



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 29.09.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have celebrated European Day of Languages during assemblies and in October we will be looking at Black History Month and Mental Health Awareness. In November we will then be celebrating Anti-bullying Week with a special anti-bullying assembly, so lots for the students to look forward to.

On Friday 29th September, we held our first charity event of the year. The staff and students enjoyed a huge cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Everyone enjoyed eating the amazing cakes that were donated. Thank you so much to everyone that sent donations in. We raised a huge £440.38 with Pankhurst House raising the most money. Following this event, our next charity event will run until Christmas. We will be collecting donations for the Salford Foodbank and launching Mission Christmas mid-November. Last year, we were completely overwhelmed with how much Team Moorside supported the local community and I am confident we will see the same again this year.

Thank you to all students that have volunteered as a guide or helper for a department or activity at our Open Evening next Thursday, we know that this will be a fantastic evening for our prospective Year 7 students. Students who are helping on the evening are required to gain consent from parents/carers. Please can you ensure this is completed before Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Finally, following lots of parents asking, we are excited to announce that we are running a ski trip in March 2024 to the Italian skiing resort of Pila. This trip will be offered to students in years 8, 9 and 10. The trip dates will be from 23.03.24 – 30.03.24. Staff and students will be travelling by coach. The price of the trip will be £1189 per student and there will be 40 places on a first come first served basis. This will be paid in instalments. Included in the price is:

- 5 nights' hotel accommodation (breakfast and evening meal will be provided in the hotel and a hot lunch on the slopes each day)
- 5 days Snowsport course by fully qualified instructors, medical assistance, and comprehensive winter sports insurance
- Ski and boot hire
- Apres Ski Activities each evening.

To secure a place, please make the payment of £200 deposit via ParentPay. In the interest of keeping the trip and those on it safe and well, we reserve the right to withdraw a place for any student whose behaviours in school we deem to be unsafe or inappropriate to take.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

---

### **Online Reading Hub**

Please do not forget we have our online 'Reading Hub'

<https://moorsidehigh.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home>.

As we continue to build our hub, students and parents are able to view and reserve our library books from home, as well as browse recommended subject reading lists, read about what's happening in the school news and see which books will help improve their reading age. If you struggle to access the hub, please do contact our literacy coordinator, Mrs Beach.

## **Attendance Matters**

It is important that we continue to remind parents/carers around the importance of establishing routines, particularly excellent school attendance and punctuality. These are just some of the ways that you can support your child's attendance.

**General Illness** - If your child suffers from one of the conditions listed below, we suggest administering some light pain relief first thing in the morning and sending them into school, we will ensure that we monitor your child and will immediately call you should there be a deterioration in their condition.

- Colds
- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Sore throat
- Period problems: provisions can be made in school for more frequent toilet breaks.

**Injuries** - If your child is suffering from an injury or condition that could make moving around the school building difficult, please contact us as there are many ways that we can facilitate this in school, allowing your child to access the majority, if not all of their lessons safely. Please email [MHSabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSabsence@consilium-at.com) to inform us.

**Infections and Contagious Illnesses** - If your child is diagnosed with a contagious or infectious condition such as Chicken Pox or Measles. Please inform us via the MHSabsence email address and follow the guidelines given from the NHS as to how long they are required to stay at home. This information can be found on the [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) website.

**Sickness and Diarrhoea** - If your child is suffering from continuous sickness or diarrhoea, then of course we would expect them to stay at home until this has subsided (12 hours from the last vomiting or diarrhoea). However, if this is an isolated incident it is unlikely to be contagious and we would strongly recommend that they come into school as soon as they are well enough.

**Medical Appointments** - We are aware that there will be occasions when medical appointments will be arranged by the hospital/orthodontist/CAMHS which cannot be changed. In these instances, please can you inform us in advance by emailing [MHSabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSabsence@consilium-at.com) and provide us with a copy of the letter/email confirming the appointment. We don't advise taking a whole day off school for these appointments. We would also remind you that all routine GP, dental and optician appointments should be made outside of the school day to minimise the disruption to learning.

