



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 15.09.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a very settled first couple of weeks and students have returned following the summer break with a renewed energy and focus. It was lovely this week to also welcome our Year 11 parents and carers to our Information and Guidance evening. All the slides and information shared will be emailed to Year 11 parents early next week. Next Wednesday, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 10 parents and carers. Information regarding this evening has been texted to Year 10 parents.

Attendance this week has been really positive, and I thank you for your support in ensuring students are attending school and arriving on time. We must continue to ensure that all students are attending and arriving on time to school. Students should be on site for 08:25, if a student is late they will be required to complete a late survey at the end of the school day. Please remember if a student arrives after 09:00, they are not able to get the am attendance mark that will therefore hinder their overall attendance.

Also, this week, we have had the privilege of hearing what wonderful things our students get up to outside of school. Joel Watson in Year 11 completed four weeks of volunteering over this summer break, helping out at a Holiday Club at Oasis MediaCityUK Hub in Salford Quays. He has been in work from 8.30am until 4pm on each day. That makes around 30 hours per week, 120 hours for the summer. For Holiday Club, Joel was assisting staff in the kitchen preparing food for between 50-85 young people and helping in the Hub with community activities such as the Food Store and PlaySpace Family activities. In his final week, Joel attended even though the Holiday Club had finished, to support in the Hub. Joel is a true ambassador for Moorside High school and has certainly demonstrated social responsibility. We are extremely pleased to announce that Joel has successfully achieved the Platinum level of the leadership pathways. Well done, Joel!!

Also, this summer, after a very successful pre-season, Millie Crook in Year 11 has been selected to play in the upcoming Manchester United U21's matches and the associated training for these games. We are really excited to watch Millie and wish her every success.

Finally, a highlight for me was announcing the ten randomly selected top BFL ClassCharts winners. Using the tannoy system, the names of students randomly selected were announced across the school, and it really did raise a cheer at the end of the day. Students were invited down to reception to collect their £10 WH Smith Voucher. We really do appreciate you encouraging your children to attend school and follow the Moorside Way. Over 600 Golden Tickets were given out, and we are excited to draw five of these next week when students have posted them in the post box.

Considering we are only on week two, we have already achieved so much. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Crossing the East Lancashire Road

This week, members of the local community took to social media to warn Moorside parents and children about crossing the East Lancashire Road at the end of the school day. We know that this is incredibly dangerous and will be addressed with students next week during their assemblies. To support in reminding students to use the subway or bridge, we have relocated a member of staff to be on duty in this area. Please can we ask that you also remind your child about the dangers of crossing this busy road.

SEND Coffee Morning

Our SENDCO, Mrs O’Kane is holding a coffee morning on Friday 29th September between 9am-11am. This will be an opportunity for our parents of students who have an EHCP or parents of Year 11 students with a SEND need, to come into school and meet Mrs O’Kane and her team, so you can put a face to name. We are hoping to hold more of these events across the year, so parents of all SEND students have an opportunity to come in, have a catch up and meet their child’s key worker. Invitations to our parent/carers of EHCP students will arrive over the next couple of days. At the end of the parent update, there is a small bio about Mrs O’Kane to give you a little more information about her. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our communication with the SEND team, please do share these with Mrs O’Kane via the email address, MHSsendco@consilium-at.com

Attendance Matters

As you are aware we want to make sure that as many children as possible are in school this term to take part in learning activities, we know that being at school every day helps children make friends and socialise as well as improving physical and mental health and well-being.

Sometimes you may be unsure as to whether your child is well enough to be in school. With Autumn and Winter just around the corner, many children get colds, mild coughs, and sniffles. If this happens it is usually ok to send your child into school. However, if your child gets a high temperature of more than 38 degrees C then they should not attend. A useful guide for parents has been published by the NHS called [‘is my child too ill for school?’](#)

You may feel that following the pandemic your child has become a bit more worried about things. Most of the time children and young people can experience heightened emotions as part of the normal process of growing up and in these cases, school is the best place to be to help them improve how they feel. Often the more time they have off school the more anxious they can become.

It may be of use to you to read the [guidance on mental health issues affecting pupil’s attendance](#). You may also find it interesting to look at the Salford City Council [Miss Out, Miss School](#) webpage for further support for children who experience mental health issues, and we are also available in school for you if you want to contact us about this, or about any other issue related to your child’s health and well-being and learning.

I thank you in advance for your ongoing support in getting your child into school every day, if you require any support in getting your child into school, please do inform your child’s Head of Year.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 5th 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.

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

Events in school next week.

We have a very busy week planned next week in school.

Year 11 - On Monday, we have an extra assembly for Year 11 delivered by a local college, then on Wednesday we have a mental health talk during period 5 in the Sports Hall.

Year 7 – Year 7 will start their GL testing; they do not need to worry about this, staff will be on hand to support.

Year 7 & 8 – We have a BBC Careers Event visiting school on Thursday. There will be four one-hour sessions where all Year 7 and 8 will be able to take part.

Year 11 – GCSE Drama students will be visiting the Lowry Theatre.

Year 7, 8 & 9 – Friday will be our Enrichment Fair for Key Stage 3. Students will be able to visit the fair, see what is on offer and sign up for any clubs or activities they are interested in. The Enrichment Timetable will be shared via the parent update next week.

