



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 26.04.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

How are we in the last week of April already? It is hard to believe that our Year 11 students will start their external exams in one week. With the exam season just around the corner we want to ensure that we are utilising every opportunity to support and encourage our Year 11 students to achieve their potential. To support parents there is a section in the update this week around exam stress and how you can support your child. Before the Easter break, staff received training on supporting students with exam-based stress and anxiety and during assembly next week, Kooth.com will speak to all Year 11 students. Students know that we are here to help, and if you or your child have any specific questions or are worried about the upcoming exams, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Well done, to our students in years 7 and 8 who completed all their assessments last week. They have fully embraced the assessments and we know the students worked hard to prepare for them. These assessments are a good opportunity for both students and staff to identify any gaps in learning or misconceptions. The assessments are currently being marked by staff and a progress report will be sent to parents/carers during the week commencing 6th May 2024. Following receiving this report, if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's Head of Year, who will be able to support you and liaise with the class teachers.

Wednesday this week, was the official launch of the Flag Football Project. Our students represented the school with pride, and even though we came up against more experienced teams, they all showed great determination and resilience. Students had the opportunity to experience what it would like to be a professional Flag Football Athlete, from the kit reveal, to mixing with Great Britain Females, and meeting the founders of the project Chicago Bears Community Relations. Both students and staff were inspired by the inspirational talk from Shaun Gayle, Bears Legend and Superbowl champion, inspiring the youth of today to continue their journey in flag football and aim high towards the 2028 Olympics. Our students had the opportunity to have a questions and answer session, and as usual, they were a credit to the school and their parents/carers. Well done in particular to our Captain, Lily and the coaches and players most valued players, Mia and Olivia. Can I take this opportunity to also thank Mrs J Jackson and Mr J Molyneux who have really committed to running with this project and allowing our students to gain experience in this sport.

As a school, we know how important it is to ensure that we have high standards and expectations for our students. Over the last two years, we have had a focus on ensuring that learning in the classroom is calm and purposeful and that students can learn disruption free. Recent staff and student voice has shown that they feel this area has improved especially the work that has been done on the curriculums and what is being taught in lessons. Next week, we will be continuing to drive forward our high standards and reminding students what our expectations are at Team Moorside. The 'Moorside Way' is to wear correct uniform and we would really appreciate your support with this. Please ensure your child is not attending school in trainers, and that they have their blazer and a suitable school bag to carry their books, planner, and knowledge organiser. If you need any support in providing these items, please do contact your child's Head of Year. If you are unsure about the expectations for uniform, please visit the school website where you can find this information.

We are really proud of all our students, and we want them to be strong ambassadors for us. One way that they can do this, is by wearing their uniform correctly on the way to school, during the school day and on their way home. At the moment this is not always the case. Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on this and supporting the students to 'Dress Smart to Think Smart'.

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

Change to the school day.

Due to the external examinations requiring up to 2 hours in the afternoon, from Tuesday 7th May up until Friday 21st June the lunch/R time period will move earlier in the school day. Year 7, 9 & 11 will have R time between 11:55-12:20, with lunch 12:20-12:55. Years 8 & 10 will have lunch 11:55-12:30 followed by R time 12:30-12:55. Students will then have lessons during period 4 (12:55-13:55) and period 5 (13:55-14:55) following the lunch period.

Year 9 - Violence Reduction Unit Assembly

On Monday 29th April, Alison Cope from The Violence Reduction Unit will be delivering assemblies to our Year 9 students. This will be delivered over two sessions and will provide a relevant, context-bound and meaningful talk to our young people about the dangers of knife crime, promoting early intervention and helping them to recognise the risks. Alison talks from her lived experience as a Mother whose son was killed in a knife crime incident. More details about the impactful work that Alison has been involved in can be found here <https://www.alisoncope.com/>.

Knowledge Organisers

All students have a Knowledge Organisers folder. Used well, a knowledge organiser can support students in grasping the foundational concepts that will pave the way for future learning. Used badly, then it is little more than a list of disassociated, indigestible facts. Once the most important facts and concepts have been taught, the knowledge organiser can be used as the basis for retrieval practice. The act of retrieving knowledge, increases the likelihood that it will be remembered next time, and the harder it is to recall this knowledge, the more powerful the effect. Studies show that the best way to revise is to repeatedly test yourself; it is a far more powerful method than rereading or restudying the material. We are encouraging all students to use their knowledge organiser and ensure they have them in school every day. We would appreciate your support in ensuring students have a bag large enough to carry their equipment, knowledge organiser, books, and planner. If your child is struggling to get a suitable school bag, please do contact their Head of Year who will be able to support you with this. Students will receive a consequence if they do not have the correct equipment, knowledge organiser and planner with them.

