



## #Team Moorside Parent 06.09.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been such a pleasure to welcome all our students back into school this week. We have had a very successful first week of the new academic year and are looking forward to seeing what the academic year 2024-2025 holds.

As a school we have had some outstanding individual GCSE results over summer, it was so lovely to celebrate with the students on results day. I would like to congratulate all students in our Class of 2024 that received their GCSE results. Normally we would point out the fact that their successes are a result of five years of hard work and dedication. But our students this year also had to deal with and recover from significant disruption to their education as a result of the pandemic. We are so proud of how they have overcome these challenges and how they have taken responsibility for their learning and their success.

It was a pleasure to see students and staff working together to support their continuous development in school each day and the results secured this year are testament to this collaboration. Seeing the joy of students opening envelopes containing results that they are proud of, is the best and most rewarding aspect of being a teacher and results day is a special day.

There were some absolutely incredible performances, students have secured the outcomes that they deserve and that reflect their hard work and dedication. Crucially, students have built a strong foundation for the next phase of their lives, receiving outcomes that open doors for them and enable them to progress as they continue to pursue lifelong success. We are extremely proud of the students in our school community, and we look forward to hearing about their continued success.

Overall, our grades as a school improved on average by a third of a grade on last year. We are confident that if our new Year 11 students embrace all the opportunities like our Class of 2024 did, they will continue to get the outcomes they deserve.



On Wednesday, the first day of this academic year, we saw lots of smiles as our team of staff greeted all our students. Students have settled well this week, with our new Year 7 students getting to know each other and finding their way around school. Across the week, there has been a lovely atmosphere around school. Today we have concluded the week with an assembly for our new Year 7 students, celebrating and rewarding them on how well they have done during their first week as part of 'Team Moorside'. On Wednesday, Mr Thompson and myself delivered assemblies to all year groups, sharing with them all the opportunities they can engage in, and encouraging them to make sure this is their best year yet!

We all feel that this year is going to be a really positive one and we look forward to watching all the students grow and develop over the academic year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

## **Sparx champions**

All homework in Maths is set via the Sparx App. It was amazing to see that across the 38 weeks of the school year 2023-2024, a total of 659,419 questions were answered correctly. 65% of 173 students using the 'Times Tables' function have either improved, or are considered confident in their times tables. Some stand out students are Kyle in 8LM, Zina in 9JH, Radwan in 10JH, and Joshua in 11JH. We know that low stakes testing and completing the activities on Sparx really does support with confidence and understanding in Maths. Please do support your child in completing their Sparx activities each week. If your child is unable to log onto the Sparx platform, please contact [MHsinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHsinfo@consilium-at.com) where we will be able to support you.

## **Congratulations to Finlay in Year 10**

We would like to congratulate Finlay in Year 10 who has recently been offered a scholarship place with Wigan Warriors. When looking for players to join the club, the Head of Youth commented that they look for Hardworking, Dedicated and Humble young men and Finlay has shown all these traits. Congratulations Finlay, we are extremely proud of you and cannot wait to see you go on and achieve amazing things in your future.

We really enjoy celebrating students' achievements outside of school, if you have anything you would like to share with us, please email:

[MHsinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHsinfo@consilium-at.com) as we would love to hear about them.

## **Rewards**

This week we have reminded students about our rewards pyramid for this term, along with our 'Wonderful Work Wednesday'. We are also looking forward to the fortnightly draws continuing, celebrating attendance and all the students that have achieved a 'Golden Lesson'. Parent and students can monitor the positive ClassCharts points via the ClassCharts App. If you have struggled to log into ClassCharts, please do contact us at:

[MHsinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHsinfo@consilium-at.com) where we will be able to support you. You can also access support on our school website by [clicking here](#).



## **Year 10 and 11 Information and Guidance Evenings**

To ensure that parents are fully informed about Key Stage 4, we are holding two evenings over the next two weeks. The purpose of these evenings is to give parents further information on how they can support their child leading up to the GCSE exams and to provide them with information on the support and opportunities we have in place.

The evening will cover a variety of topics including, what to expect during this academic year, revision, study support tips, health & wellbeing, reporting and assessment procedures as well as some information about planning for the future. The evenings should finish no later than 6:15pm.

