



#Team Moorside Parent 13.09.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been wonderful to continue to see the school come back to life during our first full week back. I just know from what a very settled start it has been, that we are going to have another fantastic year. The highlight for me this week, has been seeing our new Year 7 students who started their secondary school journey with us last week, really grow in confidence as they find their way around school.

At this point, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new parents and carers. Hopefully everyone has now managed to access ClassCharts and are receiving this update. As a parent myself, I remember when my children started secondary school, so I understand that this is a phase of parenthood that can be stressful. Will they make friends? Will they enjoy school? Will they do well academically? Social Media?!!! As we said at the Year 6 to 7 transition evening, as they move from life in primary school where you know the parents of all your son/daughter's friends, you are moving to a world where you begin to lose touch with who they know and what they are up to. There will be times when you become worried by what you read on the dreaded WhatsApp or social media groups. Things are almost never as terrifying as they appear on the group chat! My advice to you is, that if you ever have any worries or concerns, please send us an e-mail at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com and we will always get back to you. There will inevitably be ups and downs but rest assured that we will always try to do what we believe is right for your child. You will not believe how quickly time flies and before you know it, it will be June 2029 when we will be celebrating their Year 11 Prom!

This week, we have reintroduced our Wonderful Work Wednesdays, and it was lovely to see the huge queues of students with 'WOW' work at the table in the atrium. It is great to see students really proud of the work they have completed, and we look forward to celebrating this each week. It was also lovely this week to welcome our Year 11 parents and carers to our Information and Guidance evening. All the slides and information shared have been sent out to Year 11 parents. Next Thursday, we are looking forward to welcoming our Year 10 parents and carers and information regarding this evening has been sent out already. Considering we are only on week two, we have already achieved so much, and you can read further about what is happening around school and what we have coming up within the Parent Update.

Thank you for your continued support, as always if you have any thoughts on what we can do to continue to move forward, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Positive Praise

The start of a new academic year is always an exciting time in school. It presents a perfect opportunity for students to make a fresh start and return to school with a renewed energy and positive attitude to learning. The new academic year presents many new opportunities for students, including new classes, new teachers, new opportunities and for some, new subjects to study. It's an important time of year where new habits and routines are formed and first impressions count!!

We are pleased to share that the vast majority of our students have had an outstanding first week back in school. We're incredibly impressed by their behaviour and positive attitude to learning – it has been a joy to have them back in school. In the first 5 days, students have amassed an impressive 110,308 positive reward points.



Students are awarded positive points in lessons for meeting/exceeding our 'Moorside Way' expectations and for engaging in their learning. What a great start to this year – Keep up the hard work #TEAMMOORSIDE



Calculator for Maths

Having a personal calculator is essential for success in Mathematics. Using the same calculator consistently allows students to become familiar with its functions and features, which can significantly speed up their work and reduce errors during assessments. Mastery of their calculator's capabilities, such as handling fractions, powers, and trigonometric functions, gives students greater confidence and efficiency when solving complex problems. This familiarity can have a positive impact on both exam performance and overall understanding of key mathematical concepts. We highly recommend that each student has their own calculator for regular practice. The calculator that we recommend is the Casio FX-83GTCW Which you can purchase using this link. [Click here to access the link.](#)

If you need support in purchasing your child a calculator, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Flu Vaccination

The Immunisation team will attend school on Thursday 31st October to administer the Flu Vaccination. The flu vaccination is eligible to all students up to and including Year 11. Please complete the consent form online by clicking on the following link, the link will close on 23rd October.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/88192172>

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Salford Immunisation Team on 0333 358 3397, option 1, option 7.

Knowledge Organisers

All Knowledge Organisers have been printed as booklets for our KS3 students, whilst at KS4, Knowledge Organisers are given by every subject teacher in class. Every individual Knowledge Organiser has been written by our Heads of Department in school, summarising all the essential vocabulary, information and quotes required to succeed in lessons. They are designed to break down learning in every subject into the most important ideas; guide student revision for all subjects in school and to support students in being independent learners and improving their own work.

Students must bring their Knowledge Organisers to school every single morning and show their Form Tutor in Standards Time to receive positive points for equipment. They must also put their Knowledge Organiser on the desk at the start of every lesson, ready to use.

Reading Rulers

This week, all students in KS3 were given a Reading Ruler by their Form Tutor. These rulers are used when tracking a guided reading text in lessons, to enhance reading speed and accuracy, helping children navigate through texts more efficiently. By highlighting and underlining text, these rulers aid in improving concentration, allowing for a more focused reading session. Reading Rulers should be brought to school every day as part of essential equipment.

