



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 26.01.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have continued with our 'Enter' and 'Exit' with excellence in lessons. At the start of each lesson, students carry out a retrieval practice to recall information they have previously learnt. To ensure that students do not miss this vital element of the lesson, they must ensure they are arriving on time, ready to learn. As the mock exams have now finished, we will be turning back on the bell system. If a student is late after the countdown bell, they will receive a consequence. We appreciate that we are a big site, but students are given plenty of time from the first bell to the countdown bell, to arrive at the next lesson. If your child is late for lesson and you receive a ClassCharts notification, please do remind them of the importance of arriving on time and making every second of the lesson count. We will also be reminding them of this via the Silent Reminder shown each morning during Standards Time. We know that for students to be successful, they not only need to be in every lesson on time, but they also need to write more to remember more. During lesson time, staff aim to encourage students to complete a period of independent work. We have been really impressed with how the students have responded to this and when you walk around school lessons feel settled and purposeful. As a school we are currently looking at homework and how we can use this to ensure that learning continues outside of the classroom. We have several online platforms that students can access to support with or complete homework on. Homework is currently set on ClassCharts and we are looking at how we can make this more accessible and ensure it is consistent across all subjects. If you have any thoughts on any of the online platforms that students have access to, please do share these with us via MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We will also be carrying out student voice to get the views of the student so we can ensure we tailor our homework to suit the students' needs and learning styles. Over the coming weeks, we will share more information about this.

We have an important week next week for our Year 9 students. It is this time of year when they need to start considering their choices for Key Stage 4 and ultimately those subjects they will achieve their first external qualifications in. We know these are big decisions and would like to reassure students and parents that there will be a great deal of support on offer during the Year 9 Choices process which is about to start. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 9 parents into school on Tuesday, 30th January at 5:30pm where we will go through the process with them. All Year 9 students will receive information about the process during an assembly on Tuesday and will then hear from the different subject specialists across the week. Year 9 parents should have received the information about this evening, but if not, please do just come along, there is no need to inform us of your attendance.

Finally, a polite reminder that school is closed to students on Monday, 29th of January for the INSET day. Only Year 11 will be attending school for their mock interviews and more detail is available below with regards to these. We look forward to welcoming students back after the weekend on Tuesday, 30th of January at 8:25am.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Parent Forum

We would like to run a Parent Forum each term with our parents/carers. If you have a particular area you would like to discuss with us as a school, please do contact MHSinfo@consilium-at.com we will then organise a forum to support the topic of choice.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Following a successful few weeks completing their mock exams, Year 11 can now take a deep breath and continue to move forward in their preparation for the external exams. Staff are currently busy marking the mock exams and students will receive their results during the Mock Examination Result Day on Thursday, 15th of February. These results will also be sent home along with a 'working at' grade. Parents will be able to discuss these results at the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday, 29th of February following the half term break.

Year 11 Mock Interviews – Monday 29th January 2024

As part of our on-going Careers Programme in Year 11, we are inviting students to take part in a MOCK INTERVIEW with a visitor from the world of work. The mock interview day will take place on Monday, 29th of January, which is an INSET day for school. Students will be issued with an interview time so they can come into school, have their interview and then go home. Students should expect to be in school for this event around 40-50 minutes maximum. Visitors will range from sixth form / FE colleges, Universities, Apprenticeship providers and Employers. It is a superb opportunity for the students to gain an understanding of what a real interview may be like and practice their skills in preparation for them finishing Moorside High School this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Farmer.

Timings for the day: The interviews are planned by form group - students need to be in school 10 minutes before their set interview time below:

Group 1 - 11EH	09.00 – 09.20
Group 2 - 11EM	09.20 – 09.40
Group 3 - 11JH	09.40 – 10.00
Group 4 - 11JM	10.00 – 10.20
BREAK	10.20 - 10.40
Group 5 - 11LH	10.40 - 11.00
Group 6 - 11LM	11.00 - 11.20
Group 7 - 11PH	11.20 - 11.40
Group 8 - 11PM	11.40 - 12.00

Knowledge Organisers.

All Key Stage 3 students have received their spring term Knowledge Organiser booklet this week. These should be kept in the plastic folder provided in September, with their Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser. These are often used in lessons and can be a great support for homework. All students should have their Knowledge Organiser out on the desk at the start of every lesson. If your child has not received their new Knowledge Organiser, please do ask them to collect one from reception. Key Stage 4 students will be given their subject Knowledge Organisers in the different subject lessons.

Attendance Matters

As you are aware, we are continuing to encourage good attendance and ensuring that standards are kept high. Thank you to all our parents/carers that are supporting this drive to ensure that students are in school on time, in full school uniform and have all their equipment with them (including, planner, knowledge organiser and reading book). If you need any support in ensuring your child has everything they need, please do contact your child's Head of Year

Short Story 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 of 22nd of 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:

- **Monday 29th January 2024** INSET Day (no students in school apart from the Year 11 Mock Interviews)
- **Tuesday 30th January 2024** Year 9 Choices Evening
- **Thursday 15th February 2024** Year 11 Mock Results Day
- **Friday 16th February 2024** Year 9 Choices Deadline
- **Friday 16th February 2024** School closes at 14:55 for February Half term.

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

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER WE ARRIVE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL & LESSONS



Rules

- All students should be on site for 08:25 each morning.
- Students must be in form to register at 08:30 for standards time.
- If you arrive to school after 09:00 you will not get your morning mark which will impact your attendance.
- Student must move quickly and sensibly between lessons to ensure they arrive on time.
- If you arrive after the countdown bell for lessons, you will be classed as VERY late and will be issued with a consequence.

Why

- Being punctual shows us that you want to be here and are eager to learn.
- Arriving on time for lesson means you do not miss out on any learning or miss the retrieval activity.
- Arriving on time for Standards time means you do not miss important messages.
- Arriving on time is a quality that you need in life, so it is good to get into good habits of being on time

#TheMoorsideWay

COUNTDOWN
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Word of the week

WORD OF
THE WEEK

PARADIGM

(NOUN)



PARADIGM

MODEL | EXAMPLE | ARCHETYPE | STANDARD

A model of something, or a very clear and typical example of something.

"He was funny, kind, and helped solve problems - the paradigm of a great friend!"





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

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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 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