



**Moorside
High School**
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 01.12.23

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we are already in December. We have lots of activities planned in the run up to Christmas and we look forward to everyone getting involved. You will find a full list at the end of the parent update, and I know our parents who run the 'Moorside Matters' Facebook page will be advertising these for us.

If you have not yet joined the Facebook group, we would encourage you to do so. The group promote lots of events and it is a fantastic platform for parents to share positive news and reminders about school life. If you would like to join the group, please scan the QR code.



This week, we had a visit from a member of the Emotionally Friendly Schools team. I am extremely pleased to inform you that we are currently in the process of applying and working towards the Bronze Emotionally Friendly School Accreditation.

The Emotionally Friendly Schools (EFS) programme is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children's mental health and well-being. The accreditation focuses on four key areas:

- Staff Wellbeing and School Ethos
- Classroom Practice
- Assessing Children's Needs
- Supporting Individual Children

One of our core values at Moorside High School is 'Consideration'. We want all our community to be considerate and to support the wellbeing of both staff and students. We aim to ensure that all students are happy, healthy and able to cope with everything that life may throw at them. We promote and teach all students to be resilient, confident and most of all be socially responsible. By adopting a whole school approach, we can ensure that wellbeing is central to everything that we do. Our EFS Champions in school are Mrs F Henn and Mrs H Richardson. We also have our 'Wellbeing Staff Champion', Mr A Howson. We are looking forward to implementing more interventions and whole school strategies to ensure wellbeing is at the heart of all we do. Please visit our website for more information on the accreditation.

Although it has been cold outside this week, it has been warm in school and as ever, the students continue to work hard and engage well. As we enter the final two weeks before the Christmas break, I am looking forward to celebrating their achievements at the celebration assemblies in the last week.

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 final weeks of term, we are continuing to collect donations to support our local community. If you can 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

Communication

We know that communication is a challenge in any organisation, and we are working hard to ensure parents feel heard and listened to, but more importantly informed about their child's life at school. We value positive relationships with parents and visitors to the school and we want to continue to develop our links with parents and the community. We know that schools work best when parents, students and staff all work together, and it is important that we all always model appropriate behaviour for our students. We appreciate that sometimes you may feel frustrated if you are unable to speak to someone straight away or the conversation may not be going as you would have hoped, however, please can we ask that you bear in mind that staff are only human, and they do not deserve to be spoken to or receive messages that are derogatory or threatening. We believe that staff, parents, and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm, or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the values of the school. If you are unhappy with a situation, or how you have been dealt with, please do contact MHSInfo@consilium-at.com and I will look into the circumstances either myself or a member of the senior leadership team will contact you direct.

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.

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 next Tuesday, 5th of December. The session 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.

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

Summer Exams 2023

The exam boards have released a provisional timetable for the external GCSE summer exams. These start on Tuesday 2nd May and are set to last for six school weeks. The last day for exams will be Thursday 20th June. The following week currently has a contingency day should exams need to be moved. The Year 11 Prom is provisionally booked for Friday 21st June 2024 at the AJ Bell stadium in Eccles/Irlam. Students will be required in school until their last exam, although we do try to collapse the timetable when the bigger exams have taken place so they can focus on the lessons for the smaller exams. [Click here to access the timetable](#)

PE during cold weather

Although we appreciate it is now much colder, all outdoor PE lessons will continue to take place until it is deemed unsafe to do so. Just a polite reminder that all students should wear their full school PE kit, even when they are injured as they are encouraged to take part in the lesson in an alternative role, such as a coach or umpire. If students are excused due to an injury, they will need to provide their class teacher with a note. All excused students must remain with their class as we are unable to provide alternative supervision. The PE Department have also advised all students to ensure that they wear their outdoor PE kit option. Please use the link provided if you are unsure on what is accepted as part of the PE kit. There is also a wider range of winter garments available to purchase at Whitakers. Students can also wear plain black or navy underlayers. If you have any concerns, please do contact Mr Higham – Head of PE. [Please click here to access the PE Kit options.](#)

Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA) Parent Group

9.30am-11.30am on Thursday 7th December, at Pendleton Gateway

Does your child struggle to attend school due to anxiety or other issues? Is it a battle each morning? Unsure of what support is out there or where to turn? We have a group that may help you!

The Educational Psychology Service and SIASS will be hosting the first of what we hope are going to be monthly parent and carer groups for those who have children and young people with EBSA. This is a group to find out more about EBSA, share experiences, speak with other parents and carers, support one another, and speak to professionals about any concerns you have.

These groups are for any parent and carer who has a young person experiencing EBSA. This can range from maybe being reluctant to going to school right up to those young people who maybe haven't attended for a long period of time. The group is there to support each other in a non-judgemental, open, and supportive environment where you can speak your mind and get support. If you want to come along, please email Steven.Booth@salford.gov.uk as we need to know numbers for refreshments and room booking etc. Please come along and share with anyone who may benefit from it. Steven Spencer-Booth, Salford Information, Advice and Support Service (SIASS) Manager

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - WINTER WATER SAFETY



In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

How to stay safe:

- Keep back from slippery banks and wear footwear with a good grip.
- Stick to well-lit areas - the reduction in daylight in the winter adds to risks around water.
- Plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.
- Ice can be extremely vulnerable even during periods of prolonged cold.
- Never go onto the ice.
- Keep children within reach and teach children not to go onto ice.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.
- If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.

In an emergency:

- Call 999 – **do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.**
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.
- Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

TWITTER CHRISTMAS ADVENT - TOP TIPS FOR YEAR 11

TWITTER 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS QUOTES - ENGLISH

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE

ELF ON A SHELF POSTS!

SEND A CANDY CANE MESSAGE FOR CHARITY

MISSION CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION

FILL YOUR HOUSE TROLLEY FOR THE FOOD BANK

ASSEMBLIES ON STAYING SAFE OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 7TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - 7TH DECEMBER

PRIDE CLUB DOES CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 11TH DECEMBER

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES - 14TH DECEMBER

MOORSIDE CHRISTMAS CINEMA - 14TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS QUIZ DAY - 15TH DECEMBER (EARLY FINISH 12.10)

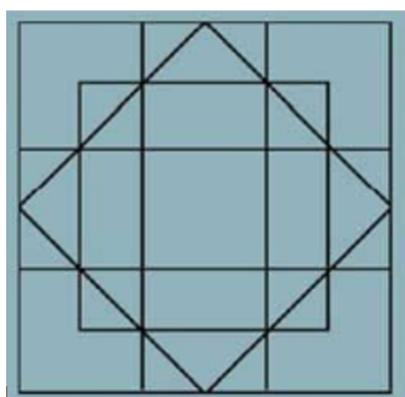
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Word of the Week



Puzzle of the Week



How many squares can you count?

Key Dates:

- 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