



**Moorside
High School**
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#TeamMoorside Parent Update 03.11.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been great to welcome students back into school this week following the half term break.

This half term is always the most challenging for students as the dark mornings and nights settle in. We have started the year positively regarding attendance, mobile phones and punctuality and we want to keep this going. We know there is a strong correlation between disruption free learning, attendance, and achievement. On the theme of dark nights/mornings, please can we encourage all students to ensure they can be seen when walking to and from school and ensure they are crossing the roads at pedestrian crossings or at a safe place. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of using the subway or bridge when crossing the East Lancashire Road. Can we also ask you to remind those students who travel to school on a bike that they must ensure they have lights on their bike and that they are wearing a helmet. We will also be reminding students regularly in school.

Also, this week we welcomed our Year 11 students and parents/carers to our 'Make it Stick' presentation and Careers Fair. Students were able to chat and meet with over 25 Post-16 providers including Colleges, Manchester International Football Academy, Edge Hill University, Lancashire Cricket club and the Army, whilst parents/carers received information around supporting their child to prepare for the exams in Year 11 and the science behind learning. The presentation from the evening will be available for parents. Thank you to everyone that attended, especially with the awful weather and traffic we had on Thursday.

As you are aware, we are now using ClassCharts to support the communication between home and school. All parents that are registered and have logged onto ClassCharts will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a restaurant voucher as a thank you for supporting 'The Moorside Way'. We will be contacting the winner next week to arrange collection of the voucher. Thank you for supporting Team Moorside. If you need support logging onto ClassCharts, please do email MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Christmas Card Competition

We are running a Christmas Card competition over the next four weeks. The competition is open to all students and the winning design will be published and sent out to other schools and our local community from Team Moorside. All entries should be handed in at reception before 12pm on Friday, 1st December. The design should be no bigger than A5 and should represent us as a school. We are really looking forward to seeing all the designs.

Past student news

This week, we have heard from one of our ex-students Rebecca Gosling. Rebecca has had a piece of Art exhibited at the Royal Academy of Arts Ulster, which is one of the highest accolades. The piece is called 'La Toilette Moderne' and she is giving academic talks on it at Queen's University Belfast. We are sure you will all agree, the piece is amazing, and it was lovely for Rebecca to share her success with us.

If you have friends or family that are past students and they wish to keep in touch with us via the Alumni, please do contact our Careers Advisor - Mr Farmer via MHSinfo@consilium-at.com



E Cigarettes (Vaping)

We continue to see lots in the press on the issue of 'vaping'. Sadly, it is still a growing problem across the country and one that all schools are having to spend more and more time and energy dealing with. On a practical level, it is more difficult to monitor than the smoking of cigarettes and this presents additional challenges for schools. We are also extremely concerned about the way vapes are being marketed especially in the local area and the perception amongst some students that they don't present any health risks. Vaping is illegal for under 18s and students are not permitted to bring vapes onto site under any circumstances. The typical consequence for anyone caught vaping in school is internal reflection with repeat offenders receiving a suspension which will go on their school record. As a school, we will continue to be vigilant on the issue and as always, rely upon your support. We would be grateful if you would talk to your children about the risks involved with vaping, as well as reinforcing the fact that it is illegal and will certainly not be tolerated in school. If you feel you need any support, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Going above and beyond

Last week I requested that parents share with us some good news stories around what our students are involved in outside of school. It was lovely to read about Rylan in Year 11 who, following his work experience day at the end of Year 10 did some further voluntary work at the same garage over the summer holidays learning more about general repairs on tyres, fitted track rod ends and was trained to use the car lift. He also had a trip to the MOT station to learn what is involved in the testing process. Over the half term break, he spent the week on a full-time voluntary placement, organised by himself at RRG Toyota Fleet Centre on Moorside Road. He has spent the week learning about the sale and safety checks of new cars, valeting, ABS number plates and the legal requirements and documents necessary. He has been working alongside the mechanics checking the safety of the cars sold before they are delivered and learning how a sales garage operates. Rylan is keen to begin a career in motor vehicle repair which he hopes will lead onto a career and a degree in motorsport. Wow Rylan, we are really proud of you! This really demonstrates our school value of 'Aspiration' and we are confident that Rylan is going to go on and do amazing things. I just hope he remembers me when my car breaks down!

