



#Team Moorside Parent 20.09.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, the students' approach to lessons has been outstanding and staff and students together have ensured a very successful start to the school year. Our new Year 7 students have continued to settle well and no longer look as lost as they did last week; they have done brilliantly and have been so independent and sensible moving around the school. They have also fully embraced their baseline (GL) testing this week and we are incredibly proud of them. Uniform across the school has also been fantastic and we thank you for your support with this, especially the fact that nearly ALL students have a bag suitable to carry their Knowledge Organiser, Planner, Equipment and Reading Book.

As we mentioned last week, praise points have really started off well this academic year. The best part of any week for me, is at the end of the week when we celebrate our students that have gone above and beyond. Using the tannoy system, the names of students randomly selected are announced across the school, and it really does raise a cheer at the end of the day on a Friday. Students are then invited down to reception for a sweet treat to say, 'Well done'. We appreciate you encouraging your children to attend school, and do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place. Again, the number of positive points being issued this week continues to be higher than previous years, so please do check ClassCharts regularly to see how your child is doing and continue to encourage the positive attitudes we are seeing. If you have any concerns around the 'Behaviour for Learning' points your child is achieving, please do contact their Head of Year to find out a little more.

Thank you to all the Year 10 parents/carers that joined us on Thursday for our Information and Guidance Evening, if you were unable to attend the slides will be emailed out at the beginning of next week.

Finally, thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality, we all know how important attendance is and the impact it can have on achievement. If you require any support in getting your child into school, please do contact the Heads of Year who are here to help. 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

Macmillan Cake Sale

On Friday 27th September we will be hosting a cake sale to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are inviting cake donations from students in order to raise as much money as possible for this important charity.

Students are asked to bring in cakes to reception on the morning of the sale, with a note to say which house (Joule, Lowry, Pankhurst or Egerton) the student donating them is in. At break and lunch time, the cakes will be on sale for a small donation between 20p to £1 and will be available in the Sports Hall.



The sale will be led by the Student Leadership Team and there will be a stand for each house and ClassCharts points will be available for Social Responsibility for the House that demonstrates commitment, dedication and support towards this event.

Thank you in advance for your support with this, we are sure it is going to be a great day, highlighting the importance to students of being part of a community and working together to raise money for charity. Last Year we raised £440.38 and we would love to beat this amount.

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

Positive Praise

The number of BFL points keep rising and it has been lovely to see that the high standard of uniform has continued into week 3.

Just a polite reminder, we did consult with parents/carers before summer around skirts. We gave parents/carers the opportunity to feedback on how they would like us to move forward in addressing incorrect uniform. We had over 250 responses to the skirt survey in particular with the majority (3 quarters) of parents/carers saying they wanted us to keep the policy the same but enforce it better. This is something that staff have now started to work on and support students in ensuring their uniform is worn correctly. It has been pleasing to see the number of skirts being rolled up has now reduced, but we are still seeing some students not following the policy. Please can we ask that parents/carers continue to remind students about wearing their uniform correctly, especially around the length of their skirt. The Pastoral Team is here to support, and if students require new uniform, we do have some pre loved, washed uniform and a store of new uniform that we are happy to provide to support our families.



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://nhsimms.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.

What is my child learning?

One area that often comes up via stake holder voice, is that many parents are not always aware what it is their child is learning. By visiting our website, you can view the topics that are being delivered each half term, along with recommended resources and online platforms that they can access to gain support. [Please click here to access our school website.](#) We will be regularly updating this platform and will always communicate updates via the Parent Update.

Message from Mr Pinches – Year 7 Maths - Curriculum and setting

Once students have settled in Year 7, we look at where they are currently working in Maths and using the information we have from Primary Schools, our own baseline assessment, and the diagnostic assessments they sit in the first half term, we place students in sets that best suit their needs. This allows us to analyse the strengths and areas which require more development for each student, but more importantly it allows us to ensure they are in the correct class where the pace and the level of support will maximise their progress. All classes follow the same curriculum at Key Stage 3, the only difference is the pace and the scaffolding that is provided to ensure they achieve the best possible outcomes. Students will be placed in their new sets from the week beginning Monday 7th October. A letter containing more information will be sent to Year 7 parents early next week. If you have any questions following this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Maths Team.

