



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 14.07.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that I am writing this update with just one week to go until we break up for the summer break, our final Parent/Carer update for the academic year. The last few weeks have been extremely busy, but thoroughly enjoyable. This week we hosted our second 'Pride of Moorside Awards Evening'.



In the run up to the evening, staff nominated students who they felt demonstrated our core C.A.R.E values of Consideration, Aspiration, Resilience and Equality. Alongside these awards, they also nominated those that had demonstrated the Consilium Values and had shown an outstanding contribution to school life. The evening was a lovely opportunity to celebrate our students, and we look forward to doing it again next year, bigger and better. Next year, we are going to introduce three 'Pride of Moorside' events, which will take place at the end of each term. So many students do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place and we want to celebrate this.



Over the academic year we have aimed to ensure that rewarding students has been an integral part of our day-to-day routine. Many students have received rewards for using our Word of the Week, demonstrating great uniform/standards, having 100% weekly attendance, and demonstrating social responsibility. The rewards come in many forms, either a small token ice cream or packet of Haribo, an opportunity to attend the Moorside Cinema, a Leadership Pathways badge, an award at the end of term assemblies or a nomination for a letter and award from the Headteacher. We really want to continue to develop this during the next academic year and we are hoping that the switch to ClassCharts and our Rewards Pyramid will allow us to do this more often. This half term, the golden tickets are really causing a queue at Mr Thompson's office and we are excited to be awarding the £50 Trafford Centre Vouchers next week. Next week, we also have our Celebration Assemblies, and we are looking forward to seeing lots of students being rewarded.

As we move towards the new academic year, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that all students need to return in September in full school uniform. Uniform expectations can be found on the school website. [Please click here to access a letter from Mr Thompson regarding this](#). We make no apologies for our high expectations as we know that excellent standards in a secondary school start with high standards of uniform.

Next academic year, we will also continue our focus and drive for excellent attendance. Good attendance is a learnt behaviour and we recognise the importance of developing good patterns of attendance from the outset. As a school, we want to support students and parents/carers by working together to address any in-school barriers to attendance. We do appreciate that some students face greater barriers to attendance, and we want to ensure that we are working with families to make reasonable adjustments to break down these barriers. To support this, we ask that parents/carers only request leave of absence in exceptional circumstances and in advance. Only exceptional circumstances will warrant a leave of absence and each application will be considered individually considering the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. Please do contact us if you require any additional support in encouraging your child to attend, we really do want to work with our families.

The end of the school year always means a few staff members leaving us to pursue the next steps in their careers or to enjoy retirement and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their outstanding service to our community and in wishing them well for the future.

Finally, thank you for your continued support throughout the year, I would also like to extend these thanks and commend all our students for their hard work and positivity.

I wish you all a very safe, peaceful, and enjoyable summer.

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **Last day of term – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

This is the last day in school for students and the end the term. We have altered our school day timings to accommodate an early finish. Students will finish on this last day at 12.05.

**Students will return to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 08:25.**

### **Current Year 9 parents**

In the Autumn term the current Year 9 students will again be completing the BeeWell survey. This year's 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**

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.](#)

The Department for Education's (DfE) Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) has provided funding for Salford's Summer of Fun. From the 24<sup>th</sup> of July to the 17<sup>th</sup> of August children aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals, can access a range of free activities including baking and cooking, arts and crafts, sports, music and more. All sessions include lunch, booking will remain open over the summer, but early booking is essential. Find out more at: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF>. There are also places available for children who don't get free school meals, further details are available at <https://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF>. [Please click here to access a letter with further information.](#)

### **ClassCharts**

If you have not received a letter regarding ClassCharts with your unique login details, please do contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) and we will ensure this is sent to you. From September, this will be the main platform for parents/carers to access information regarding their child's school day.

### **Year 10 into Year 11**

As our Year 10 students approach the last week in Year 10, we are already thinking about them starting Year 11. Each year we provide our senior students with a Year 11 tie. All Year 10 students will receive their tie during the Celebration Assemblies next week. We do ask if they would be willing to then donate their lower school tie to support the younger students. However, if they have a sibling at home, or want to keep it for a memory box, they are more than welcome to do this. In September we will be holding an evening for parents to attend where we will go over what Year 11 will look like and the support what you and your child can expect in the final year of school.

All Year 10 reports from the recent assessments will be communicated home early next week. If you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

### **Careers**

Reflecting this year on our careers offer has really made us appreciate just how much has taken place. Mr Farmer is already planning a BBC Bitesize Careers Event which will take place on Thursday, 21st September. This will be an inspirational Q&A session with a panel from the media industry. Y7-Y10 will be participating, 1 lesson per year group.

We will also be having our Y11 Careers Fair in the Autumn Term.