- Year 11 IAG – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 5.00-6.00pm.
- Year 10 IAG – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5.00-6.00pm.

## **PSHE**

Our PSHE curriculum at Moorside High School equips students with the knowledge and skills to understand more about how to play a positive and successful role within our society, both as a child and as an adult. Our intention is to provide students with a knowledge of their world, locally, nationally, and globally and give them confidence to tackle many of the moral, social, and cultural issues that are part of growing up within this. Between now and October half term, students will study the following topics (see below). If you have any questions regarding the content, please do visit our school website for more information. Click here to access the [Personal Development page](#).

## **Autumn 1**

Year 7 - Transition to TEAM Moorside: relationships, life beyond school and staying safe

Year 8 - Staying safe Online and Offline

Year 9 - Life Beyond School: Essential Life Skills

Year 10 - Health and Wellbeing

Year 11 - Relationships and Sex Education: Contraception and STIs

## **Standards**

While standards of behaviour have remained very good this week, we do want excellence, we know that excellent behaviour leads to excellent results and a fantastic future. Students are most successful when schools and families work in partnership, so we would be grateful if you could remind your child of the importance of staying focused in lessons as well as being organised with their planner and knowledge organiser. All students in Key Stage 3 have been provided with a A3 Zip Folder, School Planner, ruler to track the words when completing their guided reading and a Knowledge Organiser. Students in Key Stage 4 have been given an A4 folder and planner, in which they will store their Knowledge Organisers that they will be given during lesson time. We really want a strong culture of positive praise and with the introduction of 'Wonderful Work Wednesday' last year, students are rewarded for completing exceptional work or a detailed piece of extended writing. This year we are opening this up more, with students able to take a piece of work that they are proud of to the WOW table to receive recognition for their hard work.

Lessons this week have felt calm and purposeful with students 'Entering and Exiting with Excellence'. We know how important disruption free learning is and we will be continuing to ensure this year that low level disruption in lessons is dealt with so teachers can teach, and students can learn.



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## ENTER WITH EXCELLENCE



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 <p>Arrive on time to your lessons</p>	 <p>Come in sensibly and quietly</p>	 <p>Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks</p>	 <p>Take your Homework out</p>	 <p>Complete the Retrieval Task on the board</p>
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## EXIT WITH EXCELLENCE



Consilium Academies

 <p>Pack away and pass your books to the end of the row</p>	 <p>Check for any rubbish near your chair and place in the bin</p>	 <p>Check your uniform is smart and correct</p>	 <p>Stand behind your chair in silence</p>	 <p>When dismissed, leave the lesson quietly and sensibly</p>
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Finally, the students have looked really smart this week. 'Thank you', to you, our parents/carers for the way the students have presented in school. Our motto of 'Dress Smart, Think Smart' has really been a highlight with students attending looking smart and ready to learn.

Just a quick polite reminder for those parents that are new to us, shoes must be polishable, no trainers or logo shoes, we appreciate that some outlets may say school shoes, but they are not what we expect. There are images on the school website if you are unsure. We have also seen an increase in students attending in black socks, socks should be white and ankle length. Black tights may be worn, or black ankle socks if wearing with trousers. If you are unsure of what the uniform expectations are, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or visit the school website where all the information can be found.

Each morning the Pastoral Team are outside the Pupil Entrance from 08:10 to support students to ensure they are ready for learning. If for any reason a student attends school and needs support in correcting their uniform or maybe has forgotten a piece of equipment, do not panic... Mr Webb is on hand with his supplies trolley.

Finally, a key piece of uniform is a school bag. As students are required to have their knowledge organiser, planner and equipment with them each day, students must have a sensible school bag. The bag must be large enough to carry an A4 folder, handbag style bags are not acceptable. If you know that your child does not have a school bag, please ensure they have one before Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. If you require any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### **Parent Pay**

As many of you are aware, we had some significant issues with our ParentPay system on Wednesday. This was extremely frustrating for us as a school, and we can only apologise for any inconvenience caused. We have been in touch with ParentPay and they assure us all issues are resolved. If you are a new parent to the school, please ensure you check your email inbox as all codes for the ParentPay App were emailed out at the start of this week. If you are struggling to access your account, please do contact us via [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

### **Sixth Form Open Event Dates 2024-2025**

It is that time of year when our Year 11 students need to start thinking about their Post 16 options. In order to support with their planning, please find details below of the Sixth Form Open events in the area.