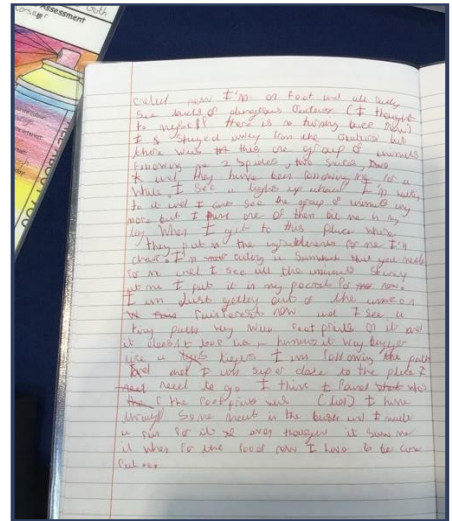
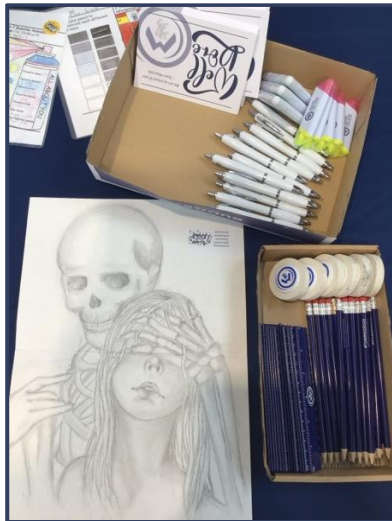
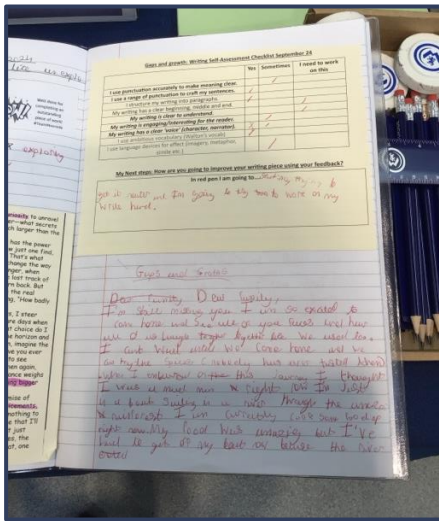
Sports Update

This week our Year 10/11 Rugby team swung into action. Moorside High School hosted the tournament, and our boys won all four games comfortably, only conceding two tries all tournament. We were extremely impressed with the boys attitude, they were all so positive in every aspect of representing the school both on and off the pitch. Well Done Team Moorside!!



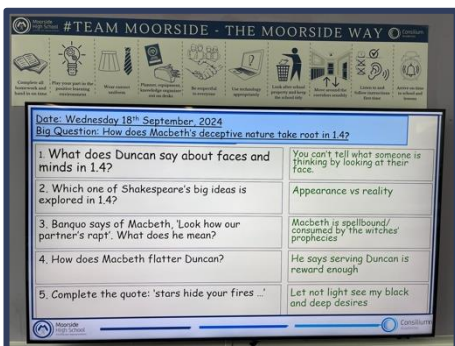
WOW Wednesday

Our WOW Wednesday continues, with students encouraged to bring any work that makes them feel proud to Mrs Nesfield in the Atrium at lunch, every Wednesday in school. Wonderful Work is celebrated, and students are awarded stickers, postcards and a small prize. This week we were amazed with the quality of Gaps and Growth work in English books, as well as some beautiful line and shading pieces in Art. Well done to every student who came to show us their work!



Teaching and Learning

This week, teachers have renewed their focus on delivering excellent Retrieval at the start of every lesson. Retrieval is a calm, silent five-minute activity that engages students straight away in thinking about what they can remember from previous lessons. At Moorside High School, we have high expectations of all students, and we want them to be constantly building upon what they know. Retrieval is an essential part of our learning practice and underpins the curriculum, ensuring students are recalling key information regularly and building strong memory schema.



“ Memory is the residue of thought, the more you think about something, the more likely it is you’ll remember it later. ”

Medication on site

No child under the age of 16 should be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without Parent/Carer written consent. School should obtain written Parental/Carer consent for each medicine that is to be administered in school.

