



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



*Happy
New Year*



**Consilium
Academies**

#TeamMoorside Parent Update 05.01.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first academic week of 2024. It has been fantastic to see the students return with a revised energy and ready to learn.

On Wednesday, each Year Group had an extended assembly with myself and Mr Thompson. The way they conducted themselves was outstanding. The aim of the assembly was to reinforce our expectations for behaviour for learning. At Moorside High School we really want to see a 'Disruption Free Learning Environment'. We believe that education is too important to waste a second on disruptive behaviour. Unfortunately, across the country, millions of children have their education stolen every day because of disruptive behaviour and we care too much to allow this to happen at Moorside High School. Following feedback from staff and students we have tweaked our current systems to aim to further reduce disruption in lesson. As you are aware, in all lessons, students are recognised and awarded ClassCharts points for doing the right thing. If a student does not meet the expectations of 'The Moorside Way', they will receive a BFL3 warning. At this stage, we do expect students to correct their behaviour if they don't meet our agreed expectations a second time, then traditionally they would receive a BFL Grade 4 and would be sent to a good neighbour. However, staff and students feel that students going into a good neighbour then disrupted a second class, so we have now introduced a removal room. Should a student not meet expectations following a verbal warning and a BFL3, they will be required to go to the removal room. This is a supervised room where they will complete English, Maths and Science work for the remainder of the lesson. This policy means that students take responsibility for their behaviour, we cannot allow disruptive behaviour in classrooms, it is not fair on the students that want to engage and do well. This clear system of rewards and consequences means that should students engage in lessons they are disruption free every minute, of every day. We are seeing more students really engaged in lessons, and by downloading the ClassCharts App you will be able to see how your child's day looks. Students are desperate to see all green on their ClassCharts app and we would encourage you to have conversations with them about their profile. If you have not yet managed to log onto the ClassCharts app yet, please do email MHSclasscharts@consilium-at.com if you need any support with this.

This half term is a very important one for both Year 11 and Year 9 students. For Year 9, it is time to consider their choices for KS4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure you that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the next six weeks. More information will be sent directly to parents/carers nearer the time. Also, our Year 11 students will be embarking on their Mock Exams. The Mock Exams are a perfect opportunity to find out what they do not know and what they need to focus on, in the run up to the external exams in May. There is a lot of support available and extra sessions are on offer for Year 11. We are confident that if they fully engage in all this support, they will be able to go into the summer exams ready to be successful.

Finally, since September, like all schools, we have also had a focus on attendance. We know it is widely acknowledged that attendance has a direct impact upon achievement, success, and welfare. To encourage good punctuality and attendance, students will continue to be entered into a fortnightly prize draw for 100% attendance for that fortnight and bonus house points will be awarded for improved attendance/punctuality. As a reminder, the linked document gives some good advice around if your child is too ill for school. To access this, [please click here](#).

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

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

Year 11 Mock Exams

As we have mentioned, the Year 11 mock exams begin next week. It was really pleasing to see last term, the increasing numbers of our Year 11 students who were accessing the extensive intervention sessions that are available to them. As you are aware, we have breakfast workshops, after school revision classes and Saturday School. Alongside this, all students take part in extra English and Maths retrieval and exam practice sessions during R time.

The mock exams will take place from Wednesday 10th January until Friday 26th January. All students have been given the mock exam timetable and a copy of this is also available on the school website. The arrangements for the exams are the same as those which were followed for the November English and maths assessments.

We do recognise that some students are feeling apprehensive about the examinations and may feel under pressure in the coming months. We want to reassure you and them, that we are here to support them, and they do not need to worry.

Year 11 Prom & Leavers Hoodies

We are pleased to confirm that the Year 11 Prom will take place at the AJ Bell stadium, Irlam, Eccles. On Friday 21st June 2024. More information will be circulated to parents in the coming weeks about both the Prom and the Leavers Hoodies.

Year 10 Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 Parents and Carers to Parents Evening on Thursday 11th January 2024. Please ensure you have booked your appointments via school cloud on the school website. If you require any support with this, please do contact your child's Head of Year, either Mr Birchall or Mr Schofield.