Assemblies next week

Next week Miss Drinkwater will be delivering assemblies around Social Responsibility.

It is always disappointing to read when young people across the city are demonstrating anti-social behaviour in the community and sadly, we are seeing an increase of this in our area, especially around the loop line - Monton to Worsley. Please can you remind your child about staying safe and reporting anything that they know is not acceptable behaviour. As a school, we will respond and work with our local PCSO to support and educate these students that are making poor choices.

SEND Coffee Morning

Our SENDCO, Mrs O'Kane is holding a coffee morning on Friday 27th September between 9-11. This will be an opportunity for our parents of students who have an EHCP or parents of Year 11 students with a SEND need, to come into school and meet Mrs O'Kane and her team, so you can put a name to a face. We are hoping to hold more of these events across the year, so parents of all SEND students have an opportunity to come in, have a catch up and meet their child's key worker. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our communication with the SEND team, please do share these with Mrs O'Kane via the email address, MHSsendco@consilium-at.com

Parking

Polite reminder, if you are dropping your child off or picking them up from school, please can you be mindful of our neighbours. The cycle lane opposite the Deans Rd entrance is not a parking place to collect students or drop off. Please arrange to drop off or meet your child where there is a designated area for parking. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

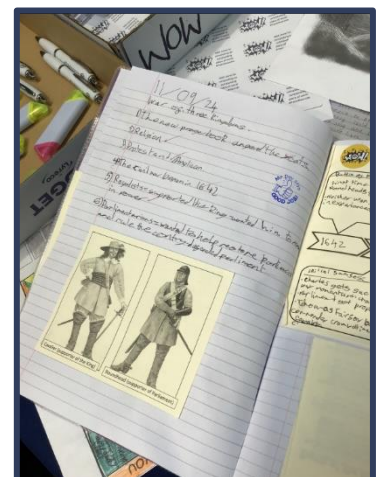
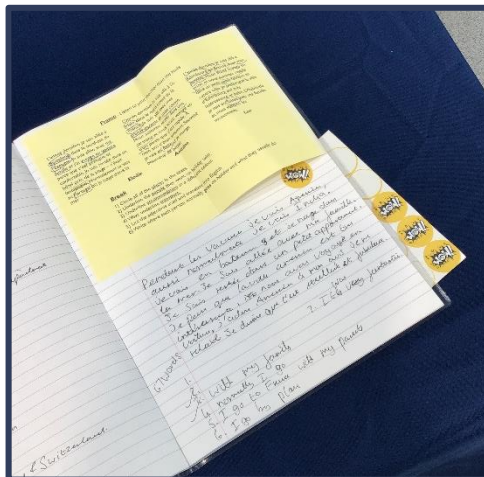
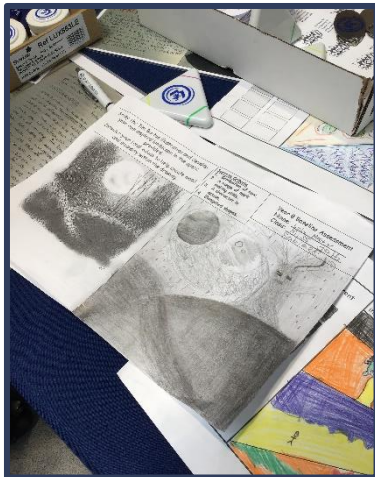
Wider Curriculum & Year 11 Intervention Sessions

On Friday the Sports Hall was abuzz with students attending our Enrichments Fair. Please click [here](#) to access the Wider Curriculum Timetable for Years 7-10 and [here](#) for the Intervention/Study Sessions Timetable for Year 11.

WOW Wednesday



This week saw the relaunch of WOW Wednesdays in school, when students are encouraged to bring any work that makes them feel proud to Mrs Nesfield in the Atrium at lunch. Wonderful Work is shared with staff, and students are awarded stickers, postcards and a small prize. We were amazed at the queue of students ready to show us their proudest pieces, including some brilliant Tim Burton style art, creative French holiday diaries and detailed History timelines. We are looking forward to seeing more next week.