#### **Pendleton Sixth Form College**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024, 10am – 12pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 5pm – 7pm

#### **City Skills**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, 10am – 12pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

#### **Worsley College**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

#### **Eccles Sixth Form College**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

#### **FutureSkills**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024, 10am – 12pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 5pm – 7pm

#### **Loretto College**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am-12pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 10am-12pm

(Book tickets on the college website)

## Safeguarding Update - Network Rail – Secondary School Safety Advice

Due to increasing incidents of trespass on the railway near our school, National Rail are urging Parents/Carers to watch and share the following safety video with their children. As a school, we are also supporting to reinforce this message through visual reminders on our display screens around the building.

Over 21 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the rail safety videos.

- To access the video, please access the link provided:  
<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/>
- You can find additional rail safety videos and resources at:  
<https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/>



Switched On is a new rail safety programme for 3–16-year-olds that encourages young people to stay 'Switched On' around the railway. On the website you will find a wide range of age targeted films, interactive games and activities. Switched On teaches young people to be aware of risky behaviour and develop hazard-spotting skills.

## Open Evening

Our Open Evening takes place on Thursday 3rd October. This is always a lovely evening and a fantastic chance for us to welcome our prospective Year 5 and 6 students.

Please encourage your son/daughter to get involved and help as a guide or volunteer for a department or activity. More information will be shared with the students, nearer the time.



## Silent Reminder

# SILENT REMINDER - ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Maximise your potential, attend school everyday.

100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	37.5 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	62.5 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	82.5 LESSONS MISSED

HM Government  
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

NHS

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## Important - Attendance Matters

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools after 19th August 2024.

### Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

### National Threshold

**There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.** For example: a 5-day holiday would meet the national threshold. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be: £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be: £160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

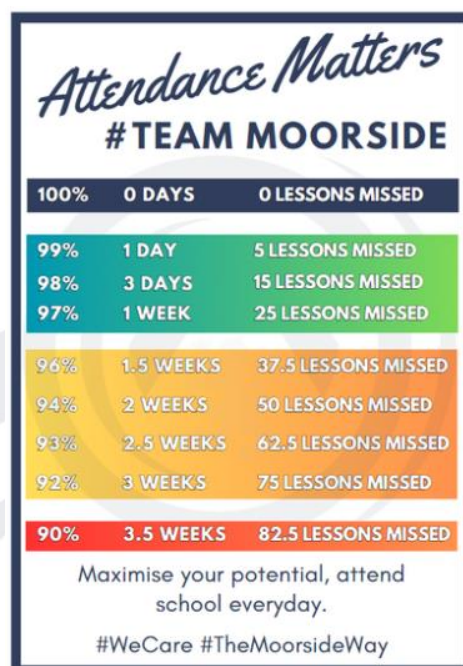
The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

If your child's attendance is a concern, we will always try and offer support before fines are issued. Our attendance and pastoral team are discreet, and we encourage you to work with us to ensure your child gets the most out of their time with us. If you have any questions related to this, you can find all the guidance at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



### Key Dates:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September Year 11 Information Evening
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September Year 10 Information Evening
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September YR8 HPV Session
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Open Evening
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October Year 11 – Make it Stick/Careers Fair
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Year 7 Parent's Evening
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November School Closed INSET Day



**Word of the Week**



# WORD OF THE WEEK

# IMPERATIVES



<b>Antonyms:</b> Optional	<b>Synonyms:</b> Commands; instructions	<b>Connected Words:</b> Imperative
<b>British Values link:</b> Individual liberty	<b>Noun:</b> A verb or phrase that has a commanding tone.	<b>Moorside focus:</b> Consideration, Equality
 <b>How do I say this in Spanish? Imperativos</b> <b>Spanish phrase:</b> Sit down. <i>Siéntate</i> (1 person) <i>Sentaos</i> (more than 1 person)		
<p>The teacher's use of the imperatives made the students follow her every instruction.</p> 		

All term dates for the academic year, 24/25 25/26 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

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 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
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