



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 08.09.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been such a pleasure to welcome all our students back into school this week, we have had a very successful first week of the new academic year and are looking forward to seeing what the academic year holds.

Looking back to Wednesday, which feels such a long time ago now, the first day saw lots of smiles as our team of staff greeted all our students. They soon settled into the week, with our new Year 7 students getting to know each other and finding their way around school. Across the week, although we have been battling with the heat, there has been a lovely atmosphere around school. Today we have concluded the week with an assembly for our new Year 7 students, celebrating and rewarding them on how well they have done during their first week as part of 'Team Moorside'. On Wednesday, myself and Mr Thompson delivered assemblies to all Year Groups, sharing with them all the opportunities they can engage in, and encouraging them to make sure this is their best year yet! We introduced our new rewards pyramid for this term along with our 'Wonderful Work Wednesdays' and we are looking forward to the fortnightly draws including all students that have achieved a 'Golden Lesson Ticket'.



While standards of behaviour have remained very good, we do want excellence, we know that excellent behaviour leads to excellent results and a fantastic future. Students are most successful when schools and families work in partnership, so we would be grateful if you could remind your child of the importance of staying focused in lessons, being organised with their planner and knowledge organiser. With the introduction of ClassCharts, we have a strong culture of positive praise and with the introduction of 'Wonderful Work Wednesday' students will be able to be rewarded for completing exceptional work or a detailed piece of extended writing.

If you have struggled to log into ClassCharts, please do contact us at [MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com) where we will be able to support you. You can also access support on our school website by [clicking here](#). New Year 7 students will be bringing the login codes home today.

Finally, the students have looked really smart this week, 'thank you' to you, our parents/carers for the way the students have presented in school. Our motto of 'Dress Smart, Think Smart' has really been a highlight with students attending looking smart and ready to learn.

Your support as always is very much appreciated. We all feel that this year is going to be a really positive one and we look forward to watching all the students grow and develop over the academic year and continuing to work alongside you, our parents and carers.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the predicted sunshine.

Mrs Ryles-Dean

Headteacher

### **Year 10 Geography International Trip**

It is great to see that trips are starting to creep back in after several years of not happening following Covid. The Geography Department is offering a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 GCSE Geography students to visit the Netherlands from the 8th to the 12th of July 2024. There are 48 places available on a first come, first served basis. The trip includes exciting excursions to Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Noordwijk. The total cost is £587, with a deposit of £75 required to secure a place by the 25th of September. More information is available via ParentPay. All Geography students have been given a chance to collect a letter, however, if they have lost their letter, you can access a copy by [clicking here](#).

### **GCSE Drama Trip**

The Drama Department are giving GCSE Drama students the opportunity to visit The Lowry Theatre on Thursday 21st September to watch 'Innit The Musical.' 'Innit The Musical' is a brand new musical based in Salford and written by a local playwright. It is a real life, no holds barred story of a local teenager, growing up on the streets of Salford with a narrative full of plot twists and contemporary issues. The trip will also include the amazing opportunity of a post show discussion with the director and cast. The students will leave school at 13:00 and return at approximately 18:00. Further details can be found on parent pay. Please contact Mrs Ross if you have any further questions.

### **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. This is always a lovely evening and a fantastic chance for us to welcome our prospective Year 5 and 6 students. Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved and help as a guide or volunteer for a department or activity. More information will be shared with the students, nearer the time.

### **PSHE**

Our PSHE curriculum at Moorside High School equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand more about how to play a positive and successful role within our society, both as a child and as an adult. Our intention is to provide students with a knowledge of their world, locally, nationally, and globally and give them confidence to tackle many of the moral, social, and cultural issues that are part of growing up within this. Between now and Christmas, students will study the following topics (see below). If you have any questions regarding the content, please do visit our school website for more information. Click here to access the [Personal Development page](#).

#### **Autumn 1**

Year 7: Transition to Team Moorside (Pt. 1)

Year 8: Staying Safe Online

Year 9: Life Beyond School

Year 10: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Year 11: RSE

#### **Autumn 2:**

Year 7: Transition to Moorside (Pt. 2)

Year 8: Physical Health and Wellbeing

Year 9: RSE

Year 10: Staying Safe Online and Offline

Year 11: Life Beyond School

### **Year 10 and 11 Information and Guidance Evening**

To ensure that parents are fully informed about Key Stage 4, we are holding two evenings face to face over the next two weeks. Information about these evenings will be sent to Key Stage 4 parents directly, we look forward to welcoming you into Moorside High School.

- Year 11 IAG – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm.
- Year 10 IAG - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 5.30-6.30pm.

### **Parent Pay**

Please remember to top up your child's cashless catering account via Parent Pay to ensure your child is able to purchase food at break and during lunchtimes. If you are struggling to access your account, please email [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

## 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. 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.

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](mailto: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.

## 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

# HARMONIOUS

(ADJECTIVE)



# HARMONIOUS

PLEASANT | CONGRUENT | COMPATIBLE | AMICABLE

Having agreement. Something that is harmonious has parts which go well together and are in proportion to each other.

"The harmonious melody soothed the crowd."



### Key Dates:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September      Year 11 Information Evening
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September      Year 10 Information Evening
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September      BBC Careers Event
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September      Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October      Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October      Open Evening
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October      Year 7 Parents Evening

All term dates for the academic year, 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