



# Moorside High School

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February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, Year 11 students will receive their mock exam results during Period 1 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Instead of simply being handed the results of their mock exams, the students will experience what the real GCSE results day will feel like, opening an envelope and seeing all their results in one place. Students will be spoken to first in the Performance Hall and will then go to the Sports Hall to receive their envelope. The mock results day will mark the starting point for the final approach to the summer examinations and our aim now is to build on students' success so far and continue to support them to achieve their full potential in the final exams.

There will inevitably be some tension, nervous energy and excitement, but nobody needs to worry too much; there will be advice, support and guidance before and after opening their envelopes and, over the following weeks, the Senior Leadership Team and subject teachers will be able to spend time reflecting on and discussing results with students and we will be sharing bespoke intervention packages to do our best to ensure every student gets what they need over the coming months.

Mock examinations are very important; they have provided students with the opportunity to practise revision strategies and techniques and highlighted areas that they need to focus on to further improve. The information yielded from the analysis of the question papers will be used to develop targeted intervention and revision between now and the final exams. For both students and teachers, these results provide clarity about the next steps forward. Mock results day will also be an opportunity to celebrate progress made by many students towards achieving and exceeding their targets at this key point in their journey.

Following the mock exam results, parents/carers will receive their child's Progress Report on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The Progress Report will provide you with a 'working at grade' for each subject, this is an indication of where they are currently working. Parents/carers can discuss any concerns from the progress report or mock exams during the Year 11 parent/carers evening on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The booking platform for the evening is now open and can be accessed via school cloud. Following this evening, if you still have any concerns about multiple subjects, please do contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com), where we will then arrange for a meeting with your child's Head of Year to look at their subjects holistically and what support we can offer.

We will be encouraging students to use all the information from Parents' Evening, the Progress Report, and their mock results, to devise their own revision programmes for the rest of the year. Students will receive a blank revision timetable and guidance to support them completing this. Over the next few months, students will still be receiving homework from subject teachers, and we would be expecting students to be completing at least two to three hours a night revision (including homework) and more at the weekend. I'd also like to take this opportunity to say something about private tutors. Whilst we do recognise that tutors can be helpful in some cases, we do also urge caution. Often students tell us that 'it's ok, I've got a tutor for that subject' and give the impression that this therefore means they do not need to do any other revision. In most cases, it is not a tutor that is needed, but rather the student just needs to spend more time on their own ensuring that they are making the relevant information stick in their mind – and teachers can help where it is genuinely a question of not understanding a topic.

In order to support students on their journey to the final exams, not only does February 15<sup>th</sup> mark the mock results day, it also marks the launch and the first day of our '40 days to Amaze!' Between February 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 inclusive, there are just 40 school days left. When we return after the Monday May Bank Holiday, there will then just be 4 school days before the start of the external exams on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The '40 days to Amaze' will be a high profile, supportive countdown that will enable students to pick up top tips and support, as well as reward points (and we all know what points mean... prizes!) I hope that your child will come home following the mock results day positive about how they are going to 'amaze' in the run up to the exams and what they are going to do to get the best possible grades they deserve.

We have a number of intervention sessions that have run after school and on a Saturday since September. These sessions will all continue to run, and you will receive an updated after school timetable at Parents Evening.

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During February half term, school will be open, and the following session will be running.

## February half term school

Date	09:00-10:00	10:00-11:00	11:00-12:00
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	English – Ms Ghelichi (targeted intervention – students will be invited)		
	English – Miss Powell	Classics – Miss Powell	
	Independent Study Room – Open to all students		
	GCSE Pod Study Room – Open to all students		
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Drama – Practical Performance Practice – Miss Edge		
	Independent Study Room – Open to all students		
	GCSE Pod Study Room – Open to all students		
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Art – Mrs Goth		
	History – Mrs McGivern		
	Independent Study Room – Open to all students		
	GCSE Pod Study Room – Open to all students		
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	English – 11XA – Miss McCandless		
	Independent Study Room – Open to all students		
	GCSE Pod Study Room – Open to all students		

From Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024, the following sessions will also be available:

- Computing
- Science
- Drama
- Art
- English
- Classics
- Spanish
- Maths
- Study Room
- GCSEPod Room

More detailed information will be shared when we return after half term with regards to who will be involved and the times of the sessions for Saturday School and we will also share the plan for Easter School.

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I appreciate that there is a lot of information to take in, but please be reassured, we are communicating regularly with students and all sessions are on Twitter and the Year 11 board in school.

The weeks and days are going extremely quickly, but one quick way to ensure they are getting everything they need is to ensure they are in school daily on time, attending every lesson and making every minute count.

As a leadership team we are very much enjoying working with Year 11, ensuring they are working hard and making it stick in preparation for the summer exams and are confident with continued hard work and commitment they will achieve the success they are capable of.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

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