

#TeamMoorside Parent Update 07.06.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have lots to look forward to in the final half term before we break up for summer. One of the highlights of this half term is always our Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom. This is taking place on Friday 21st June. We also have Sports Day, the Pride of Moorside Awards evening, Rewards Trips to Blackpool, Year 10 work experience and college visit, our Belgium History Trip, Netherlands Geography Trip, London History Trip, Duke of Edinburgh Expedition and much more. It's going to be a busy one!

Before half term, I was extremely privileged to be able to take a group of four students to the Salford Youth Zone Groundbreaking event. Among the guests were representatives from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, a ministerial department (DCMS), Councillor Teresa Pepper, Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mrs. Susan Lomas OBE DL, and City Mayor Paul Dennett, who delivered an inspiring address about the project's potential to shape the future of Salford's youth. Our students are members of the Young People Development Group (YPDG) a group that have already been instrumental in pivotal decisions surrounding the identity of the SYZ. The four students, gave a speech, offering their insight and updating guests on their contributions. I was extremely proud of all of them. Situated on Belvedere Road, the Salford Youth Zone will feature cutting-edge amenities, including a film and recording studio, a 3G sports pitch, a fitness suite, and an enterprise and employability suite. With over 20 activities available per session, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, this facility is designed to meet the diverse needs and interests of our young people.



This Youth Zone represents a beacon of hope and possibility for generations to come, and we are immensely proud to be a part of this journey.

As we move into the final weeks of the academic year, we are also having a big push on positive praise. The students have responded really well to ensuring they have the correct uniform and are arriving on time and ready for learning, so it is only right that we acknowledge this. Our rewards pyramid is full of exciting prizes, so we look forward to sharing these with the students over the next six weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher



Sports Leaders

At Moorside High School, students have the opportunity to apply to become a Sports Leader. Sport is seen as a learning experience and an excellent opportunity to develop character and leadership skills. As well as the obvious physical and mental health benefits, sport helps young people develop wider skills and attributes that benefit them in other areas of their lives. Several studies have shown that participation in sports often leads to improved attainment, lower absence rates, and better numeracy scores. Sport can also enhance self-esteem and deter young people from engaging in anti-social behaviour. This role within school allows students to develop teamwork, leadership, self-discipline, focus and competitiveness. On Wednesday this week, our Sports Leaders attended Moorside Primary Sports Day. All the students involved have been committed to developing their leadership, planning and organisational skills over the last few months and during this event they were able to utilise these skills. It was a pleasure to see how far the Sports Leaders have come and how much they have grown in confidence and modelled how to be an effective leader and role model to the younger generation. Their next task is to support with the Year 6 into Year 7 transition days, and we know they are already looking forward to this.

Encounters Project

Our Year 10 GCSE Textiles students have recently taken part in an outreach programme for schools commissioned by the University of Salford. The students involved worked with lead Artist Jack Brown to find out about the Encounters Project and explore what they might do if they were to pursue a career in the creative arts.

Students used workshops in school to map out their ideas about study, careers, training, and any barriers they may face beyond post 16 education. Students have learnt about university life and art courses available to them beyond post 16 education.

The students were able to meet and speak with lecturers, take part in a practical activity, see final fashion and art pieces from the university students, and tour the building. This Art experience has cultivated the student's imagination, boosted their academic GCSE performance, and enhanced new knowledge of art. We couldn't be prouder of the student's effort, enthusiasm, and the representation of Moorside High School.



Attendance Matters

If we achieve 90% on a test, that feels like a real success. But 90% attendance means that your child has missed a day of school every fortnight. Attendance really does matter; we are working hard to support our families in ensuring that students attend every day. If your child is not in school and you have not informed us, please do expect a wellbeing call from our Heads of Year team or a home visit from our Attendance team. If you require any support, please do reach out to us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. We want to ensure that all students are attending school this half term to ensure that they do not miss out on any of the events that are planned. Every moment in school counts and days missed, add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total.

The government advises that schools must close their registers 30 minutes after the start of registration although this can be earlier. At Moorside High School, our registers close at 09:00. Therefore, if your child arrives after 09:00, they will receive a U code as they have arrived after the register has closed. If they arrive without a satisfactory reason, this may be classed as an unauthorised absence (U code on the attendance register) and may lead to prosecution. The higher a student's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. Please do continue to encourage your child to attend school each day and be on time. Thank you for your support with this.

Smart Phones

If your child has a smartphone, and especially if they are old enough to have social media, then please do ensure they have parental controls in place. Qustodio is an excellent tool- the basic package is free on a single device but there are a range of other options. <https://www.qustodio.com/en/features/>

We often field many issues in school, that stem from social media out of school hours. If you feel you need some support with your child's use of their mobile phone, please do not hesitate to reach out and ask. The policy in school is that phones should be in bags and switched off. If they are seen, they will be taken off the student and placed in the safe at reception until the end of the school day.