Also, this week, Callum and Carter from Year 10, and Rose and Jacob from Year 9 were invited to represent the Youth Zone and meet the Mayor and Fred Done. A new partnership has been formed between Salford-born businessman Fred Done, Salford City Council and Manchester based charity, HideOut Youth Zone. With OnSide's support, the partnership will use their combined experience and skills to dramatically expand the opportunities available to young people in Salford, through the creation of a brand-new Youth Zone. The new Youth Zone, which will take over two years to develop, will be in the heart of Salford, close to Salford Crescent train station and the University of Salford. We are extremely proud of Callum, Carter, Rose, and Jacob for representing Moorside High School at this event. As a 'Thank you', the students were each gifted a Youth Zone Hoodie, which they are very proud of, and they have enjoyed wearing it around school to show their achievements.

These students will receive the Headteacher Award this week for their commitment to 'Social Responsibility' and for being such amazing ambassadors for the school.

We know that lots of our students go above and beyond, and we want to celebrate this with them, so please do let us all the positives that are happening within our community.

Year 9 & 10 Assessments.

The assessments for Year 9 & 10 will begin on Monday, 13th November. Timetables for these assessments have been given out to the students and can also be accessed on the school website by [clicking here](#). Also on this page are revision lists from the individual subjects. Please reassure your child that they must not worry about these assessments, they are an opportunity to find out what areas they still need to work and to give them confidence in what they already know. If your child has any concerns during the assessments, please do speak to their Head of Year.

Moorside Matters Parent Facebook Group.

If you would like to join, please head over to the Facebook page by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code. As is normal in most Facebook groups, you will be asked a few questions to verify your genuine connection with the school and agree to the group rules before being accepted.

We look forward to meeting you virtually through the Facebook group! Thank you for your support.



Bonfire Night & Staying Safe

This week, form tutors have reminded students around the dangers of fireworks and staying safe on Bonfire Night. We know each year that there are over 1000 injuries caused by fireworks, just under half of these being children who were injured by sparklers or fireworks. This year, Salford City Council has organised a Bonfire Night event at Buile Hill Park where there will be three firework displays. Salford have organised two events on Saturday, 5th November and Sunday, 6th November. If your child is attending the event, please do encourage them to stay safe. Please click here to access the [Salford Firework Weekend](#).

A promotional poster for the Salford Firework Weekend. The background is dark with colorful fireworks exploding. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of a carousel, a path with a person and a child, and several lit bonfires. The text is white and yellow. A pink button is in the bottom right corner.

Free **SALFORD FIREWORK WEEKEND**

Buile Hill Park | Saturday 4 November
Prince's Park Irlam | Sunday 5 November

visitsalford.info/firework

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Salford City Council | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

A poster for a poetry competition. The background is a cloudy sky with a silhouette of a soldier standing next to a cross on a hill. Red poppies are in the bottom left corner. The text is in black and red.

Lest We Forget...

Poems about War and Peace
Do you have a poem about war or peace you would like to share?

Closing date
Thursday 16th November
See Miss Smith

SILENT REMINDER - DISRUPTION FREE LEARNING

Regardless of the nature of disruptive behaviour, studies have shown that low-level disruption in classrooms results in:

- Lost instructional time (up to 50%, in some studies)
- Lowered academic achievement for the disruptive student and other students in the same class.

Research indicates that:

- Students in England are losing up to 38 days of learning each year because of low level disruption, including talking, calling out, not bringing the right equipment, being slow to follow instructions and mobile phones.
- More than 80% of parents surveyed wanted a formal, structured environment that gives their children clear boundaries for their behaviour.

In the best schools, teachers have high expectations of behaviour and are consistent in dealing with low level disruption.

We have high expectations of behaviour so that teachers can teach and all students have the opportunity to learn and make progress.

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Word of the Week

WORD OF THE WEEK

FORTITUDE

(NOUN)




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DETERMINATION | RESILIENCE | STRENGTH

Mental or emotional strength that enables courage in the face of adversity.

"Despite adversity, she showed great fortitude."



Puzzle of the Week

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Key Dates:

- Wednesday 8th November 2023 Year 8 HPV Catchup
- Friday 10th November 2023 Two Minutes Silence at 11:15
- W/C 13th November 2023 Year 9 & 10 Assessment Window
- Thursday 30th November 2023 Flu Vaccination – All students
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 Year 9 DTP
- Friday 15th December 2023 School closes to students for the Christmas break 12:10

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



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 upto 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

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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