

#TeamMoorside Parent Update 10.05.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although it has been a short week for us at Team Moorside, it has been a busy one. Year 11 have started their external exams this week and I cannot express how impressed we have been around their commitment and approach towards them. Following the half term, Year 9 & 10 will also be having their assessment weeks, and I am confident the way that Year 11 have modelled their work ethic and maturity, our students in Year 9 & 10 will also act in this manner and feel ready and prepared. All revision/topic lists will be shared with the students well in advance of the assessment weeks and there will be an evening for Year 10 parents to support with helping your child to revise, more details are within the update.

One of the highlights this week has been the meeting and greeting of students as they arrive at school. I wrote to you last week about the change to where duty staff would be placed in a morning and that senior staff and the pastoral team would be at the pupil entrance, meeting and greeting, acknowledging, and offering positive reinforcement to students who have arrived on time and are ready to start learning. The positive interaction has had a big impact on the students and the start to the school day. Members of the local community who are dropping children off at the Primary School have commented how lovely and positive the interactions have been and how smart the students are arriving to school.

We have really appreciated your support in ensuring your child is attending school in the correct uniform and for the communications we have received suggesting changes to the policy. For example, we have had a suggestion to look at shoes in more detail, especially for girls. Students and parents feel that the 'dolly style' shoe poses an issue, as students often lose these on the stairs when it is busy. Parents/carers have also commented that they are often confused as to what shoes are acceptable. On the back of this, we have been in touch with several shoe shops and have requested their brochure, so we can identify the styles of shoes that we feel are appropriate for school.

We are keen to look at our uniform policy and work in conjunction with students and parents/carers to ensure that from September we have a clear, easy to understand policy that does not impact on families, as we realise that the cost of uniforms can be a heavy expense and a burden on parents. To facilitate this collaborative piece of work, we will be holding a parent forum for parents to come and work with us to create the policy for September. We do not envisage a huge change, as when worn correctly, our students look really smart, but more changes to the wording provides clarity for parents/carers. More information about the time and date of this session, will be circulated following the half term break.

Can I also take this opportunity to express a huge thank you to all parents and carers for supporting us in ensuring your children are attending school and on time. We have seen a dip in attendance during the last few weeks, but this week we have seen attendance start to rise again. Please do continue to remind students that they need to be in school every day. If you need any support in getting your child into school, please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be happy to support you.

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.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher



Free School Meals Eligibility Checker – Pupil Premium

At Moorside High School, we strive to ensure all students are given every opportunity to succeed and achieve their full potential. If your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This additional funding is used to improve educational provisions and resources at the school. Pupil Premium funding is a government initiative designed to help raise the attainment of students regardless of their background or financial situation. It is provided to students who:

- are registered for Free School Meals.
- have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past 6 years; are, or have been, in care.
- have parents in the armed forces.

We encourage all parents to apply irrespective of their income.

[Click here to check your eligibility for Free School Meals.](#)

Please follow this link to our school website where there is more information. [CLICK HERE](#)

Year 9 Assessments

The Year 9 core subject (English, Maths & Science) assessments are due to take place W/C 17th June. All students will be provided with topic/revision lists and the assessment timetable before the half term holiday. Students should not worry about these assessments; it is a good opportunity to find out what they know and where they have any gaps. If you have any concerns around the assessments, please contact our Head of Year 9.

Year 10 Assessments

The Year 10 assessments are due to take place W/C 17th June for two weeks. Please click [here](#) to access a letter inviting you to come into school on Tuesday 21st May 5pm-6pm, to attend an evening where we will give advice on how you can support your child during these assessments. The evening will support parents in helping their child revise and prepare. It is important that students take these assessments seriously, as it will be a perfect opportunity to find out where their gaps are and what they need to do before they start Year 11.

Pre-Loved Uniform

Within school we have a pre-loved uniform area set up should students require uniform. If you have any old uniform, especially if your child is in Year 11, and you feel that it is still in a condition to be worn, we would welcome any donations. Please drop any washed and clean uniform at reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

Move in May

Please continue to encourage your child to participate in this competition, so far Team Moorside are doing well!

The challenge to staff and students is:

- Could you travel the round trip of the Consilium Academies which is 305 miles?
- This can be any form of physical activity, walking, running, cycling or even rowing!
- You can complete this as part of a team or a solo challenge.

Students should send a screenshot of their activity to

MHSwellbeing@consilium-at.com where we will track our progress. Hopefully a member of Team Moorside will be able to meet this challenge – Good luck everyone.



National Numeracy Day

Wednesday 22nd May is National Numeracy Day – the UK's only day dedicated to everyday maths. It's a day that celebrates the importance of numbers for children and adults alike, building brighter futures through confidence with numbers and inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy skills. National Numeracy Day on 22 May: During R time students will be taking part in a numeracy quiz with the chance to win a prize for their form. National Numeracy Challenge (13+): We'll be encouraging our older students to improve their everyday maths skills and boost their number confidence with National Numeracy's interactive online tool. One of the best ways to support children to feel positive about numbers is to feel confident yourself. National Numeracy has lots of free resources to help adults, so you can support your children with numbers and maths and boost your own numeracy skills too! You can access a range of free resources for adults on the National Numeracy Day website. <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>

Oasis Parent and Carer Support.