Design & Technology Request

In Design Technology we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce the number of new resources/materials that we buy. Miss Kormoss and Mrs Dilkes-Thomas are planning to run an extra-curricular LEGO club for KS3 that would develop student's team building and reasoning skills by completing LEGO challenges. They would like to request that if any parents/carers have any unused LEGO at home, they consider donating it to the school. If you can help with this, please drop off any donations at reception.

They are also looking to reduce the amount of cardboard that we buy for modelling and design development in KS4 - if you have any thick cardboard packaging/boxes that they could use, again, please drop off at reception. We know the Design & Technology team would be really grateful, plus it is a great way to hide those Amazon boxes that we all seem to store up!

Year 11 Parents

This year, we saw the places at City Skills College fill up extremely quickly for those students that wanted to go on and study Construction/Mechanics. To support our current Year 11 students, Mr Farmer (Careers Advisor) will be offering an early application support session on Monday (16 September) 3-4pm after school in the LRC. Any Year 11 student who is considering construction or motor vehicle at City Skills can come and complete an application form. An early application would, we hope, give them a much better chance of securing a place next year as we have been made aware that they are already receiving applications for next September. Students can change their minds, but if they have an application in process, they are 'in the system' and can be considered for a place, even if they then withdraw. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Farmer.

Primary School Home time pick up

We have been made aware from the Primary School that they have extended their school day by an additional 15 minutes. To accommodate this change and to ensure that their outdoor spaces are used solely for learning up until 15:10, they have made some updates to their pick-up procedures. All gates will now open at 15:10, and access to playground areas will not be possible before this time. To support students collecting siblings from the Primary School, they can either wait inside our building on the seating area in the Hub, or on the benches outside the Student Entrance. Unfortunately, this does mean that our students will no longer be able to cut through the Primary School to go home before 15:10 and will have to leave via the Deans Road entrance and walk around. Students have been informed about this.

Year 10 Information and Guidance Evening - Thursday 19th September 5.00-6.00pm.

To ensure that parents are fully informed about Key Stage 4, we are holding an evening for Year 10 parents. The purpose of the evening 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 evening should finish no later than 6:15pm.

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.

Parent Support for Teenagers

Being a parent is an amazing job but it's not an easy one, especially with a teenager. Every family dynamic is different, but what unites you as Parents and Caregivers is your desire for your children to grow up happy, learning new skills and feeling supported in their emotional wellbeing.

Salford offer support through discussion groups for Parents/Carers at Swinton Gateway.

Here is the upcoming session timetable and link to the Salford Portal where a wide range of resources are available. To access these sessions please complete your details via the universal [relationships portal](#) or contact 0161 686 7229.

Discussion Group title	Fridays 12-2pm, Swinton Family Hub, within Swinton Gateway, 100 Chorley Road, Swinton M27 6BP
Coping with teenagers' emotions	4 October 2024
Building teenagers' survival skills	27 September 2024
Reducing family conflict (teenagers)	20 September 2024

Alternatively, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team who will happily assist and help signpost to the relevant services available.

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



CONDUCTIVE

Antonyms:

Detrimental

Synonyms:

Good for; helpful to

Connected Words:

Conduct

British Values link:

Individual liberty

Adjective:

To be conducive is to contribute to a desired outcome.

Moorside focus:

Consideration, Equality



How do I say this in Spanish? Conducente

Spanish phrase: I need to ask the teacher for help. Necesito pedir ayuda al profesor/a

The student's will to learn was conducive to the learning environment.



Key Dates:

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

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



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

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.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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.

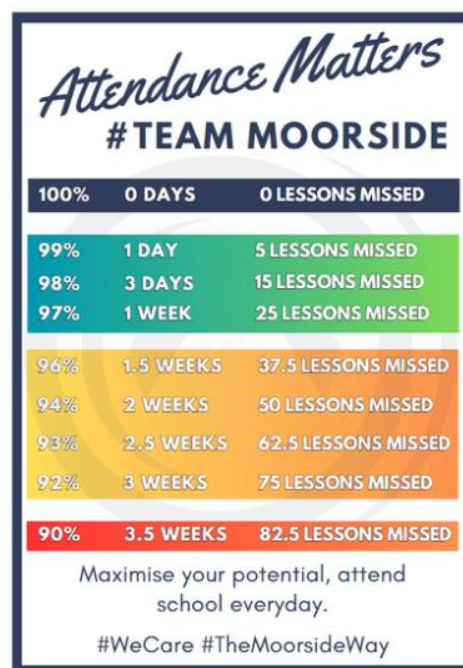
Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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>





College & Sixth Form Open Events 2024-2025



Please always check college websites before events for BOOKING DETAILS or changes.