This year the following has all taken place:

- Careers Assemblies for Y7, Y8, Y9 and Y10 covering Careers Guidance and Education in school and Post-16 options, delivered by Mr Farmer, Careers Adviser.
- Year 11 Mock Interview Day
- Year 11 Careers Fair
- KS4 Aspirational Conference
- Two Year 10 students successfully completed the University Summer School "Salford Wears Prada"
- Two Year 10 students successfully completed The University of Manchester Summer School "Wise Up"
- All Year 10 students attended the Salford City College Taster Day, visiting Pendleton College and another chosen Salford College Centre.
- Y8 have had career focused PSHE lessons, exploring the Xello careers website.
- Year 10 students took part in the Medical Mavericks Session "Challenge the Champions" - a practical session looking at how Sports Science can link into STEM related careers.
- GCSE PE and Sports students took part in a "Careers in Sports" talk from a local sport provider.
- We have held a Year 10 GM Higher session - "Not Going to University" looking at alternative options to higher education.
- There has also been a Year 10 GM Higher session - "Why HE?" exploring routes into university.
- Students in Year 10 either completed a Work Shadow Day OR took part in the "My Perfect University" enterprise day, exploring what university is like, and students exploring what their perfect university would look like.

I am sure you would agree, some fantastic opportunities. If you would be interested in supporting the career talks or our aspirational conference next year, please do get in touch with Mr Farmer.

### Silent Reminder

## SILENT REMINDER - STAYING SAFE OVER SUMMER

With the summer holidays fast approaching it's important that we all take some time to think about how to stay safe and have fun over the summer holidays!!

### DO

- Have lots of fun and spend time with friends and family
- If possible, try something new. It might be a new sport or hobby
- Try and stick to a sensible daily routine which involves going to bed and getting up at a sensible time
- Try and be active every day. Get outside for some fresh air and try some physical activities like playing sport, riding your bike or going for a run/walk
- Set yourself a challenge to read at least one book

### DONT

- Spend large periods of time on technology. This includes your phone, games consoles, TV's
- Stay indoors all the time or isolate yourself from friends and family
- Swim in a canal, river, dam or lake. Remember you never know how deep the water can be
- Make bad choices or put yourself in danger. If you are going out, make sure you stay safe and tell someone where you are going
  - Keep your phone with you at all times
  - Never speak or go with strangers
  - Be careful on bikes and scooters
- Play on or near train tracks, motorways, dual carriage ways or similar roads with fast moving traffic.



HELLO  
SUMMER!



Salford City Council

Book Now

Scan the code to book your place or go to  
[www.salford.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF)



# Free summer fun

holiday  
activities for  
4 to 16 year olds  
in Salford

Salford's **Holiday Activity and Food programme** is a package of support for children and young people on benefits related Free School Meals.



Whether its arts and crafts, dance, sports or drama, Salford's **#HAF2023** programme has something for everyone!

**24 July to  
17 August 2023**

Book now at [www.salford.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF)  
When booking please use children's full names.

As part of the HAF programme we are able to offer a limited number of places to children not on free school meals and you can find out more at [www.salford.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.salford.gov.uk/HAF)



Department  
for Education

If you have any difficulties making a booking please contact the Health Improvement Team via [health.improvement@salford.gov.uk](mailto:health.improvement@salford.gov.uk) or 0800 952 1000 (option 2) Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm.





# MOORSIDE MATTERS

**DOES MOORSIDE MATTER TO YOU ? IF SO READ ON.....  
CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!**

**WORKING ALONGSIDE THE SCHOOL, WE ARE LOOKING TO  
ESTABLISH 'MOORSIDE MATTERS' - A NEW PARENT LED FORUM TO  
SUPPORT PARENTS, THE SCHOOL AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY?**

Whilst we haven't ironed out all the details yet, we want the forum to improve:

1. Parent support and engagement - building a network where parents help each other and learn more about the school.
2. School support and engagement - providing the school with 'in the moment' feedback on topics which drive forward improvements. Collaborating with the school to provide support on a range of initiatives - e.g., coming into school to do career talks, promoting events and initiatives within the school.
3. Connections with the community - promoting activities happening in the community and arranging initiatives within the community

We would love to launch the forum in September. So, if you have the gift of time (a couple of hours per month) and the desire to help shape something that we believe will become an awesome asset to the school, please contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) for more details.

**Moorside Matters**

# THE MOORSIDE WAY

## #TEAM MOORSIDE



Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



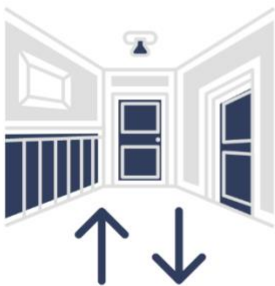
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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