



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 24.11.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we welcomed back into school our class of 2023 students to receive their GCSE exam certificates. It was lovely to see them all again and hear about what they are up to now. We are proud of what they have achieved and look forward to keeping in touch with them and watching them continue to grow via our alumni group.

On Tuesday, Moorside students visited the Humphrey Booth Resource Centre to share their poetry with people suffering with dementia. The theme of the poems was happiness. Students had poetry read to them, shared stories and had a great afternoon with some fantastic people. Our students have entered their poems into a competition which could see them receive an invitation to present their poem on ITV's This Morning, a publication of written poems in the Poetry Together Anthology (held in the Royal Library and British Library) and £250 worth of books for the school library. We were so proud of them and staff at the Humphrey Booth centre said they were a credit to us as a school, so well done and thank you to those students that attended.



Look after school
property and keep
the school tidy

All week, students have had assemblies about 'Keeping Moorside Tidy'. It is always disappointing to see litter around school, especially at the end of lunchtime. We are really trying to encourage students to follow the 'Moorside Way' and look after school property and keep the school tidy. We want to achieve a litter-free school. We want to encourage students not to drop litter and instead help keep the school environment clean. To coincide with the assemblies, we are launching our Eco Project. Students can sign up to be part of an Eco Committee who are going to work together to hopefully secure us the Eco-School Green Flag Award. Students have been asked to sign up at reception before Friday at 3pm. All students are welcome to be involved.

We have also been celebrating 'Movember'. Movember is an important opportunity to raise awareness for and to think about the reasons why men in many cases, live shorter lives than women and how their health can be improved and many deaths prevented. Men's health matters and needs to be taken seriously. In honour of Movember, our students have been decorating 'Motivational Mustaches' celebrating inspirational men in their life.



Finally, this week, we have seen the first rehearsals take place for our summer show, Matilda. We are really excited to have a production running again and cannot wait to see the characters grow and develop.

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Mission Christmas

As we approach the festive season, we are encouraging everyone to be a secret Santa again this year. Moorside High School have always played a big role in supporting the charity Cash for Kids and we are hoping to have a record-breaking year this year. If you can support, all donations should be left in our charity supermarket trolleys. The only requirement from the charity is that donations are unwrapped and unused (new). We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our parents/carers, and we thank you in advance for your support with this.

Thank you to everyone that supported the St Anns Hospice chocolate appeal, we have been able to donate a huge trolley full of chocolates.

Food Bank

During the coming weeks, we will be collecting donations to support our local community. If you are able to spare a tin of beans or a packet of pasta, please do send them into reception.

Team Moorside's 'Great Christmas Jumper Exchange'

This year, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December, for a small donation to our food bank trolleys. Students will be invited to attend school wearing a Christmas jumper. To support sustainability, we are encouraging students to bring in their old Christmas jumper and potentially swap with a pre-loved one if they no longer fit. I am sure you will agree, it has probably only been worn once, last Christmas Jumper Day! During the jumper exchange, any Christmas jumpers donated, will be sold for a small donation (all donations going to charity). Students can bring in their jumpers up until the 5th of December. The big exchange will take place on the 6th of December, to enable students to wear them on the 7th of December.

Cost of Living

We are fully aware that for all families, this time of year can be particularly challenging, especially financially. We want our families to know that we are here to help should you be struggling. If you need any support, or we can help in any way, please do reach out to us by emailing, MHSInfo@consilium-at.com

ClassCharts

Thank you for your feedback on ClassCharts, we have now updated the system to allow you to see the class and the teacher that the ClassCharts points were added for. Hopefully you will find this useful. If there are any other areas that you would like to see developed or changed, please do let us know vis MHSClazzCharts@consilium-at.com and we can go back to the platform to see if they can support us. Thank you for your continued support with ClassCharts. If you haven't already signed up and require help to do this, please do contact us.

The Big Book Swap

Thank you to all parents that have sent in their pre-loved books. The book swap will continue to run until the end of the half term.

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.](#)

BOOKSWAP



Year 11 College Application Deadline

To support our Year 11 students with the fast-approaching college application deadline, Mr Farmer is offering support after school on a Tuesday for the next 2 weeks. The sessions will take place in the Hive and will offer support and guidance with completing college application forms (either paper or online) Any Year 11 student requiring support in completing an application form is welcome to attend.

- Tuesday 28th November (3-4pm)
- Tuesday 5th December (3-4pm)



Polite reminder: we encourage all students to apply to at least two colleges. The deadline for applications is Monday 11th December 2023.

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.

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Why do we have them:

- To help you to use key vocabulary, facts and quotes in lessons
- To break down learning in every subject into the most important ideas
- To guide your revision for all subjects in school
- To support you in being independent learners and improving your own work

What are the expectations?

- To bring your Knowledge Organiser folder to school every single morning and show your Form Tutor in Standards Time to receive positive points for equipment
- To put your Knowledge Organiser on the desk at the start of every lesson, ready to use, either when instructed to by your teacher or to support your independent learning



Word of the Week

WORD OF THE WEEK

ALLEVIATE

(VERB)



ALLEVIATE

REDUCE | RELIEVE | DIMINISH | MITIGATE

To make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe

"Friends can act as a support system to alleviate a problem."



Puzzle of the Week

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3	1		6	7			8	
9							1	2

Key Dates:

- 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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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY



Complete all homework and hand in on time



Play your part in the positive learning environment



Wear correct uniform



Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



Be respectful to everyone



Use technology appropriately



Look after school property and keep the school tidy



Move around the corridors sensibly



Listen and follow instructions first time



Arrive on time to school and lessons



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