Oasis PACS - Parent and Carer Support

As parents and caregivers, we all worry about our children from time to time, but when a concern is troubling you, it can be difficult to know where to turn. Oasis Parent and Carer Support offer one-to-one support, peer support, as well as advice and guidance when a child's behaviour is becoming a concern.

You can request a call back or make a referral and a member of the team will arrange an appointment to get you started. Alternatively, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team who will assist with a referral to the service for your child.

Access our support channels

Talk to our advice team



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“I didn't know what to do about Jake's behaviour, he was so demanding all the time and being verbally abusive to his sister.”
Mum of two children

“I don't feel I have any support at home. After my separation my eldest would get angry so quickly. I don't know what to do.”
Mum of two children

“Bobby just goes out every night and won't come back when I say. I'm worried about who he's hanging around with.”
Mum of one child

Year 11 Parents

The [Our Pass](#) application portal opened on 1st May and is available to school leavers. Our Pass provides the freedom to travel, learn and work, and make the most of what Greater Manchester has to offer. Our Pass holders benefit from free bus travel and discounted Metrolink travel across GM. They also have access to a wide range of freebies, discounts, events, and experiences through Our Pass Exclusives. Students and their families can **save up to £500 a year** in bus travel costs. Please visit the Our Pass website for further details and to apply. <https://ourpass.co.uk/> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Our Pass team: opportunities@ourpass.info

Bikes/Scooters on Campus

As a school, we encourage alternative modes of transport to and from school to ease motor vehicle congestion in the mornings and at home times. With this in mind, we welcome the use of bicycles and scooters and provide suitable stores around campus. However, it has been reported that adults and children are riding their bicycles and scooters across campus. This is extremely dangerous for children and other members of our community walking around what is already a very busy site.



SILENT REMINDER

STUDENTS MUST NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



Cycling is a fantastic way to travel but cyclists are vulnerable on roads. 85 cyclists lost their lives in road accidents in the UK in 2022. The vast majority of cyclist casualties are from incidents on roads with 30mph limits. Anyone hit by a car travelling at 30mph has a 20% chance of dying.

Staying safe when travelling by bike


- At school - Student must never ride their bike on the school ground. Please walk with your bike until you are off the school premises and clear of crowds.
- Safety equipment - Cyclists of all ages and levels of experience should wear a helmet. Wearing a well-fitted, good quality cycle helmet does help protect your brain in some types of crashes or falls.
- Bike maintenance - Check your bike before travelling make sure the tyres and the brakes are in good working order.
- Roads/junctions - 45% of cycle accidents occur at or near road junctions. Be extra vigilant and take your time when approaching junctions and roundabouts.
- Riding at night - It's illegal to cycle at night without lights. You must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back, red reflectors at the back and amber reflectors on the pedals.
- Cycle training - Cycle training can help give you the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the roads. Training covers topics from balance and control to planning independent journeys on busier roads.

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In conjunction with Moorside Primary School, we are asking that all parents, carers, and children, both primary and high school, dismount from their bicycles or scooters upon entering the grounds. Staff have been tasked with politely challenging anybody not following these rules and students/parents/carers may be prevented from entering the school grounds using them in the future. Thank you for your support with this.

Silent reminder

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WE ARRIVE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL & LESSONS




Rules

- All students should be on site for 08:25 each morning.
- Students must be in form to register at 08:30 for standards time.
- If you arrive to school after 09:00 you will not get your morning mark which will impact your attendance.
- Student must move quickly and sensibly between lessons to ensure they arrive on time.
- If you arrive after the countdown bell for lessons, you will be classed as VERY late and will be issued with a consequence.

Why

- Being punctual shows us that you want to be here and are eager to learn.
- Arriving on time for lesson means you do not miss out on any learning or miss the retrieval activity.
- Arriving on time for Standards time means you do not miss important messages.
- Arriving on time is a quality that you need in life, so it is good to get into good habits of being on time


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Word of the week

WORD OF THE WEEK


AMBIGUOUS
(ADJECTIVE)



AMBIGUOUS
ENIGMATIC | DEBATABLE | CRYPTIC | UNCERTAIN

Something open to more than one interpretation or not having one obvious meaning.

"Due to the ambiguous nature of the question, it was difficult to choose the right answer."



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

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Play your part in the positive learning environment



Use technology appropriately



Wear correct uniform



Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



Complete all homework and hand in on time



Listen and follow instructions first time



Move around the corridors sensibly



Look after school property and keep the school tidy



Arrive on time to school and lessons



Be respectful to everyone