Polite Reminders:

- Please keep medications in their original containers. Never send medication to school in envelopes, foil, plastic bags or unlabelled bottles.
- Please inform a member of staff if your child is in possession of medication. We recommend this is left at reception and a form signed to consent to this being consumed on site – this includes paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines.
- Please remind your child that they are not to provide or share any medication with their peers. This includes paracetamol.

If your child has prescription medication to be administered in school, please inform a member of the Pastoral Team/Office staff and the student will be able to self-administer this, supervised by staff following written consent.



Journalism Club

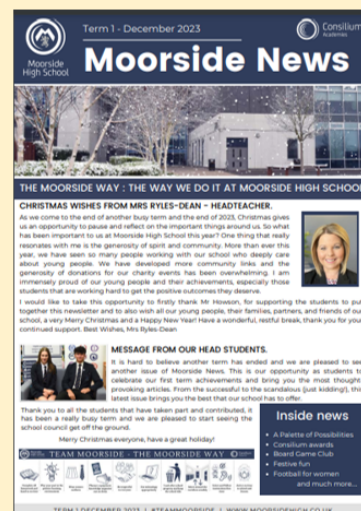
We are excited to share a fantastic opportunity for our students to get involved in a writing initiative that could see their work published both within our school and beyond. At Moorside, we believe in nurturing creativity and providing platforms for our students to shine, and this is one such opportunity!

On Thursday, 26th September, we will be hosting an after-school meeting in room A206, where students can learn more about becoming a published author. This initiative offers the chance for their writing to be featured in our very own school newspaper, as well as on Curriculum for Life—a Manchester-wide online platform showcasing the work of young writers. We are also thrilled to announce that a guest speaker will join the meeting to offer insights and guidance, making this a wonderful experience for all aspiring writers.

Journalism Club

Our next issue will be published at Christmas!

- Get ready to write your way to success—an incredible opportunity has just landed at Moorside! 🍌
- Ever dreamed of seeing your name in print? Now's your chance! Not only could you become a published author for our very own school newspaper, but your work could also be featured on *Curriculum for Life*, an online platform that showcases articles by young writers, reaching readers across Manchester!
- Don't miss out—join us **afterschool on Thursday, 26th September** in room **A206** for a special meeting with a guest speaker who will share more about this *write-up-your-alley* opportunity! 🍌



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. Students will be bringing home a letter to inform you that they are helping out and consent must be given via Parent Pay.

Students will not be able to leave site, unless you have informed us, between the end of the school day and the start of the Open Evening. All helpers will be provided with a drink and a snack at 15:30.

Please can you ensure if your child is helping, that they attend in full school uniform. All students that help, will be provided with 'Bonus House Points' for their contribution to school life. They will also be able to have this item signed off on their 'Leadership Pathways' activity log, towards achieving their Bronze, Silver or Gold award.



Key Dates:

- 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 Parents 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

Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

Tuesday 24th Sept (7pm to 9pm) £24

Available to book now

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SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Supporting Kids with School Anxiety Introduction to Facing Defiance	26 SEP 24 OCT
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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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.

**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.

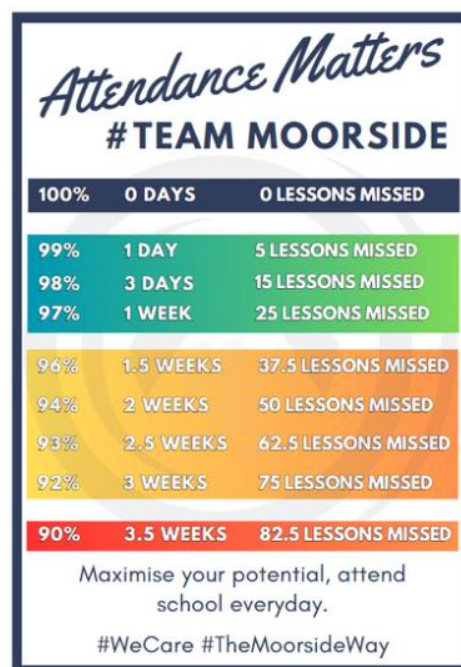
Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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.