



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 08.03.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a very busy week this week with Careers Week and World Book Day.

As part of Careers Week, we have had lots of trips running and activities across the week. We have had students visit ForHousing in Eccles, Bolton University and the BBC visited Moorside.....

On Thursday for World Book Day, the corridors were full of lots of staff dressed up as their favourite character for the day. I thoroughly enjoyed being Mary Poppins! Although sadly the 'spoonful of sugar' in my coffee, didn't really help with the tidying of my office!

Other activities during the day included students taking part in a form time quiz, with lots of prizes up for grabs including the chance for five lucky students to select a free book at next week's book fair. Students also received the World Book Day vouchers. Students can exchange these vouchers for a free book at major retailers and local community libraries, the titles available are on the vouchers. We also have a book fair 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. Students will be able to purchase via a QR code, use cash or order from home.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

This week, we have also introduced 'Reading with a Ruler', all Year 7 students were given a 'Team Moorside' ruler. This ruler will be used during our 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions. It will allow the students to follow the text in the book as it is being read. Students will be expected to have their reading book flat and be following the words along the ruler. During the Inset Day at the end of the term, staff will also be receiving training on 'Guided Reading' so we can fully support students improving their reading in school.

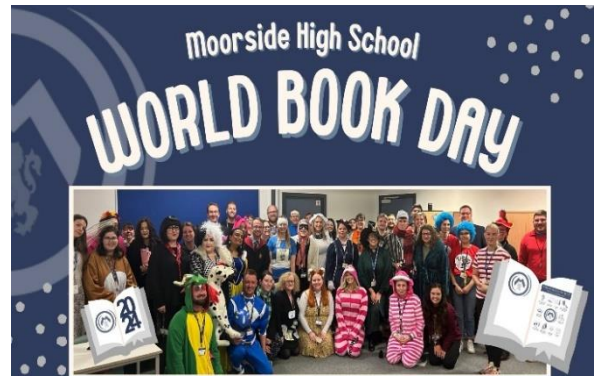
During Assembly, Year 7 to 9 were informed about the 5 A Day Reading challenge that is running in school. Students are to read 5 pages a day, they can then get teachers/parents/carers to sign that they have done so. Once they complete the challenge, they will be rewarded with bonus house points.

Finally for World Book Day, the Gazebo was up in the Atrium at lunchtime. Students were able to sign up for the Salford Children's Book Award, now in its 21st year. When students have signed up for this, students will then attend a weekly reading club at lunchtime on a Monday. There are six shortlisted books to read and write a review on, the students then vote for their favourite. In June students will have the opportunity to attend the Adelphi Theatre for the award ceremony, where the students' winner will be announced. At this event, students can chat with the authors, ask questions, obtain autographs and photos with their favourite author. Students can also put themselves forward to be a part of the ceremony and present on stage on behalf of Moorside. We are really looking forward to seeing students sign up for this opportunity.

As always, if you have any concerns or thoughts you would like to share with me, please do not hesitate to contact me via MHInfo@consilium-at.com

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher



Young Carers



Over the past few weeks, we have been working closely with Gaddum Young Carers to achieve our Gaddum Award. We are pleased to say that following staff training and student assemblies we have now achieved this. Young Carers look after other people who rely on their help. Caring is different for everyone and may include everyday cooking and cleaning or sorting out medication. They might have to do much more because family member can't do some things themselves without some help. As a school, we are fully aware of this group of students and through this award we are able to ensure we support them the best we can. [Please click here for more information about Gaddum Carers.](#)

Local Offer

The Local Offer gives information on what's available locally for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families. The Local Offer provides information about education, health, activities, and events, preparing for adult life, and much more. There have been lots of improvements to the Local Offer over the past year to support parents/carers and young people navigate their SEND journey. Check out the Local Offer today by visiting www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer

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 Exams

Good luck to our Hospitality & Drama students who have their exams next week.

Parent Forum Sessions – Friday, 28th March.

- Homework and work outside the classroom – 09:30am-10:30am
- Rewards and Behaviour for Learning – 1:30pm-2:30pm

To book a place on these forums, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. There will be 20 places available for each session on a first come, first served basis. We look forward to welcoming you to the sessions.