ClassCharts

If you have not yet managed to log onto the ClassCharts app, please email MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com

Scooters and bikes on site

As a school, we encourage alternative modes of transport to and from school to ease motor vehicle congestion in the mornings and at home time. With this in mind, we welcome the use of bicycles and scooters and provide suitable stores around campus.

It has been reported that adults and children are riding their bicycles and scooters across campus. This is extremely dangerous for children and other members of our community walking around what is already a very busy site. In conjunction with Moorside Primary School, we are asking that all parents, carers, and children, both primary and high school, dismount from their bicycles or scooters upon entering the grounds.

Staff have been tasked with politely challenging students not following these rules. We have also seen an increase in students using electric scooters on campus. These items are prohibited from entering the grounds. Please can we ask for your support in reminding your child of these rules, we will be reminding them via the silent reminder this week. Just a polite reminder... The school cannot be held responsible for any items left in our bicycle stores and encourage students to lock and secure their bikes should they choose to leave them on the school site during the school day.



SILENT REMINDER

STUDENTS MUST NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



Cycling is a fantastic way to travel but cyclists are vulnerable on roads. 85 cyclists lost their lives in road accidents in the UK in 2022. The vast majority of cyclist casualties are from incidents on roads with 30mph limits. Anyone hit by a car travelling at 30mph has a 20% chance of dying.

Staying safe when travelling by bike

- At school - Student must **never ride their bike on the school ground**. Please walk with your bike until you are off the school premises and clear of crowds.
- Safety equipment – Cyclists of all ages and levels of experience should wear a helmet. Wearing a well-fitted, good quality cycle helmet does help protect your brain in some types of crashes or falls.
- Bike maintenance – Check your bike before travelling make sure the tyres and the brakes are in good working order.
- Roads/junctions – 45% of cycle accidents occur at or near road junctions. Be extra vigilant and take your time when approaching junctions and roundabouts
- Riding at night – Its illegal to cycle at night without lights. You must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back , red reflectors at the back and amber reflectors on the pedals
- Cycle training – Cycle training can help give you the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the roads. Training covers topics from balance and control to planning independent journeys on busier roads.


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Word of the Week

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CONDUCTIVE

(ADJECTIVE)




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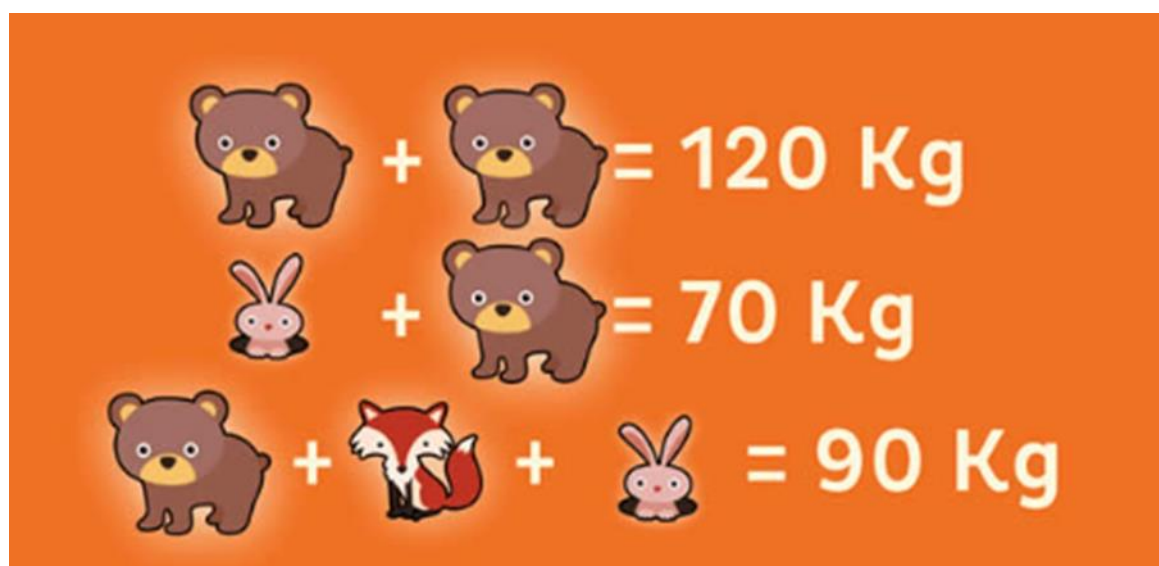
BENEFICIAL | FAVOURABLE | PROFITABLE | HELPFUL

Making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.

"The noisy environment of the living room was not very conducive to studying."



Puzzle of the week... an easy one to get you in the mood for this year!



Key Dates:

- Wednesday 20th September Mental Health Talk to Year 11
- Wednesday 20th September Year 10 Information Evening
- Thursday 21st September BBC Careers Event
- Friday 29th September Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 3rd October Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations
- Thursday 5th October Open Evening
- Thursday 19th 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 **A**SPIRATION **R**ESILIENCE **E**QUALITY

THE MOORSIDE WAY

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Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



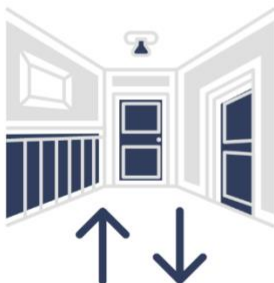
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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