



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 17.11.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

The weeks are really flying now, and it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through November. The Year 9 and Year 10 students have been fantastic during their first week of their assessment fortnight, with over 160 Year 10 students attending an English exam workshop on Monday evening. Year 11 also completed mock exams in Maths and English. Their conduct during these exams in the Sports Hall was phenomenal. Please do urge your child to prepare for these assessments, but also encourage them not to worry. The assessments are an opportunity for students to find out what they do not know and what they need to do to progress. If you or your child are concerned about the assessments, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

This week we have made a noise about bullying. Miss Drinkwater, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, delivered assemblies around this theme. Too often we know that students are silent when they see or hear bullying, they are often silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when they hear bullying being dismissed as 'just banter'. What often hurts the most, is not the cruelty of the oppressor, but the silence of the bystander. Our aim this week and moving forward is to ensure that students have a voice and can be heard when they are not happy with something. All students have been reminded about the 'Speak Up, Speak Out' campaign that can be found in the student planner.



Finally, this week, our Head Boy and Girl attended the Senior Leadership Team weekly meeting to discuss points raised during the recent School Council meeting. It was lovely for our students to have a voice and bring some fantastic ideas to the table. On the back of the school council meeting, we are going to look at some more whole school charity events and ways that we can support our students volunteering in the local community. Three Moorside students also joined their counterparts across the nine Consilium schools yesterday evening, to discuss important issues and ensure that the voice of the Moorside student is heard within the Trust. Items discussed on the agenda included: Catering, Safeguarding, Extended Writing, Transition, Feedback on the student experience and Marketing. The Consilium Council meet once per half term and is another part of our wider student leadership opportunities.

Please do not forget that we celebrate and highlight lots of events on our Instagram, Twitter/X account, please do follow us to see all the positives that are taking place.

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

The Big Book Swap

Some of us have books at home that we have read, re-read and now want to recommend and pass onto someone else for them to enjoy. We are holding The Big Book Swap where we are asking students to bring in these books and have the opportunity to swap them for a new title. Everyone is invited to take part; you don't need a book to swap to be included and select one to take home. The benefits of the book swap are:

- It's better for the environment.
- It's better financially.
- It ensures all students have access to good literature.

BOOKSWAP



Please send any children's fiction in with your child for them to take to Miss Smith in the library. Thank you for your support with this. The event will run during the month of November and December. Please do not forget we also have our Oliver Library Reservation System on the school website – Students can also choose books at home and collect in school from our Librarian. [Click here to access the Reading Hub.](#)

Year 11 - T'is the season to study!!

We have continued with our launch of 'T'is the season to study' with Year 11. Students had an assembly on how to prepare for the mock exams and the best way to use GCSEPod. All Year 11 students have also received a 'Make it Stick' booklet, [click here to access this](#), and a 'T'is the Season to Study' card to log attendance at interventions for our 12 Days of Christmas, [click here to access this](#). Please do not forget, all intervention sessions and information to support Year 11 can be found on the school website. [Click here.](#)

Christmas Card Competition.

We have started to receive some fantastic designs for our Christmas Card competition. 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 12noon 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.

Class of 2023 Certificate Collection

We are looking forward to welcoming our Class of 2023 back to school on Thursday 23rd November between 16:30-18:00. Our ex-students will be able to catch up with each other and staff over light refreshments whilst collecting their certificates. This is an informal event just for students, they can arrive and leave anytime between 16:30-18:00. All certificates will be available in Hub area of the Atrium. Students must sign for their certificates and will not be able to collect certificates for other students. If they are unable to collect certificates on this evening, certificates can be collected from main reception after this date.

Half Term Two events

As we approach Christmas, we have lots of activities planned. Some dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 22nd November - St Anne's Hospice Selection Box Donations.
- W/C Monday 27th November – Mission Christmas Toy Appeal to be launched.
- From Monday 4th December – Candy Canes will be on sale to be delivered to the students the last week of term.
- Thursday 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day for staff and students.
- Monday 11th December – Pride Club does Christmas concert.
- Tuesday 12th December – Moorside does 'Strictly Come Dancing 2023'.
- Thursday 14th December – Celebration Assemblies and Rewards Day. (Students can wear a Christmas Jumper)
- School closes to students on Friday 15th December at 12:05 and will re-open to students on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Ski Trip Information Evening

Mr Mills is going to be hosting a parents information evening for the parents of the students that have a place on the school ski trip. This will be taking place on Thursday 23rd November from 5pm-6pm where more information will be given about the details of the trip and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions you have.

To ensure that we can answer all questions thoroughly, where possible please email these in advance to Mr Mills at: MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

St Annes Hospice Appeal for Chocolate Donations

Moorside High School are supporting St Annes Hospice to deliver donations of chocolate for their Winter Fair at the Little Hulton Hospice. We are trying to collect as many chocolates for the chocolate stall as possible. The chocolate can be all shapes and sizes and will be used for a chocolate raffle stall. We are also hoping to donate lots of selection boxes for the Santa's grotto. Donations are being collected on Wednesday 22nd November so please donate to our reception team before then to ensure we can support such a wonderful cause.

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 RESPONSIBLE 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

INTRINSIC
(ADJECTIVE)



INTRINSIC

INHERENT | CORE | FUNDAMENTAL | CENTRAL

Belonging to a thing by its very nature.

"Every human has intrinsic worth."



Puzzle of the Week



Key Dates:

- Thursday 23rd November 2023 Class of 2023 GCSE Certificate Collection
- 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](#)

Moorside Matters Parent Facebook group.

If you would like to join, please head over to our 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.



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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:

mhclasscharts@consilium-at.com

THE MOORSIDE WAY

#TEAM MOORSIDE



Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



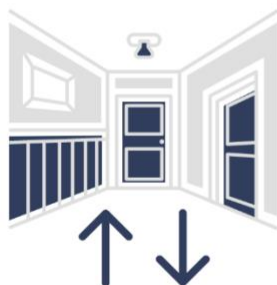
Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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