Year 10 College Day

As part of our ongoing careers programme, we are planning a trip for all Year 10 students to visit Salford City College to begin researching possible options at college. The date for the event is Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

The college – the most popular Post-16 provider for our school leavers - has 5 separate campuses across Salford. All students will spend the morning at Pendleton College - the largest centre - and will then be able to attend another college of their choice in the afternoon. This gives students a chance to explore different subjects and compare college environments, which can be helpful preparation ahead of Year 11. The college specialisms are:

- Pendleton College – full range of academic A-Levels, and specialism for Creative Arts, Performing Arts, STEM (Science and Engineering)
- Eccles College – smaller range of vocational A-levels, and specialism for Animal Care, Health & Social Care, Science, Sports, Uniformed Public Services, Business Studies, Travel & Tourism
- Future Skills MediaCityUK – specialism for ICT & Digital courses (including Games Design), Journalism, Media Makeup, Creative Media, and Creative Music.
- Worsley College – specialism for Hospitality & Catering, Hair, Beauty & Media Makeup, Childcare, Health & Social Care, Business & Travel
- City Skills College – specialism for Construction trades and Motor Vehicle studies

Transport via coach, as well as lunch and break time snack, are being provided by the college, so we do not anticipate any costs to parents for this visit.

To help with organising the day, the college have asked all students to complete a booking form so students can choose which courses they would like to “try out” on the taster day.

Students should complete the booking form by Friday 15th March 2024. [Click here to view the form.](#)

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 March 2024. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please email MHInfo@consilium-at.com

Child employment

Having a part-time or holiday job can be a good experience for children, giving them experience of work and extra pocket money. However, there are national laws and local byelaws in place which regulate the type of work children can do and the hours they can work so that they are working safely, and their education does not suffer.

Key Points

Children of compulsory school age may only work if they:

- Are over 13 years of age.
- Has a work permit been issued by the local authority.
- Have suitable clothes and shoes if working outdoors.
- Are employed in 'light work'.
- A work permit is required whether a child is being paid for the work and even if they are working for a family business or charitable organisation.
- It is important that the employer conducts a risk assessment and discusses this with the child and parent.

Work experience.

A child does not need a work permit for work experience arranged by their school. However, if the employer with whom the child undertakes the work experience decides to employ the child part time after the work experience has finished, then a permit will be required.

Hours of work

There are restrictions on the hours that children may work. They can work for up to twelve hours in a school week but not before 7am or after 7pm and cannot work more than 2 hours on a school day or a Sunday. Children aged 13/14 years can work up to 5 hours on a Saturday and on days during the school holidays (except Sunday) and children aged 15/16 years can work up to 8 hours on a Saturday and on days during the school holidays (except Sunday). During the school holidays, children aged 13/14 years can work up to 25 hours per week and children aged 15/16 years can work up to 35 hours per week.

Education

Each child's attendance/punctuality is considered before a permit is issued.

Employment certificates are issued on the condition that the pupil's education does not suffer as a result of the employment. If the attendance or punctuality falls, or the child's attainment levels drop after the issue of the permit and the employment could be a contributing factor, please let the child employment officer know.

How to obtain a work permit?

To obtain a work permit, a completed application form should be sent to childemployment@salford.gov.uk together with a copy of the child's birth certificate. Both the parent/carer of the child and the employer should complete the application form.

Key Dates:

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| • Thursday 14 th March 2024 | Year 8 Parents' Evening |
| • Wednesday 27 th March 2024 | Rewards Assemblies |
| • Thursday 28 th 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 - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Maximise your potential, attend school everyday.

100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	37.5 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	82.5 LESSONS MISSED

"THIS MORNING, SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HER NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

NHS

#WeCare #TheMoorsideWay

Word of the week

WORD OF
THE WEEK

TOLERANCE

(NOUN)



TOLERANCE

PATIENCE | UNDERSTANDING | ENDURANCE

The willingness to allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one dislikes or disagrees with) without interference.

"We have a policy of zero tolerance for bullying."



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 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

MHSYear7@consilium-at.com , MHSYear8@consilium-at.com, MHSYear9@consilium-at.com,

MHSYear10@consilium-at.com, MHSYear11@consilium-at.com, MHSabsence@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