Year 10 - GM Higher "Uni4U Summer School" Opportunities

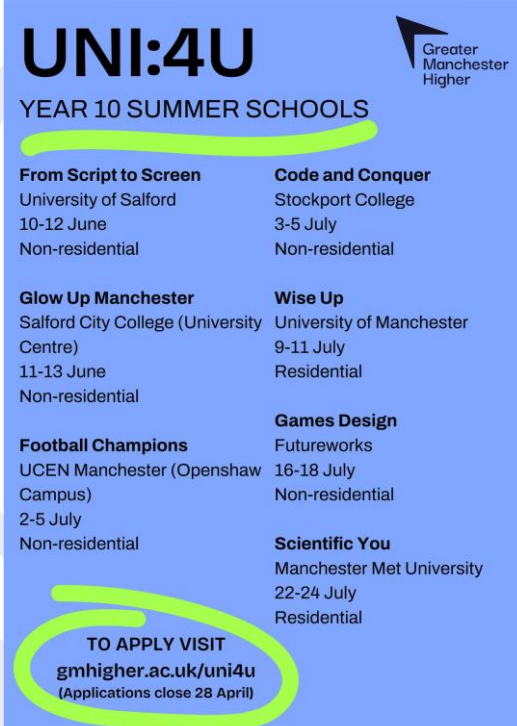
We have been provided with the details of some exciting opportunities for Year 10 students to start exploring university and higher education options through a scheme called "Uni4U" ran by [GM Higher](#). These are summer schools working in partnership with Greater Manchester university or higher education providers, aimed at providing Year 10 students with an insight into further and higher education. There are a variety of different summer schools available to students based on specific subjects and/or career interests. The summer schools take place during term time and are a mix of residential / non-residential opportunities. All take place during the final half term of the year in June/July. All opportunities are free to parents & carers, with transport provided to and from school via GM Higher. If a student is successful to attend the opportunity, absence will be authorised by school.

These opportunities are available to Year 10 students all over Greater Manchester, so places are competitive and are subject to a successful application with GM Higher. Applications can be made online and the deadline to apply is Sunday 28th April 2024.

All events are detailed on the website below along with the online application:

<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u/>

If students are interested in more than one opportunity, then multiple applications can be made however students will only be able to participate in one activity if successful.

A blue poster for 'UNI:4U YEAR 10 SUMMER SCHOOLS' by Greater Manchester Higher. It lists six summer school opportunities in two columns. The first column includes 'From Script to Screen' (University of Salford, 10-12 June, non-residential), 'Glow Up Manchester' (Salford City College, 11-13 June, non-residential), and 'Football Champions' (UCEN Manchester, 2-5 July, non-residential). The second column includes 'Code and Conquer' (Stockport College, 3-5 July, non-residential), 'Wise Up' (University of Manchester, 9-11 July, residential), and 'Games Design' (Futureworks, 16-18 July, non-residential). At the bottom, it says 'Scientific You' (Manchester Met University, 22-24 July, residential). A green circle highlights the application information: 'TO APPLY VISIT gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u (Applications close 28 April)'.

Dealing with Exam stress

Exams can come with a lot of pressure and make students feel really stressed. If your child is struggling to cope, they are not alone. We're here to help you and your child to manage their feelings around exams and find ways to cope. Some ways of supporting your child include:

- Help them to avoid avoidance - a common way of trying to cope is to avoid whatever makes us feel anxious. Whilst this is a short term fix it is not a long-term solution.
- Help your child to face their anxieties head on and where possible, plan in advance to avoid last minute stress.
- Break studies into small manageable chunks and make sure that your child balances this with seeing friends and doing activities they enjoy.
- Encourage them to speak with their teacher or a member of staff they trust - we can support and encourage and are always here to listen.
- My Anxiety Handbook by Sue Knowles, Bridie Gallagher and Phoebe McEwan is a great resource written for young people with lots of practical strategies for managing stress and anxiety.

There is also lots of helpful advice and guidance on the Mind, Young Minds and NHS website, which includes tips and advice to help your child through examinations. More information can be found on our school website.

Rio Ferdinand Foundation

We are really excited that six of our students have been chosen to take part in a fully funded all-female leadership programme, which will include a free Level 1 Leadership Award and a Level 1 Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Award. On Saturday the 4th of May and Sunday the 5th of May from 10am – 3pm, 24 young women from Greater Manchester, Northern Ireland and London will be coming to Salford Sports Village to take part in the programme. We are really proud of the students involved and we hope they have an enjoyable and beneficial experience. Following this opportunity, the students involved, will be returning to school, to cascade the information and experience they have gained with other students. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to link in with the Rio Ferdinand Foundation and we are hopeful that other opportunities will come up.

Key Dates:

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| • Monday 29 th April 2024 | Year 9 Youth Crime Prevention Day |
| • Wednesday 1 st May 2024 | 'Move it May' starts. |
| • Monday 6 th May 2024 | School Closed – May Bank Holiday |
| • Tuesday 7 th May 2024 | Year 11 External Exams |
| • Wednesday 8 th May 2024 | Year 10 Youth Crime Prevention Day |
| • Friday 24 th May 2024 | Year 10 Encounters Art Trip – Salford University. |
| • Friday 24 th May 2024 | School closes for half term. 14:55 |
| • Monday 3 rd June 2024 | School reopens 08:25 |

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

Silent reminder

SILENT REMINDER - ROUTINE #THE MOORSIDE WAY

Moorside High School Morning Routine

School is open from 8am, you are welcome to come into school from this point and sit quietly with friends or grab some breakfast from the canteen. All students must remain in the canteen area until the standards time bell at 8:25am. Uniform comprises of a standard set of clothes that students wear when they attend school. A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. All of these factors positively contribute to students' overall wellbeing.

The first and second floors of the school building are out of bounds until the first bell. All students must remain on the ground floor in the canteen/atrium area.

Before walking up the stairs for standards time, please:

- Remove coats, hats and scarfs.
- Check your uniform is correct.
- Clear any rubbish from breakfast into the bins.
- Be sensible and prepared for a day of learning.



Standards time starts at 8:30am, it is advisable that you are in the building for 8:25am so you are prepared and on time for learning.

Word of the week

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EVOLVE

(VERB)



EVOLVE

DEVELOP | PROGRESS | TRANSFORM | ADAPT

To change or develop slowly often into a better, more complex, or more advanced state.

"Her company has evolved from a hobby into a thriving business."



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:
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High School
through excellence, making a difference

TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY



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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