



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 01.03.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a difference it makes when the mornings and evenings start to get lighter, it certainly feels like Spring is on the way. Students have returned following the half term with a renewed energy and Year 11 certainly appear to be extremely focused ready for the next few months in the run up to the exams. We have over 35 Year 11 students heading off to Winmarleigh Hall this afternoon on a revision weekend and many more students have signed up for our new Period 6 tutoring/intervention sessions that will take place each day from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It was also lovely to welcome our Year 11 parents/carers to the parent/carer evening last night and we look forward to welcoming the Year 8 parents/carers on Thursday, 14th of March. Bookings are already open for this event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and carers of Year 9 students. We were extremely pleased to see that over 93% of 'Choices' forms were handed in by the deadline. Over the next few months, we will do our best to accommodate the students' subject choices. Once we have finalised all the students' choices, we will share with parents/carers and students later in the summer term.

In assemblies this week, we have had a careers focus, ready for National Careers Week next week. During Careers Week, there will be an additional focus on careers related learning in school. In addition, we have provided some additional resources that both students and parents might find useful when exploring careers at home. Please [click here](#) to access a letter with more information. The team at National Careers Week are also hosting a Virtual Careers Fair where a range of employers and Post-16 providers are able to provide information on various different job roles, courses and apprenticeships after leaving school. This is a great opportunity for careers research and employer engagement! The Careers Fair goes live from Monday, 4th of March; simply visit: <https://ncw2024.co.uk/> (no registration required!)

All students – from Year 7 to Year 11 – have access to an online career platform called "Xello". This is an interactive resource which can help suggest careers or job areas that may interest students in the future, based on their skills, interests and personality. You can access [A free parents guide to National Careers Week! – Click here to download](#), there is also a dedicated [careers page on our school website](#).



As part of Careers Week, we will also be launching to Year 10 students our 'Work Shadow' opportunity. This will be taking place on Thursday the 4th and Friday the 5th of July. Further information will be sent to parents/carers in the next couple of weeks. Due to Covid and the changing education landscape, many schools have not had the traditional two weeks' Work Experience for the past few years. Last year we introduced a Work Shadow Day which was extremely successful. This year we have extended the shadow placements to two days, along with all Year 10 students attending a further full college experience day on Wednesday, 3rd of July. Students have already been informed about the college day and are currently choosing their options for the day.

Next week is also World Book Day. To celebrate, we will be having several events running throughout the week, and I look forward to sharing these with you via the parent update next Friday.

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 weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Motivational March

March is the beginning of Spring and a new wheel of seasons. The warmth and refreshing weather bring energy back, that's why it's the second-best time to start something new besides the New Year. We will be aiming to create a positive environment in school, especially for Year 7 & 8 who have assessments after Easter.

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.

World Book Day

The next two weeks are due to be a hive of activity for the library. On Thursday, 7th of March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Many staff have agreed to dress as their favourite character. The day will be a celebration of reading and classes will undertake various quizzes and receive their World Book Day vouchers. These can be exchanged at several retailers for a free book <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

A book fair is being held from the 11th to the 15th of March in the Atrium, where students could use their WBD vouchers for a £1 reduction on the purchase price on a book they have waiting to buy. Five lucky students will win a book as part of the WBD celebrations. Students will be able to purchase via a QR code, use cash or order from home. The library will also be showcasing events linked to the National Careers Week.

Year 11 Drama

Polite reminder - The 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!

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. Bookings for these two forums will open next week and information on how to reserve a place will be circulated to parents.

Working with the community

We are very aware that sadly, some of our young people are not as socially responsible as we would like, especially in the local community outside of school hours. We are working hard with external agencies to change this and find activities for our young people to engage in. However, should you have any concerns, we have been informed about an independent charity who work to help communities. Crimes/incidents can be reported anonymously as intelligence through this platform and the information is then passed to the Police if necessary. If you have any concerns, please do register these with Crimestoppers. More information can be found on their website. <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

100% anonymous.
Your IP address and location
are not tracked by Crimestoppers



Lost Property

We have a large number of items in our lost property in school. Please can you encourage your child to check the Hive if they have lost anything. Due to limited space, anything not collected by the Easter Holidays will be taken to the local charity shop. We do aim to return any items found if they have a name in, so please do name items.

Biometrics

As you are aware, many schools use automated biometric recognition to provide services for children in school, namely the catering services. As we are updating our catering system, we need to retake students fingerprints before the new system can go live. To retake the biometric reading, we must gain consent from parents/carers before biometrics are used. To get the new system up and running quickly we would like to ask that you give consent for your child to have their fingerprints retaken via the link on the letter you have received by Friday, 8th of March. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Key Dates:

- 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](#)

Silent reminder

SILENT REMINDER - READING

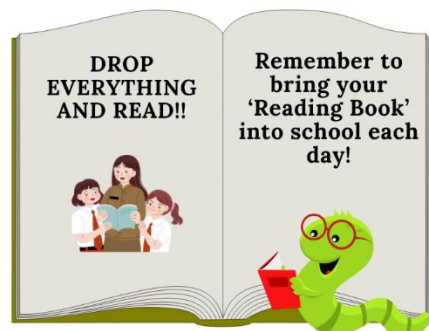


Reading for pleasure expands our learning, helps us to discover new ideas and develops our brains. Students who read outside of school are more likely to get better grades in school, achieve higher paying careers and even live longer, healthier lives! Our library is open every break and lunch time and you can borrow books to read at home. All students can also view books online using our Oliver Library System. Pop in and ask the Librarian to show you how.



5 Benefits of Reading...

- Reduces stress and helps you relax.
- Improves your concentration and memory.
- Vocabulary expansion and strengthens your writing abilities.
- Enhances your knowledge.
- Increases your imagination and creativity.



Word of the week

WORD OF THE WEEK

ENLIGHTEN

(VERB)



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INFORM | NOTIFY | ILLUMINATE | ADVISE | TELL

To give someone greater knowledge and understanding about a subject or situation.

"If you're struggling with a topic, your teachers will be happy to enlighten you!"



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.



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

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CONSIDERATION **A**SPIRATION **R**ESILIENCE **E**QUALITY



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