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Year 9 Core Assessments

The Year 9 assessments are due to take place W/C 17th June for two weeks. All students have been provided with topic/revision lists and the assessment timetable. 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. Please click [here](#) to access the Year 9 Assessment Timetable.

Year 10 Assessments

Mr Pinches would like to remind all parents/carers that it is essential that year 10 students have a calculator for their end of year assessment. The calculator that we would recommend is the Casio FX-83GTCW Scientific Calculator.

Please [click here to access](#) a link to Amazon where you can purchase this model. If you need any support in providing a calculator for the assessment, please do not hesitate to contact us, or ask your child to speak to Mr Pinches who can support with this. If on the day, your child forgets their calculator, please do not worry, we would never disadvantage them and would always ensure they had one to use for the exam.

Please click [here](#) to access the Year 10 Assessment Timetable.

County Lines Webinars for Parents and Carers

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) Programme Challenger is running a series of three webinars for parents and carers. The sessions are intended to raise awareness of child criminal exploitation and the support available to you if you believe a child is at risk.

The first session will take place on Thursday 13th of June 2024, 7-8:30pm. The speaker, Detective Sergeant John Schofield of GMP County Lines Taskforce, will talk about what county lines is, how exploiters groom children, the signs of exploitation and where you can access support if needed. For more information, please scan the QR code.



Whooping cough

There has been a significant increase this year of whooping cough (pertussis) cases in the UK. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has reported an increase in whooping cough cases with 1,319 cases confirmed in March 2024. Tragically, there have been five infant deaths related to whooping cough in the first quarter of 2024.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory disease known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe. Pertussis can affect individuals of all ages, but can be particularly severe, even deadly, for babies less than a year old. The best way to prevent whooping cough is through vaccinations. The 'DTaP' vaccine is recommended for babies at 8, 12 and 16 weeks old. A pre-school booster is given at 3 years and 4 months. We urge all community members to stay vigilant, ensure vaccinations are up-to-date, and seek medical advice if a persistent cough develops. Together, we can protect our community's health and well-being.

Children suspected of having pertussis should be encouraged to visit their GP for a diagnosis and assessment for antibiotic treatment. To confirm diagnosis a nasopharyngeal swab or per nasal swab may be taken for culture by the GP. If a child is suspected of having whooping cough and is struggling to breathe, their lips, tongue, face, or skin turn blue or grey or they can have seizures, do not delay in obtaining urgent medical attention by calling 999.

The Local Offer

The Local Offer team are hosting several drop-in sessions during the summer term for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The sessions are to support parents/carers access and use the Local Offer. The Local Offer is an online hub of information, all about special educational needs and disabilities. There is a directory of services offering information and advice, leisure activities and support to children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), and their families. The Local Offer is also a website of information to help and support families. The sessions are free to attend and there is no need to book. For information, including venue, dates and times please visit the [Local Offer](#). If you would prefer to arrange a 1:1 session online, please contact LocalOffer@salford.gov.uk.

Year 11 Revision Books

As with the pre-loved uniform, we are also aiming to set up a revision book club for students to be able to share resources and allow students to take books home should they need them. If your child is in Year 11 and you have any revision books that they no longer require, we would be really grateful if you could donate them for our book club. All donations can be left at main reception. Thank you in advance for any donations.

ParentPay

As our students in Year 11 prepare to leave us, please can we remind parents to run down their child's Parent Pay account, if you have other children in school, any money on the ParentPay account can be transferred to the other child's account. If you need any support with this, please contact MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Dates for your Diary

- 17th June 2024 – Year 9 & 10 Assessment Window
- 21st June 2024 – Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom
- 26th June 2024 – Year 6 Transition Evening
- 27th & 28th June 2024 – Year 6 Transition Days
- 3rd July 2024 – Year 10 College Day
- 4th & 5th July 2024 – Year 10 Work Experience
- 16th July 2024 – Pride of Moorside Awards Evening
- 17th July 2024 – Sports Day
- 18th & 19th July 2024 – School Production – Matilda
- 22nd & 23rd July 2024 – Team Moorside Rewards Trip Days / Celebration Assemblies
- 24th July 2024 – School closes for the Summer - 12:05

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

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.

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](#)

Silent reminder

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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

NHS

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Word of the week

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PRELIMINARY

(ADJECTIVE)



PRELIMINARY

PRECEDING | INTRODUCING | PRELUDE | PREFACE

Coming before a more important action or event, especially introducing or preparing for it.

"They had decided to change the design based on their preliminary findings."





JUNE 2024 Newsletter



ADHD course for Teachers, Parents and Related Professionals

Now available as distance learning...

Complete in your own time!

All sessions booked & delivered online via facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Tuesday
11 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Introduction to OCD ObsessiveCompulsive Disorder

Looking at the complexity of this serious condition.

Monday
17 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

Thursday
20 June

19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereo types and explaining how this condition impacts on the child and giving ideas on how we can support them.

Thursday
27 June

19:00 - 21:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Sleep

Coping with insomnia, screen damage, neurodiversity dysregulation.

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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