



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 15.03.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was lovely this week to welcome our Year 8 parents/carers into school for the Year 8 Parent/Carer evening. Last year we changed the way that we ran Parents' Evening and feedback was positive. We are very conscious that things change, and we must keep revisiting decisions to ensure they are still working and as parents/carers you are getting what you need from the evening. When I have spoken to parents, there are differences of opinion on matters such as frequency of meetings, when and where they take place, virtual vs face-to-face, which subjects, etc. I'm also conscious that parents have different preferences in terms of which subjects they would like to see more than others. The world has changed dramatically since the time most of us were in school back in the 1980s or 90s. The internet was not readily available. Expectations of parental involvement in education was very different. Interaction with secondary schools and parents/carers was very limited. I remember when I first started working as a teacher that the system for Parents' Evening involved giving the students an appointment sheet and relying on them to make appointments with teachers. There were many students who simply never took the piece of paper home. As a parent of a secondary school aged child myself, I understand the frustration of wanting to know more about what is happening in school in relation to, for example, assessments. Trying to find the right balance on this is not easy, but I would really welcome your views/feedback on what we can do to make improvements for the next academic year for these evenings. Please do email any comments to MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

With the lighter nights and the weather starting to improve, we know more and more students will be wanting to engage in our extra-curricular activities afterschool. Staff are currently updating the activities that will be on offer this term and we will be publishing the updated extra-curricular programme next week.

It is hard to believe that we are just a week and a half away from the next holiday. Students finish at 2:55pm on Wednesday 27th of March for the Easter Holidays. Thursday, 28th of March is an INSET day for staff, however we are aware that the Year 11 students have only had one opportunity to sit the 2hrs 30mins English Literature Paper 2. We know it takes resilience to keep writing for 2hrs 30mins and good time management to plan how long to spend on each question and execute this. So, we are inviting all Year 11 into school to sit an English Literature Paper 2. After the exam we will be providing the students with a Pizza Party as a thank you for their commitment and dedication to their studies. More information about the timings for this has been sent out in a letter earlier this week. All other students will not be in school on this day.

On Wednesday, 27th of March we will be recognising the achievements of our students in our Celebration Assemblies. These will take place during the school day. Our Year 7 Celebration Assembly will be taking place on Friday, 22nd of March, as Mr Williams is out of school on the Wednesday the 27th and he is very keen to celebrate with the students. Although the school is closed for the holidays, we will be open between 9:00am & 3:00pm for Year 11 Easter School and Silent Study. The Year 11 timetable for Easter School will be published next week.

Finally, can we wish Ramadan Kareem to all our students, staff, parents, and carers who are observing the Holy month of Ramadan, we have arranged a quiet place for students to attend should they require it.

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

Year 10 College Day Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Polite reminder - today is the last day to complete the booking form for the Year 10 college visits. This form allows students to choose which courses they would like to "try out" on the Year 10 college taster day. If your child has not completed this form, please ensure this is done as soon as possible. Thank you [Click here to view the form.](#)

Year 7 & 8 Assessments.

The Year 7 & 8 assessments will be taking place straight after the Easter Break. Students will receive a hard copy of the timetable on Monday during R time. All form tutors will be going through the timetable with the students to ensure they understand the codes for each of the sessions. Students do not need to worry about these assessments, it is an opportunity for them to find out what they don't know, so subject teachers can support them with the gaps during the final term. All students will receive a topic list for each subject of what they need to revise in preparation for the assessments. If you have any worries about the assessments, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com . [Please click here to access the Year 7 & 8 Assessment timetable.](#)

Attendance

Every day counts! We know that we would be ecstatic if students achieved 90% on a test, it would feel like a real success. But in reality, 90% attendance means that your child has missed a day of school every fortnight. We know from data last year, typically, students that achieved the higher grades had the higher attendance. Students need to be in school, so they do not miss out on their learning but also all the wider curriculum offers. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school every day and on time. If a child arrives in school after 9am, they lose their morning mark which affects their attendance. This is also the case if they have a medical appointment in the morning. If you need any support in getting your child into school, please do email MHSabsence@consilium-at.com .We really want to recognise students for improving their attendance and we are looking forward to doing this at the upcoming celebration assemblies.

Our approach to Mobile Phones

We fully understand that children rely heavily on their mobile phones and that parents and carers find it reassuring to know that their child has a phone for safety and ease of contact. In PSHE and Computing, students are taught about the safe use of phones and social media. Phones are not a substitute for personal, face-to-face interaction. During the school day, including break and lunchtime, students' phones must be switched off and kept in their bag, not in their blazer pocket. It is too tempting to look at their phone if it is kept in their blazer pocket. Students who have their phones out during the day will be asked to hand the device to the member of staff. The phone will then be handed to reception, and kept in the school safe, until the end of the day. We expect students to cooperate with this reasonable expectation at the first time of asking. If students co-operate, phones will be given back at the end of the day. Failure to hand over the mobile phone will result in a 1-hour detention. If students need to contact their parents or carer during the school day, they must do so via the school office or Head of Year. Please can we ask that you speak to your child about turning their phone off in school, not using them at break/lunchtime and working together to create a safe learning environment at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Forum Sessions – Thursday, 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.

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.

Parent meetings/phone calls

As you are aware, all teaching staff have full days in school, and it is not always possible for them to meet with parents if they turn up to school unannounced or want to speak to them when they initially phone. If you need to speak to a teacher or meet with them, this can be done by arranging a meeting via reception or by emailing MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We appreciate that sometimes your concern or query cannot wait for a set meeting time. If this is the case, then you are able to email the Heads of Year direct or ask reception for them to request they call you back as soon as they are available. In a non-urgent situation, we would always aim to contact you back within two school days. If the situation is more urgent, then reception will always do their best to get a member of the pastoral team to contact you to offer some support the same day, if not immediately. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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. If you are unsure whether you have given permission, please contact our reception team. Thank you for your support with this. If you have any questions, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Key Dates:

- Wednesday 27th March 2024 Rewards Assemblies
- Thursday 28th March 2024 INSET Day (School closed to students)
- Monday 15th April 2024 School reopens at 08:25 following the Easter break.
- W/C Monday 15th April 2024 Year 7 & 8 Assessments

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

Silent reminder

SILENT REMINDER - ROAD SAFETY

We have had some reports of students crossing the East Lancashire Road. This is an extremely busy and dangerous road so please remember the following:


- Use the Subways/Bridges when crossing
- Keep at a safe distance from the edge of the road
- Avoid distractions – using electronic devices whilst walking near a busy road can prevent you from paying attention to your surroundings



Word of the week

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PHENOMENON
(NOUN)



PHENOMENON
OCCURRENCE | EVENT | SITUATION | CIRCUMSTANCE

A fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question.

"Glaciers are an interesting natural phenomenon."



A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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www.skipssafetynet.org

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.





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**

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



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