



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 16.02.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

And just like that, it is the end of another busy half term! This half term we have seen lots of really good work taking place around school. The Library and the Gazebo in the Atrium have celebrated many events from Wonderful Work Wednesday (WOW Wednesday), to raising awareness of the Food Bank, celebrating LGBTQ+ month and Chinese New Year. Also, this half term, we have had a focus on extended writing and disruption free learning. Previously at Moorside, we have had a system where if a student, following a warning continues to disrupt, they would be placed in a 'Good Neighbour'. Good Neighbour was another classroom on the same corridor. However, feedback from students was that they felt not only did this disrupt the original lesson, but also the lesson they then attended. As a result of this feedback, we have created a supervised room where students attend if they are continuing to disrupt following a warning and are exited from the lesson. In this room, students are set Maths, English and Science work and are required to stay for the remainder of the lesson. Feedback from students and staff has shown that this has made classrooms and corridors much more settled, so we will be continuing with this after half term. Whilst walking around lessons, it is very clear that those students in lesson are working hard and engaging well. We have seen a big increase in extended writing and independent work, and we look forward to seeing this continue to develop across all subjects.

After half term, we will be reminding students about not only the standards in lessons, but also the standards around uniform. We appreciate that in bad weather, shoes often get very wet, and there has been the need on the odd occasion for reasonable adjustments for trainers. However, we have seen more trainers on students and non-uniform hooded tops over the past few weeks. Please can we remind parents/carers that students are expected to wear full school uniform. Black Lycra skirts or rolled up short skirts are not permitted, and students will be challenged about this when we return after half term. Students are allowed to wear discreet makeup, but false eyelashes and nails, along with multiple or facial piercings are not allowed. All students should also have a school tie and a blazer with them every day and they are expected to wear black school shoes. A full list of the uniform can be found on the school website. Mr Thompson will be doing an assembly when we return to remind students of these expectations. Any student who is not in the correct uniform will be required to complete a consequence; they will always be offered the opportunity to lend an item of uniform or correct their uniform in the first instance. Please can I ask for your support with this, and to reinforce these messages at home with your child. If you require any support with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Next half term is going to be a busy one for our Year 11 students as they continue their hard work in preparation for the external exams. We will also be collating all the 'Choices' forms for Year 9 and doing our best to ensure they get the choices they have requested for Key Stage 4. Alongside this, we will be celebrating World Book Day and Careers Week, and we also have our Easter Celebration assemblies and our first ski trip departing. The half term is only four and a half weeks, but there is already lots planned, so I am sure it will pass in the blink of an eye. As always, if you have any concerns or thoughts you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term break and I look forward to welcoming your child back into school on Monday, 26th February at 8:25am.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

11 Parents' Evening

This is taking place on Thursday, 29th of February. Booking is now open via school cloud.

[Please click here to access](#) further information around the event. The Year 11 reports will be sent to parents on Monday, 26th of February.

Year 8 Parents' Evening

This is taking place on Thursday, 14th of March. Booking is now open via school cloud.

[Please click here to access](#) further information around the event.

Year 11 Drama

Year 11 GCSE Drama students will be completing their Component 3 exam on Wednesday, 13th of March. This is their scripted performance which they have been working hard on since before Christmas. An external examiner will be coming in to school on the day to watch the performances as this is worth 20% of their final grade. In preparation for this, each student will complete a technical rehearsal for one period on Tuesday, 12th of March. Good luck to all the students involved!

Year 9 Choices

Polite reminder that all choices forms need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 28th of February. If your child is struggling to decide on their Key Stage 4 choices, please do encourage them to speak to any of their teachers or either Miss Stephan, Mr Farmer or Mr Gibbins.

Feel Good February

Feel good February continues this week, it has been great to see the students getting involved. Please do remind your child that a flyer with all the challenges is available from the school library.

We have reminded students to ask permission at home before they complete any of the challenges, and that they need to stay safe and make sure they tidy up after themselves!

