



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 07.07.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although we have had a disrupted week due to the National NEU Strikes, students have certainly packed lots in. On Wednesday, our Year 10 students attended the Salford City College sites to start exploring their potential post-16 choices. Students had taster sessions in the morning, followed by a visit to a second college site of their choice in the afternoon. Students were able to try both traditional academic subject tasters such as English, Maths, Sciences and Humanities, as well as more vocational studies like Construction, Media, Games Design, Sport and Hair & Beauty. The students were highly engaged, and we received some outstanding feedback on the behaviour and attitude of the students - well done Year 10. Year 10 students then had another interactive day on Thursday, all students took part in a Medical Mavericks day. Students were able to compare themselves to some of the world's greatest athletes with ten amazing sports science tests. They could race a virtual Usain Bolt, test their reactions on Blaze Pods, test strength, record ball throwing speed and much more! The workshops were extremely fun and exciting, but there was also a serious side too. All of the tests are used in real Sports Science & STEM settings, so students could see how these support different careers if they achieve a qualification in sports subjects.

For Year 7, 8 and 9, they have been busy focusing in lessons to ensure they receive those ClassCharts points. On the rewards pyramid this week, there is a doughnut party for the top form in each year group. The winning form will be announced on Monday.

Next week we also have lots to look forward to including our 'Pride of Moorside' Awards Evening, the Year 10 Work Shadow Day, our Key Stage 3 Pride Concert and our wholeschool Sports Day on Friday. We have the field events in the morning, then following an early lunch, all students will cheer on the students in the track events. Students are allowed to wear their full school PE kit on this day, and we also advise students to bring with them a hat/cap as sun protection, sun cream, water bottle and if they wish a towel to sit on. Hopefully the sun will be shining, but if not, students are advised to bring a waterproof jacket. The day will finish at the normal school time of 14:55 and students will be dismissed from the field gates onto the A580 or Wentworth Road. Further information can be found in a letter from Mr Higham – Head of PE, [please click here to access it](#).

It is hard to believe that next week, will be the last Parent Update of the year. We are really looking forward to celebrating with the students during our Celebration Assemblies during the last week of term. Students will finish for summer on Thursday, 20th July at 12:05. School will reopen to students on Wednesday, 6th September 2023 at 08:25. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Current Year 9 parents

In the Autumn term the current Year 9 students will again be completing the BeeWell Survey. This year group are part of a cohort of students across Manchester that have been asked to complete the survey on an annual basis, which started in Autumn 2021. The aim of the study is to look into the wellbeing (e.g. happiness) of young people across Greater Manchester. We also want to know what influences their wellbeing (e.g. relationships, physical activity). Please click here to access an information sheet about the BeeWell Project and instructions on how to opt out if you do not wish your child to be part of it. [#BeeWell Information Sheet](#)

Activities over summer

As we approach the long summer break, we are now starting to get information from the local community on activities that are running across Salford. Please find a link to the My City Directory, which has a whole variety of lots of fun (and mostly) free activities for young people to participate in over the summer period. [School holidays clubs | mycity Directory \(salford.gov.uk\)](#) There are also lots of events that are on for parents. [Please click here to access the list](#).

ClassCharts

You should have received a letter regarding ClassCharts last week with your unique login details, these were given to students during R time last 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. ClassCharts 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 schools 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 ClassCharts 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.

Food Bank Donations

As we approach the long summer break, we appreciate that for some families this can often be a challenging time, and for this reason over the past few weeks we have been 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. At the moment, the foodbank is running low on Tinned Fruit, Biscuits, Jam and Rice Pudding. Other items that are also 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.

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - NO MOBILE PHONES



The Rules

If your mobile phone is seen in school (from the minute you arrive on campus until you leave campus at the end of the day), it will be confiscated.

This is a non-negotiable – Remember the policy says **"Switched off and in your bag"**

- Any confiscated phones will be kept safely in the school safe until the end of the day. Refusal to hand over your phone when requested by a member of staff will result in a consequence, this could be reflection (where you will hand your phone over anyway) or a more severe consequence if this is repeated behaviour. If you need to contact home, we can facilitate this with support from the pastoral team or the school reception team.

Why is this a rule?


- Mobile phones in school can be a major distraction, diverting student attention away from the teachers instructions, lesson content and the opportunity to actively participate in classroom discussions
- Numerous studies have shown that students who spend more time on their phones tend to have lower grades compared to those who use them sparingly.
- Mobile phones can have a detrimental effects on our social interactions. Over reliance on the virtual world can hinder the development of crucial communication and socialisation skills that are essential for our personal growth and future careers
- Removing access to mobile phones from the school community supports a proactive stance against cyberbullying, fostering a safe and supportive environment for all students
- Excessive screen time has been linked to issues such as eye strain, sleep disruption, and even mental health problems like anxiety and depression. By limiting the use of mobile phones in school, we are promoting a healthier lifestyle.

Word of the week

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ACTIVISM

(NOUN)




ACTIVISM

ADVOCACY | INVOLVEMENT | ENGAGEMENT

The use of direct and noticeable action to achieve a result, usually a political or social one.

"The students who wanted to raise awareness of global warming were engaged in climate activism."



Puzzle of the week

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Numeracy Puzzle of the Week

Put 9 dots in a square like this

●	●	●
●	●	●
●	●	●

Can you go through all 9 dots with **four straight lines**?

You **can't** take your pen off the paper.
You **can** start where you like.

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