able to take students on our reward trips. On the 18th July, Year 7 & 8 students will have the opportunity to visit Chester Zoo and on the 19th July, Year 9 & 10 students will have the opportunity to visit Alton Towers. Invites will be sent to students that have consistently demonstrated the Moorside Way expectations across the year and have consistently worked hard and done the right thing, in the right place, at the right time. Not only will we be rewarding students via these trips, lots more students will also be recognised for their efforts during the Celebration Assemblies and the Moorside Cinema will be open once more this year during the final week of the term.

Mobile Phone Policy review and updates

At Moorside High School we constantly striving to create a safe and conducive learning environment for our students. With this goal in mind, we would like to address our Mobile Phone Policy and how this is facilitated in school.

Mobile Phone Policy

In school, mobile phones should always be kept switched off and in bags throughout the school day. If a mobile phone is brought into school, it should not be kept in blazer pockets or on a student's person. If phones are seen or heard, they will be taken off the student and locked away in the school safe in reception. Phones should be signed for at the end of the day when the student collects it. Should students receive multiple confiscation, then parents/carers will be contacted and will be required to collect the phone from reception at the end of the day. If students struggle to follow this policy, they will be required to hand their phone in at reception at the start of the school day and then will be able to collect it at the end of the day.

Over the last few years following the pandemic, our focus has rightly been on providing a positive learning environment for all students and supporting students to get back into school and the traditional rhythm and expectations of school life. Mobile phone use within school has been one area which hasn't been at the forefront of this, and we feel now is the right time to re-establish our norms and expectations within school for all students.

From Monday 10th July, we will be re-establishing the rule that mobile phones should not be seen or heard whilst on the school site. The expectation is that all phones will be in school bags. By introducing this rule before summer, we hope that students will be able to use the final two weeks of term to get into good habits so we can support students with a smooth return to school in September, with all students clear on our expectations.

We understand that this decision may raise questions and we would like to take this opportunity to explain the rationale behind this decision.

- **Digital Detox** - By students not having access to their mobile phone in the school day, it will provide a natural "detox" period for students resulting in better mental health and wellbeing.
- **Minimising Distractions** - Mobile phones have become increasingly sophisticated and powerful, offering a wide array of applications and entertainment options. While these advancements bring convenience and connectivity, they also post significant distractions to students during school hours. The presence of mobile phones around school often diverts students' attention away from learning and interacting with other students in person. Academic research has shown that the use of mobile phones in educational settings negatively impacts students' academic performance. Constant access to social media, messaging apps, games and other online platforms can impede concentration and have a negative impact on learning. By limiting mobile phone usage during school hours, we aim to promote a focused and productive learning environment and reduce distractions.
- **Cyberbullying and online safety** - The prevalence of cyberbullying and online safety concerns cannot be overlooked. Mobile phones provide students with instant access to the digital world which can expose them to various risks. By having a clear mobile phone policy which is universally followed, we aim to create a safe space where students can focus on their studies without the potential negative consequences associated with misuse of technology.
- **Social interactions and Well-being** - We believe that face to face social interaction plays a crucial role in developing socially responsible young citizens. Excessive reliance on mobile phones can hinder the development of interpersonal skills, empathy and emotional intelligence. Our intention is to encourage students to talk to one another face to face, promoting their social and emotional well-being.

We understand that mobile phones can be a valuable tool for communication and safety and that parents have also become reliant on regular communication with their children throughout the school day. To address this, the school can be contacted during the school day via the school reception - 0161 804 4022 or via email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com We assure you that in the case of an emergency, parents will be promptly notified through the school communication channels. Likewise, should you require a message to be communicated with your child we are happy to facilitate this.

We kindly request your support in adhering to this policy and reinforcing the importance of responsible mobile phone usage at home. By working together, we can create an environment that prioritises learning, engagement and overall well-being of our students. Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us. This information will be shared with students via assemblies next week.

Silent Reminder

Strong school communities are important, they are a source of social connection and provide a sense of belonging for all students. Being part of a school community with clear values, expectations and goals provide the essential ingredient to support all students to enjoy their school years.

SILENT REMINDER THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL COMMUNITIES - PLAY YOUR PART AT MOORSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Moorside expectations values and goal

- **Consideration** - Considerate about ourselves, others and our community.
- **Aspiration** - Aspire to be the very best in all that we do.
- **Resilience** - Work hard and never give up. Seek help and help others.
- **Equality** - Value diversity and tackle discrimination.



What can you do?

- Be kind to all students in school, treat others how you would expect to be treated
- Never exclude anyone, establishing friendships helps people overcome challenges and supports mental well-being
- Offer your help and support if you see that another member of our school community is struggling
- Remember we are all the same inside, unkind behaviour both verbal and physical can have a negative impact on people
- Demonstrate our school values by participating in the wider school community
- Act as a role model for younger members of our community

#WeCare #TheMoorsideWay

Word of the week

WORD OF
THE WEEK

TENACIOUS
(ADJECTIVE)



TENACIOUS

PERSISTENT | DETERMINED | FIRM | UNSHAKEABLE

Tending to keep a firm hold of something. Not readily relinquishing a position, principle, or course of action.

"She is very tenacious and will work hard to achieve objectives."



Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

Start at the bottom left square and move up and down or left and right until you reach the finish.

	4	9	7	7	4	↔ Finish
	8	9	4	5	7	
	6	6	4	9	9	
	7	8	8	8	6	
Start ↔	5	5	6	5	5	

Add the numbers as you go. Can you make exactly 53?

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

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