Short Story Competition

As a school, we have launched our latest creative writing competition and The Portico Library have stated, how excited they are that as a Trust, Consilium Academies have chosen to be involved in this competition. It is extremely important to us that all our young people's voices are heard, we want the short story competition to be about those stories and voices of the North of England that aren't always heard. We would like our students to focus on how young people relate to their environment, in whatever way they choose to express. Students can also complete a book review, and it would be great to see some reviews of northern writers' books.



The competition is open to all years. Mrs Beach and Ms King will be running an afterschool club to support students creating the best entries they can, ready for the deadline - 22nd March 2024.

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.



Key Dates:

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| • Wednesday 10 th January 2024 | Year 11 Mock Exams begin. |
| • Thursday 11 th January 2024 | Year 10 Parents Evening |
| • Thursday 18 th January 2024 | Year 9 Parents Evening |

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

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - WHAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LOOK LIKE

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.

During your lessons you will...

- **Enter with Excellence** - This means entering the room quietly, sitting down and getting out your equipment, knowledge organiser, planner and any homework
- **Complete a Retrieval task** - This will be on the board ready and you will complete the task in silence
- **Receive New Learning** - You will learn an element of the subject that you have not learnt before
- **Complete Independent Practise** - You will complete a period of independent work in silence
- **Exit with Excellence** - You will pack up when asked, push your chair under, ensure there is no rubbish where you have been sitting and when dismissed, leave the classroom sensibly and quietly to move to your next lesson

THE MOORSIDE WAY #TEAM MOORSIDE



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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



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

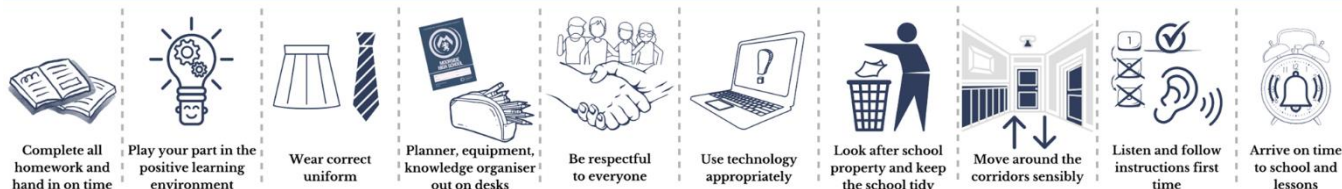
If you have more than one child at the school you can use the same parent account to view achievement data for all your children.

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



TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY



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.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

Keep back from slippery banks.
Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.
Never go onto the ice.



KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

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.



Enjoy Water **Safely**



IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
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.
Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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.

Message from SIASS - SIASS DROP-INS W/C 08.01.24

Happy New Year and all the best from SIASS for 2024. SIASS hopes you have had a restful festive break. We are continuing with our very successful drop-ins throughout 2024, providing parents, carers, and young people weekly access to a qualified SIASS Officer, allowing for quicker, more timely and impactful support as and when needed.

We run two types of drop-ins: general SIASS ones for all queries relating to special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and neurodevelopmental drop-ins, specifically addressing issues relating to neurodiversity. These sessions are held online via Microsoft Team and in-person at alternative sites across the city.

Wednesday 10th January, 10am-2pm, at Swinton Gateway (<https://www.salford.gov.uk/.../gateway.../swinton-gateway/>) Swinton Gateway, 100 Chorley Road, Swinton, M27 6BP

This is an open session, first come first served. You cannot book a slot. Please note due to the busy nature of the surgeries slots are a maximum of 30 minutes long.

These are specifically for parents and carers who have queries relating to a child or young person's possible or actual neurodiversity (for example, autism, ADHD, sensory processing disorder, Tourette's, etc).

You should access these sessions if your child is:

- Waiting to be referred to the neurodevelopmental pathway
- Is on the neurodevelopmental pathway under assessment
- Has been turned down for a neurodevelopmental pathway assessment
- Has a recent diagnosis (less than 6 months ago)
- Has a diagnosis and is experiencing difficulties that relate specifically to their neurodiversity
- You feel your child may have neurodiversity and are unsure of next steps

Friday 12th January, 10am-2pm, SIASS Drop-In, at Swinton Gateway (<https://www.salford.gov.uk/council-buildings-and-venues/gateway-centres/swinton-gateway/>)

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Word of the Week