If students complete one of the activities, we are encouraging them to share them with us at: MHswellbeing@consilium-at.com



Also, please do not forget to encourage students to email their evidence from Strava, phone or Fitbit to: MHswellbeing@consilium-at.com for our Lands End to John O'Groats challenge.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents that have suggested a theme for our next Parent Forum via MHsinfo@consilium-at.com. Looking at what parents would like to discuss, we will be running two sessions on Friday, 28th of March, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. One session will be with Miss Smalley (Quality of Education Deputy Headteacher) on homework and work outside the classroom and one session will be with Mr Thompson (Pastoral Deputy Headteacher) on Rewards and Behaviour for Learning. More information on the timings of the sessions and how to book a place will be circulated when we return after half term.

Attendance Matters

As you know, good attendance is important to us. Research suggests that 17 days missed at school equates to losing a full GCSE. 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all, so we must make sure all students are in school! If you require any support in getting your child in to school, please do contact their 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.



Activities from Salford Community Leisure.

Please find below a list of activities that has been shared with us from Salford Community Leisure.

Mondays

The Valley Youth Club (multisport, arts & crafts, console gaming) – The Valley Community Centre, Swinton, M27 5UX – 6:30 till 8pm – 8 to 16-year-olds, FREE, show up on the day.

Thursdays

Soccerstars Swinton (6-week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Swinton Pendlebury Leisure Centre, M27 9SZ – 4:30 till 5:15pm- 5- to 11-year-old, £31.80 per 6 week block. Spaces currently limited but open to book for new customers from 15/02. Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

Soccerstars Eccles (6-week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Eccles Leisure Centre, M30 0DD – 4:00 till 4:45pm- 5- to 11-year-old, £31.80 per 6 week block. more spaces available open to book for new customers from 15/02 - Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

Fridays

Soccerstars Salford Sport Village (6-week football development course, beginner to intermediate) – Salford Sports Village, M7 3NQ– 5:00 till 5:45pm- 5 to 11 year old, £31.80 per 6 week block. more spaces available open to book for new customers from 16/02 Can email jleague@scll.co.uk to enquire or head to leisure centre to book.

February Half Term

Playstreets at St Thomas Church (Action packed multisport, crafts and games session) – St Thomas Church Clifton, M27 8GL – Wednesday 21st Feb 10am-12pm – 5 to 11 year old, FREE to attend, Meal and drink provided, booking is required and can be done following the link [Playstreets St Thomas Church with Salford Community Leisure · Eequ](#)

Playstreets at The Valley Youth Club (Action packed multisport, crafts and games session) – The Valley Community Centre, Swinton, M27 5UX 8GL – Friday 23rd Feb 1pm-3pm – 5 to 11 year old, FREE to attend, Meal and drink provided, booking is required and can be done following the link [Playstreets The Valley CC with Salford Community Leisure · Eequ](#)

For any further information don't hesitate to contact us at activecommunities@scll.co.uk or by checking out our Facebook page at [Active Communities | Salford | Facebook](#)

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.

Please note, this Facebook page is not run by the school, all content and discussions are posted by parents.



Key Dates:

- Monday 26th February 2024 School reopens at 8:25am
- Wednesday 28th February 2024 Year 9 Choices Deadline
- Thursday 29th February 2024 Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 7th March 2024 World Book Day
- Thursday 14th March 2024 Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 27th March 2024 Rewards Assemblies
- Thursday 28th March 2024 INSET Day (School closed to students)


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

Word of the week

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SENTIMENT

(NOUN)




SENTIMENT

FEELING | ATTITUDE | OPINION | IDEA | THOUGHT

A thought, opinion, or idea based on a feeling about a situation, or a way of thinking about something.

"He was overwhelmed by the sentiments of love and support in the cards and letters he received."



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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

 Moorside High School **TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY**  Consilium Academies



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