



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 17.05.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we will be going into the last week of this half term on Monday. As the external exams continue, the Year 11 students have been fantastic and are really rising to the occasion. They continue to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and more importantly, they are still smiling. All students have details of the extra sessions available, and it is pleasing to see them attending these. Please remind students that there are study rooms available for them to use each evening until 6pm, if they need a quiet place to study. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all students in Years 7-10 for the way they have conducted themselves around the building during the day when the exams are on. They have really shown our school value of 'Consideration' throughout the day and continue to make us proud. Year 11 students will be receiving the timetable for the half term sessions next week, but again, school will be open each day for all Year 11 students, 09:00-12:00 for students to work in a silent study room.

In the Year 10 assembly this week we have launched the application process to be part of the Student Leadership Team for 2024-2025. The roles that students can apply for are Head Student, Deputy Head Student, Senior Prefect or Prefect. If your child is in Year 10 and they would like to apply for one of these roles, they can do this by downloading the application form from the Year 10 Microsoft Teams page. Completed application forms need to be submitted to the reception desk by 16:00, Friday 24th May. We look forward to reading all the applications and hearing the students views during the interview process on how they would contribute to moving us forward and becoming a leader and ambassador for the school during their final year with us.

This week we have had a focus on Mental Health Awareness week. The theme for the assemblies has been "Movement: Moving more for our mental health". This has linked well with our current 'Move in May' campaign. Movement is important for our mental health, but so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we have been encouraging staff and students to get moving. If your child manages to do some 'Movement in May' please do encourage them to share it with us at MHSwellbeing@consilium-at.com

I have spent some of this week and last week at appeal hearings for admissions into Year 7 for September 2024. It is never an enjoyable experience and I always feel sorry for the parents involved; however, it is also reassuring to know that the school is even more oversubscribed than before and that so many parents and carers are eager to send their child to Moorside High School. We are never complacent about this, but we do take it as a vote of confidence, that our community are now starting to see the good work that is taking place. We do not always get it right, we are only human. However, we are always willing to listen and look at what lessons we can learn as we continue to drive the school forward. 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

Dementia Action Week

This week, Mrs Kirk took a group of ten students to the Humphrey Booth Resource centre, to be part of Dementia Action Week. Students engaged with our local community who sadly have a diagnosis of dementia. They had an amazing time dancing, reading, and sharing stories with each other. They even managed to fit in a game of curling! The students have already been invited back and cannot wait to go and spend more time with our local community. We are so proud of how the students interacted and supported the ladies and gentlemen that attended. Well done to all the students involved, they were a credit to us and their families. We are trying more and more to get involved in community events, so if you know of any events where our students can volunteer, we would be more than happy to organise for them to be involved.

Flag Football Update

This week, we played in our final group stages of the Flag Football Competition, we played two games one being a friendly against Irlam and Cadishead, this game was used as a warmup. Our second game was against All Hallows, it was an extremely close game with both teams playing well, unfortunately the final score was All Hallows 18, Moorside 14. Our Captain Leilani showed great enthusiasm and encouraged all of the team to keep their motivation and morale high. The team demonstrated some inspirational routes resulting in touch downs being scored, our tactical play is improving exponentially on a weekly basis. Aimee was voted the coaches most valuable player of the day and students voted this week for Harriet, to be their chosen player.

Wednesday 22nd May is Finals day, in which the team are all excited to be a part of. Each week students commit and demonstrate their perseverance, through practice and matches, which goes to show we have outstanding individuals at our school. As always well done to the Moorside Mavericks. #TeamMoorside

Stop, Breathe, Think



Stop.Breathe.Think.

We have recently started to work with a new, Child Mental Health service, **Stop. Breathe. Think.** This is a free, online counselling service for young people aged 8-21.

The practitioners who deliver this service use recognised, evidence-based interventions and a solution-focused 6 session therapy model. The service is guided by the THRIVE framework for child mental health care. Originally written to guide practice within the NHS, this model is now used nationwide, across a variety of services and organisations.



Online Counselling for Young People. **Without the wait.**

If school feel your child would benefit from this service, we will make contact to gain Parent/Carer consent before completing a referral.

For more information please visit -

<https://www.stopbreathethink.org.uk>



"Before Stop.Breathe.Think I felt like I couldn't breathe or smile or do anything without waves of doubt, regret and guilt over nothing and everything. Now I can see a bright future and that it's okay for me to be positive and happy. I know I have a long way to go but now I have the strategies to help me on my journey.

Thank you so much to Stop.Breathe.Think and my counsellor, you really helped me! This has changed my life and I can't thank you enough!"
- Sarah, 19 from London

Changes to the school day – MONDAY 20th MAY 2024

To accommodate the longer English Exam of 2hrs 30mins, on Monday 24th May, we will be slightly changing the lesson times of the day. The main change is that Standards Time will be extended until 9am. During this time, students in Years 7-9 will take part in a guided reading session and Year 10 will have a session on preparing for their Year 10 Assessments. The main reason for this, is so the noise during breaktime does not distract the students sitting the exam in the sports hall. Students have all been informed during R Time on Friday.

The day will be as follows:

- Standards Time 08.30 – 09.00
- Period 1 09.00 – 10.00
- Period 2 10.00 – 11.00
- Break 11.00 – 11.15
- Period 3 11.15 – 11.55
- R Time/Lunch 11.55 – 12.55
- Period 4 12.55 – 13.55
- Period 5 13.55 – 14.55

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/>

Year 9 Assessments

The Year 9 assessments are due to take place W/C 17th June for two weeks. 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.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students should now be seeking a work experience placement and registering this on the Connect App. Students have been given a QR code either in R time or via their school email in which to access the app and add the details of their placements once confirmed. If students are struggling to access the app, they should speak to their Head of Year, Mr Farmer (Careers Adviser) or Mr Mills for support. A reminder that the deadline to confirm the work experience placement details on the app is Monday 3rd June 2024. Thank you for your support with this.

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

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](#)

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.

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.

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 you 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.

Key Dates:

- Friday 24th May 2024 Year 10 Encounters Art Trip – Salford University.
- Friday 24th May 2024 School closes for half term. 14:55
- Monday 3rd 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 THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL COMMUNITIES - PLAY YOUR PART AT MOORSIDE HIGH SCHOOL



Moorside expectations values and goal

- **Consideration** - Considerate about ourselves, others and our community.
- **Aspiration** - Aspire to be the very best in all that we do.
- **Resilience** - Work hard and never give up. Seek help and help others.
- **Equality** - Value diversity and tackle discrimination.

What can you do?

- Be kind to all students in school, treat others how you would expect to be treated
- Never exclude anyone, establishing friendships helps people overcome challenges and supports mental well-being
- Offer your help and support if you see that another member of our school community is struggling
- Remember we are all the same inside, unkind behaviour both verbal and physical can have a negative impact on people
- Demonstrate our school values by participating in the wider school community
- Act as a role model for younger members of our community




#WeCare #TheMoorsideWay

Word of the week

WORD OF THE WEEK

COMMODITY

(NOUN)




COMMODITY

ITEM | MATERIAL | PRODUCT

A basic good used in commerce that is interchangeable with other goods of the same type. A useful or valuable thing.

'The government increased prices on several basic commodities, including bread and meat.'



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