



## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 13.10.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we only have one more week until school closes for the half term holiday, the first half term of the academic year 2023-2024 has certainly gone by very quickly. Students have settled well and continue to respond well to 'The Moorside Way'. Our continued expectations around no mobile phones to be heard or seen has been well received from students and the lack of distraction from their devices can be felt in lessons.

As you know from Mr Thompson's letter this week, our focus alongside mobile phones is going to be punctuality. We know that if a student is 5 minutes late for each lesson, that is 25 minutes of lost learning a day. This equates to over 2 hours a week, it really does add up. What is also important to note is that students are missing a vital part of the lesson during the first 5 minutes, staff are carrying out retrieval activities to ensure that prior learning is recalled, enabling students to remember more. As Mr Thompson explained, if your child is late for lesson, they will receive a detention on the same day, you will be notified immediately via the ClassCharts App, so please ensure you have downloaded this and logged on. All parents that are registered and have logged onto ClassCharts by next Friday, will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a restaurant voucher as a thank you for supporting 'The Moorside Way'. If you need support logging onto ClassCharts, please do email [MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com)

Students will break up for the half term holiday at 14:55 on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and school will reopen on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 08:25. Students will be expected to return following the half term in full school uniform, with their planner and knowledge organiser that they were given in September. We appreciate with the start of colder days students may wish to wear a coat to and from school. Just a polite reminder that coats should be a sensible design, no bright colours, or large logos with a hood. Students will be asked to remove coats when they enter the building. If you require any support in purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Finally, next week, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 parents/carers into school for the Year 7 Parents Evening. Please do not forget you can book appointments via school cloud. For more information and a helpful guide to booking appointments, [please click here](#). We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

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### **Pop-up library**

We are excited to have our first pop up library of the year next week. Students will be able to browse a large number of books linked to 'Black History Month'. There will also be a large number of books written by young black authors as we continue to celebrate Black History Month. Students can loan these books out from the pop-up library, so they have something to read over the half term break.

### **Deodorant in PE**

Due to a number of staff and students in school suffering from Asthma, we ask that students do not bring aerosol deodorant into school to use following PE lessons. As you can imagine, 30 students all using an aerosol deodorant in the changing room is not a suitable environment for anyone who suffers from Asthma. Please can you ensure that you child brings a roll-on deodorant with them if they require one after carrying out physical activities. Aerosol deodorant can also activate the fire alarm sensors, which I am sure you would agree, puts us in a very difficult position with the risk of having to evacuate the school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **'Future Fridays'**

Aspiration is one of our school values and we are really trying to ensure we encourage our students to be aspirational in their post 16 choices. Miss Powell, our KS4 Raising Standards Lead has managed to organise a range of inspirational talks which will be open to all Key Stage 4 students (Year 10 & Year 11). The talks will be on offer after school between 15.15-16.15 on the following Fridays:

- 17th November 2023 Literature/Arts themed
- 24th November 2023 STEM themed
- 1st December 2023 The world of Humanities
- 8th December 2023 Vocational... where can this route take you?

Students will be required to sign up when more information is released. Refreshments will be provided.

As a parent/carer, if you would be interested in giving a talk around a specific subject or career you are involved in, please email [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) with your name and a brief description of your career or subject talk.

### **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 rise. Meeting the cost of uniforms, trips, school lunches, PE kits, pencils and pens, dress down days 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>

### **GCSE Pod**

As you are aware, as a school we subscribe to GCSEPod. GCSEPod is an award-winning, online content and revision provider, which allows students to access online playlists for every subject. Our subscription comes with free unlimited streaming, progress tracking features and worldwide competitions. Research carried out by GCSEPod has shown that on average those students that regularly engage with GCSEPod have increased their outcome by at least one grade compared to their starting point. Next week, we will be reminding Year 10 & 11 students how they can get the best from the platform. We will be rewarding pupils for their engagement with GCSEPod and giving out weekly certificates for 'top podder' and 'pod expert', as well as grand prizes in our termly reward assemblies.

Included in our subscription are free webinars and workshops for parents to learn more about GCSEPod, the benefits and how best to support your child's learning. Please see the link below to sign up to upcoming parent webinars.

[GCSEPod Parent/Carer Webinar](#) Over the half term holiday, we are running a competition to reward our Top Podder, so please do encourage your child to engage in the App.

### **Lockdown Drill**

Safeguarding our staff and students is of paramount importance. A large part of our safeguarding efforts is ensuring that our students, staff and community are prepared to respond to emergency situations. In school our students are familiar with emergency procedures such as fire drills, which happen at planned intervals throughout the academic year. These drills ensure that students, staff and visitors are clear on their responsibilities to keep themselves and others safe and reduce the anxieties around such events should they occur. We want to continue to respond to any possible risk regardless of the likelihood of it occurring, so as part of this work, alongside Consilium Academies Trust, we will be carrying out an emergency lockdown drill. This will prepare students and staff to be aware of their roles and responsibilities should this need arise. We are not aware of any increased risk locally or nationally at this time but feel this is a good time to carry out a drill. Students will be supported throughout the drill by staff. A letter regarding the lockdown drill can be [accessed here](#). Parents/Carers will be notified when the drill is occurring and after the drill is completed. Should you have any questions following the information, please do not hesitate to contact us. The lockdown drill will take place across the campus (including the primary school) on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

## **Year 11 College Open Events**

Open Events are really important to attend if your child is thinking of doing further studies after their GCSEs. It is their chance to research different places and courses and find out what options are best for them.