Family & Friends are welcome to attend with you!

SALFORD CITY COLLEGE (5 CENTRES ACROSS SALFORD)

Please book via college website

Pendleton Sixth Form College

Saturday 21st September 2024, 10am – 12pm

Thursday 31st October 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 11th December 2024, 5pm – 7pm

City Skills Centre

Monday 23rd September 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Saturday 2nd November 2024, 10am – 12pm
Monday 10th February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

Eccles Sixth Form College

Thursday 26th September 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 30th October 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Monday 10th February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

Worsley College

Tuesday 24th September 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Tuesday 29th October 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 12th February 2025, 5pm – 7pm

Future Skills @ MediaCityUK

Wednesday 25th September 2024, 5pm – 7pm
Saturday 2nd November 2024, 10am – 12pm
Tuesday 10th December 2024, 5pm – 7pm

Loreto College

Sat 5th October 2024 - 10am-12pm or 1-3pm
Sun 13th October 2024 - 10am-12pm or 1-3pm

Please book via website

Xaverian College

Sat 5th October 2024 - 10:30am–2:00pm
Sun 13th October 2024 - 10:30am–2:00pm

Please book via website

The Sixth Form Bolton

Sat 5th October 2024 - 10.00am – 1.30pm
Thu 28th November 2024 - 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Please book via website

Winstanley College

Thu 3rd October 2024 – 5.00pm–7.00pm
Wed 16th October 2024 – 5.00pm–7.00pm
Wed 7th November 2024 – 5.00pm–7.00pm
Thu 26th June 2025 - 5.00pm–7.00pm

Urmston Grammar Sixth Form

Thu 14th November 2024 – 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Please book via website

Access Creative College (Manchester)

Sat 12th October 2024 – 11am – 2.00pm

Please book via college website

Bolton College

Tuesday 15th October 2024 - 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 13th November 2024 - 5pm-8pm
Thursday 12th December 2024 - 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 12th February 2025 - 5pm-8pm
Thursday 20th March 2025 - 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 30th April 2025 - 5pm-8pm
Thursday 19th June 2025 - 5pm-8pm

Please book via college website

The Manchester College

Thu 8th October 2024 – 5.00-7.00pm
Thu 21st November 2024 – 5.00-7.00pm

Please book via college website

Trafford College

Sat 12th October 2024 - 10.00am-2.00pm

Please book via college website.

UTC – Media City UK

Wed 16th October 2024 - 5:30pm– 7:30pm

Please book via college website.

Y11s: Information for College & Sixth Form open events

Open Events are really important to attend if you are thinking of doing further studies after your GCSEs. It is your chance to RESEARCH different places and courses and find out what options are best for **YOU**.

Even if you are not thinking of this pathway (for example if you want to do an apprenticeship instead) it is still important to consider researching colleges or sixth form as a backup plan; so still try and visit a few places!

- Before you attend an open event, it is a good idea to do some research first – check on the college or sixth form website to see if they offer the courses you are interested in – this can also help explore different options if you are not sure what courses you want to do yet
- You can attend as many open events as you like – in fact, it is a good idea to attend at least 2 or 3 different places so you can make a fair comparison
- You are welcome to bring along family members and friends (just double check college websites in case you need to register for tickets!)
- Make sure you ask lots of questions – for example you might have questions about different courses, about the **entry requirements** (what GCSE grades you might need) or questions on careers or university. **Don't be afraid to ask the colleges if you have any questions or worries – they will be happy to help!** 😊
- There is no commitment to apply to a college or sixth form at an open event, though you may be able to do this on the day if you wish (college application deadlines are typically around Christmas time and you can request support with this in school)

Careers Advice & Guidance

All Y11 pupils will be offered a **Careers Guidance Meeting** with Mr Farmer, the school careers adviser, from September 2024 onwards to discuss future plans after school.

Mr Farmer is available in Moorside High Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is based in the Careers Office
(2nd floor, Next to B202 Music room – near Humanities!)



To request a meeting with Mr Farmer, students can see him in school or ask your form teacher to request this for you. You can also request a meeting through Miss Aitken or Mrs Gandy, Heads of Year 11.

Y11 Parents & Carers are also welcome to contact Mr Farmer for any help or support – Mr Farmer can be contacted at school via phone (0161 804 4022) or by email – simon.farmer@consilium-at.com.