**Punctuality** - The school day begins at 8:30am, students should be onsite from 8:25am. Any student arriving after 8:30am will have a late mark recorded on the register. At 9.00am we close our morning register and any students arriving after this time will have a U code recorded on the register. This means that they were late after the close of registers and is classed as an unauthorised absence. Students who are late to school, are required to complete a late information form at the end of the school day, this will take them 5-10minutes to complete.

**Holidays** - This is clearly set out in our attendance policy and our term dates are published on our website in advance, we do this to give families time to organise their family holidays outside of term time to reduce the disruption to their child's learning. If you choose to remove your child from school from September 2023 to July 2024, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, and we will apply to Salford City Council for a penalty notice to be issued. This is inline with all guidance from the DFE.

**Attendance meetings** - If your child's attendance falls below 90% and we are concerned, you will be invited into school for a meeting with your child's Head of Year. At this meeting they will discuss how the school can help improve your child's attendance and support you.

If your child is going to be absent, you must ensure that you call the school on 0161 804 4022 or email [MHSabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSabsence@consilium-at.com) by 8.25am on each day of the absence.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further clarification or if there is something that may prevent your child from attending school that you feel we should be aware of or can support with.

## **The cost of living**

We appreciate that it is a difficult time for many people across Salford, as the costs of energy, food and other bills continue to be high. Meeting the cost of uniforms, trips, school lunches, PE kits, pencils, pens, and other school costs can be difficult, and we want to do everything we can to support you. As you are aware, our uniform now includes minimising branded items, and our website gives you more details on which uniform items are optional. We also have a pre-loved area in school for uniform, so if your child requires any uniform, please do contact their Head of Year. If you have any old uniform at home that no longer fits, please do leave this at reception as this facility is regularly used. Finally, can we remind you that you may also be able to qualify for Free School Meals. You can apply for Free School Meals using our quick and easy online form, if you require any support or have any questions, please do contact us. The online form can be accessed here. <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

## **Message from our iThrive – iReach Worker**

Hi parents and carers!

I would like to introduce myself and more specifically - my team. My name is Sarah, and I am the allocated practitioner for Moorside High School from the Salford iReach team. You might not have heard of our team before, but we are the school's Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for the borough. We are now a team of 17 (and growing) with 15 mental health and wellbeing practitioners.

Our team works under the NHS and is allied with CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) but we work differently. We go into primary and secondary schools to deliver sessions to individuals and groups; we also offer student workshops and staff training. The interventions we deliver are mainly around anxiety and low mood. The work we deliver is evidence based, CBT informed (cognitive behavioural therapy) and they are low intensity meaning they are designed for prevention or early intervention when difficulties first begin to emerge. Our work helps young people to develop skills to cope with anxiety or low mood and in turn develop their resilience to handling this in the future. The benefit of working within the school environment means that we can look at how young people are supported with us, within school and at home, giving them a well-rounded approach to support.

If you feel your child might be in need of support, the first point of call to speak to is your child's Head of Year. Your school has designated staff who are able refer into our team.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need support.

Sarah

iReach Worker

## **Silent Reminder**

### **SILENT REMINDER - KEEP THE SCHOOL TIDY**

By attending Moorside High school you pledge to follow The Moorside Way and all of the rules and expectations associated with it. This includes respecting the school environment. You can play a large part in this by completing very simple tasks like:

- 1. Not taking litter outside**
- 2. Clearing the tables after lunch and break**

We all have a responsibility to clear up after ourselves and doing so, demonstrates your commitment to being socially responsible young people who care about their school, the people in it and your local community. Doing a small task like clearing your rubbish says a lot about the person you are!!

**Why is putting your litter in the bin such a big deal?**

1. If it's your litter, it's your responsibility!!
2. No one wants to come to school and have to learn in a dirty or untidy environment.
3. Clearing your rubbish and leaving the environment like you found it enables other to use the space appropriately.
4. Putting litter in the bin enables the catering staff to do their job more effectively.
5. It creates a clean and tidy environment and sets a positive impression for visitors to the school.

**BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLY AND PUT YOUR LITTER IN THE BIN!!**



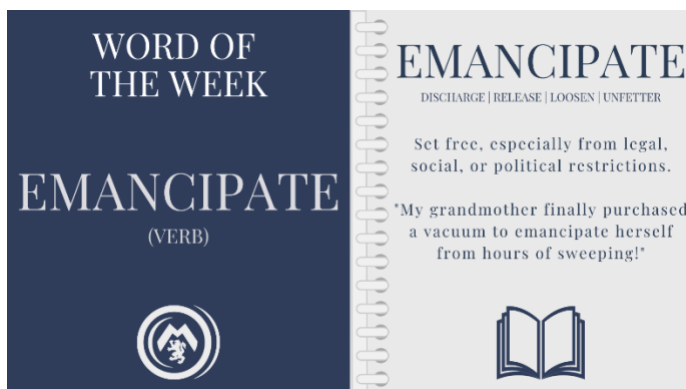
**What we do not want to see...**



**What we do want to see...**



## Word of the Week



**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**EMANCIPATE**  
(VERB)

**EMANCIPATE**  
DISCHARGE | RELEASE | LOOSEN | UNFETTER

Set free, especially from legal, social, or political restrictions.

\*My grandmother finally purchased a vacuum to emancipate herself from hours of sweeping!\*

## Puzzle of the week

Five friends have their gardens next to one another, where they grow three kinds of crops: fruits (apple, pear, nut, cherry), vegetables (carrot, parsley, gourd, onion) and flowers (aster, rose, tulip, lily).

1. They grow 12 different varieties.
2. Everybody grows exactly 4 different varieties
3. Each variety is at least in one garden.
4. Only one variety is in 4 gardens.
5. Only in one garden are all 3 kinds of crops.
6. Only in one garden are all 4 varieties of one kind of crops.
7. Pear is only in the two border gardens.
8. Paul's garden is in the middle with no lily.
9. Aster grower doesn't grow vegetables.
10. Rose growers don't grow parsley.
11. Nuts grower has also gourd and parsley.
12. In the first garden are apples and cherries.
13. Only in two gardens are cherries.
14. Sam has onions and cherries.
15. Luke grows exactly two kinds of fruit.
16. Tulip is only in two gardens.
17. Apple is in a single garden.
18. Only in one garden next to Zick's is parsley.
19. Sam's garden is not on the border.
20. Hank grows neither vegetables nor asters.
21. Paul has exactly three kinds of vegetable.

Who has which garden and what is grown where?

### Key Dates:

- 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](#)

[MHSYear7@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSYear7@consilium-at.com) , [MHSYear8@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSYear8@consilium-at.com), [MHSYear9@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSYear9@consilium-at.com),  
[MHSYear10@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSYear10@consilium-at.com), [MHSYear11@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSYear11@consilium-at.com), [MHSabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSabsence@consilium-at.com)

Email: [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

Twitter - @moorsidehigh

Instagram – moorsidehighofficial

**C**ONSIDERATION    **A**SPIRATION    **R**ESILIENCE    **E**QUALITY



# ClassCharts

**ClassCharts is an online system which teachers use to track attendance, achievement, behaviour and homework throughout the school day.**

We believe in working closely with parents and one key benefit of ClassCharts is that it provides parents with daily attendance, behaviour and achievement reports so you are kept up to date in real-time on your child's performance in school.

**You will be able to use ClassCharts to keep track of:**

- **achievements**
- **attendance**
- **homework**
- **behaviour**

If you have more than one child at the school you can use the same parent account to view achievement data for all your children.

ClassCharts for parents can be accessed via the website, or iOS and Android apps. You should have received a Parent Code from school which can be used when you sign up.

**If you've lost your login details, please get in contact via:**

**[mhsclasscharts@consilium-at.com](mailto:mhsclasscharts@consilium-at.com)**

# 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