Even if your child is not thinking of this pathway (for example if they want to do an apprenticeship instead) it is still important to consider researching colleges or sixth form as a backup plan; so still try and visit a few places!

All Year 11 students will be offered a Careers Guidance Interview with Mr Farmer, the school Careers Adviser, over this term to discuss future plans after Year 11. Mr Farmer is available in Moorside High School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is based in the Careers Office. To request a meeting with Mr Farmer, students can see him in school or ask their form teacher to request this for them. Students can also request a meeting through Miss Aitken, Head of Year 11.

### **Pendleton Sixth Form College**

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

### **City Skills Centre**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 5.00-7.00pm

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, 10.00am-12.00pm

### **Eccles Sixth Form College**

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 10.00am-2.00pm

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 5.00pm-7.00pm

### **Worsley College**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 5.00pm-7.00pm

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 5.00pm–7.00pm

### **Future Skills @ MediaCityUK**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10.00am–12.00pm

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 5.00pm–7.00pm

### **Bolton College**

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 5:00pm-8:00pm

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 5:00pm-8:00pm

### **Loreto College**

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 10am-12pm or 1-3pm

*Please book via website*

### **Xaverian College**

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 10:30am–2:00pm

*Please book via website*

### **The Sixth Form Bolton**

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 - 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 - 5.30pm – 7.30pm

*Please book via website*

### **Winstanley College**

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 5.00pm–7.00pm

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 – 5.00pm–7.00pm

### **Urmston Grammar Sixth Form**

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 6.00pm – 8.00pm

*Please book via website*

### **UTC – Media City UK**

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - 5:30pm– 7:30pm

*Please book via college website.*

### **Trafford College**

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 10.30am-1.00pm

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024- 4.30pm-7.00pm

**Please always check college websites before open events for any booking details or event changes.  
Family & Friends are welcome to attend with you!**

## Silent Reminder

### SILENT REMINDER KEEP OFF THE GRASS AND IN SIGHT AT BREAK AND LUNCH TIME.



#### Rules

- During break and lunchtime, all students must remain on the tarmac area, MUGA or astro turf and in full view of duty staff.

#### Why

- The grass is muddy and slippery which increases the chance of accidents.
- Remaining on the hard surfaces means students are generally closer to the building and therefore it is quicker for you to return to classrooms on time after break and lunch.
- We need to maintain the sports pitches so that we can continue to hold fixtures throughout the autumn and winter.



## Word of the Week

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**INEXPLICABLE**  
(ADJECTIVE)



### INEXPLICABLE

MYSTERIOUS | UNFATHOMABLE | INCOMPREHENSIBLE

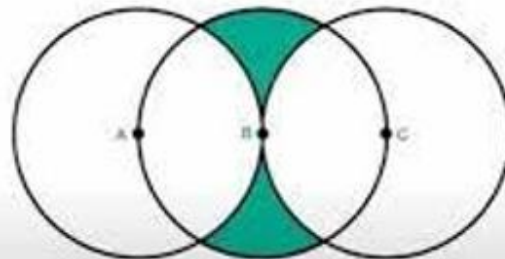
Unable to explain or be accounted for.

"The events in the haunted house were inexplicable!"



## Puzzle of the week

The diagram is made of three circles, each of radius 4cm.  
The centre of the circles are A, B and C, such that ABC is a straight line.



Work out the total area of the two shaded regions.  
Give your answer in terms of  $\pi$

### **PSHCE lessons**

Each week, all students across the school take part in Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic Education (PSHCE) lessons. PSHCE is a crucial subject that allows our students to develop their values and beliefs and learn more about health and wellbeing, relationships and living in the wider world. During these lessons, students learn how to keep themselves and others safe and how to be responsible citizens. The programme of study can be found on our school website by clicking here [Personal Development](#)

A key element in keeping our students safe is ensuring they understand relationships and have age-appropriate sex education. This topic area is always taught in a sensitive, inclusive way, please click the following link to access a copy of our recently updated Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) policy [RSE Policy](#).

We know that Pastoral Care is most effective when parents, schools and students work together, and we are keen to do all we can to actively support our families. We also welcome your feedback on our RSE policy or any of the pastoral plans outlined above. If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

### **Key Dates:**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October                      Year 7 Parents' Evening
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October                        School Closes for Half Term - 14:55
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October                      School reopens - 08:25 all students.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November                Year 11 Make it Stick Evening - 18:00 - 19:00

**All term dates for the academic year, 23/24 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)**

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# ClassCharts

**Class Charts 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 Class Charts 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 Class Charts 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.

Class Charts 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



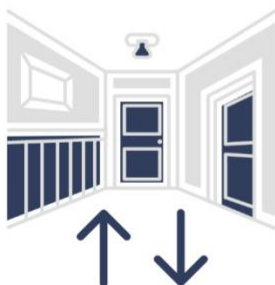
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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