



**Moorside
High School**
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



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#Team Moorside Parent 18.10.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of the first half term, there has been a lot to celebrate over the past seven weeks. Our charity work has started, and we are looking forward to continuing this work next half term by supporting the Consilium Christmas Gift Drive, Mission Christmas and the Salford Food Bank.

We have welcomed parents from Year 7, 10 and 11 into school along with our prospective parents and students who potentially will be joining us in September 2025. Year 7 have been fantastic in completing their GL testing at the start of the year and we have more students than ever joining an extra-curricular activity in school. This week our Book Fair and Pop-Up library returned, this was a fantastic opportunity for students to borrow or purchase a book to read over the half term break and we are really looking forward to seeing their book reviews and hearing all about what they enjoyed when we return after the break.

This half term, we have also had a whole school drive on ensuring that students are ready for learning, by being on time for lessons and focused by avoiding distractions. We are really pleased with how the students continue to demonstrate the Moorside Way, and we look forward to returning after the October half term when we will continue to maintain these high standards.

School will reopen on Monday 28th October 2024 at 08:25. Students are expected to return following the half term in full school uniform, with their planner and knowledge organiser that they were given in September. Year 7, 8 and 9, should also ensure they have their reading ruler and reading book. We appreciate with the start of colder days, students may wish to wear a coat to and from school. Just a polite reminder, coats should be a sensible design, no bright colours, or large logos with a hood. Students will be asked to remove coats when they enter the building. If you require any support in purchasing uniform, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year. A polite reminder, plain white ankle socks or black tights should be worn with a skirt and plain black socks with trousers. We are still concerned that the length of some school skirts are not acceptable and I would encourage you remind your child that skirts should not be rolled up and should be a modest length.

We know that next half term will be a busy one, and we hope that all students re-charge their batteries over the break and come back ready to follow the Moorside Way and try their best. Our Year 11 students will be taking part in their Mock Exams, and we have our Christmas Concert and rewards activities to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. If your child is involved in any activities over the half term week, please do share these with us. We always love hearing about students' achievements outside of school and we want to celebrate with them. If your child has taken part in something that they would like to celebrate, please do let us know at

MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean

Headteacher

Cake and kindness

Last week we had a stand for Cake and Kindness as part of our Mental Health Awareness week. It was so lovely to see so many students involved, leaving positive messages. This is something we are going to do each half term moving forward, as it really brought a smile to everyone's face.



Year 11 GCSEPod Half-term challenge


GCSEPod is an invaluable tool to help support independent learning, consolidation, and preparation for GCSEs. We are excited to launch our half-term GCSEPod challenge over half-term. Through the challenge, rewards will be awarded to the forms with the most streamed pods and also the individual 'Top-Podder Award' for the top three streamers. ClassChart points will also be awarded for runners up. All students have had their log-in details shared. However, if there are any issues, please contact MHSInfo@consilium-at.com and address your email to Mr Joynson who is happy to support.

To learn more about GCSEPod please visit our school website by [clicking here](#).

At the start of next half term, Year 11 parents can look forward to the raising standards update, this will contain detailed revision support, online platforms, rewards and general guidance on what the term ahead holds in store for the students.


Bikes/Scooters on Campus

As a school, we encourage alternative modes of transport to and from school to ease motor vehicle congestion in the mornings and at home-times. With this in mind, we welcome the use of bicycles and scooters and provide suitable stores around campus. However, it has been reported that adults and children are riding their bicycles and scooters across campus. This is extremely dangerous for children and other members of our community walking around what is already a very busy site.



SILENT REMINDER

STUDENTS MUST NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



Cycling is a fantastic way to travel but cyclists are vulnerable on roads. 85 cyclists lost their lives in road accidents in the UK in 2022. The vast majority of cyclist casualties are from incidents on roads with 30mph limits. Anyone hit by a car travelling at 30mph has a 20% chance of dying.

Staying safe when travelling by bike

- At school - Student must **never ride their bike on the school ground**. Please walk with your bike until you are off the school premises and clear of crowds.
- Safety equipment – Cyclists of all ages and levels of experience should wear a helmet. Wearing a well-fitted, good quality cycle helmet does help protect your brain in some types of crashes or falls.
- Bike maintenance – Check your bike before travelling make sure the tyres and the brakes are in good working order.
- Roads/junctions – 45% of cycle accidents occur at or near road junctions. Be extra vigilant and take your time when approaching junctions and roundabouts
- Riding at night – Its illegal to cycle at night without lights. You must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back , red reflectors at the back and amber reflectors on the pedals
- Cycle training – Cycle training can help give you the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the roads. Training covers topics from balance and control to planning independent journeys on busier roads.

#TheMoorsideWay

In conjunction with Moorside Primary School, we are asking that all parents, carers, and children, both primary and high school, dismount from their bicycles or scooters upon entering the grounds. Staff have been tasked with politely challenging anybody not following these rules and students/parents/carers may be prevented from entering the school grounds using them in the future. Thank you for your support with this.

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. If you would like to support the running of this group, please do reach out to the Admin members.

The Local Offer for Parents/Carers

The Local Offer provides information on what's available locally for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families. On the Local Offer you'll find information about education, health, activities and events, preparing for adult life, and much more. There have been lots of improvements to the Local Offer over the past year to support parents/carers and young people navigate their SEND journey. Check out the Local Offer today by visiting www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer or visit one of the [drop-in sessions](#).

Development on the Local Offer continues as new information pages and content are introduced in collaboration with Salford Parent Carer Forum and the Local Offer Partnership. These include:

- An information video for parents/carers about the [Graduated Approach](#)
- Information on transitions between [primary](#), [secondary](#), and [post-16 education](#)
- A [MythBusters and FAQs](#) page to support parental understanding
- Information on travel and transport including accessible venues and '[days out](#)'.

Black History Month 2024

October marks Black History Month in the UK, and this year's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. The Black History Month site describes this year's theme as:

"A commitment to **correcting historical inaccuracies** and **showcasing the untold success stories** and the full complexity of Black heritage. It's about **taking control** of our stories and **honouring our heroes** while **challenging the narratives** that have often **overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals** both in the UK and globally".

To celebrate this year's theme at Moorside we will be reclaiming narratives of some outstanding black individuals who have contributed to the history of this country. Narratives which have either been overlooked or forgotten. By reclaiming these narratives, we honour the past, empower the present, and inspire the future.

Story of Claudia Jones

Claudia Jones was an extraordinary woman, an activist, journalist, and the mother of the Notting Hill Carnival. Born in Trinidad, she moved to the UK and became a tireless advocate for Black rights and a prominent voice against racism and colonialism. After witnessing the racial tensions and discrimination faced by Black communities in London, she organised events to celebrate Caribbean culture, which eventually grew into what we now know as the Notting Hill Carnival — a symbol of Black pride and resilience. Claudia's story is often overshadowed, but today, we reclaim it. Without her, one of the UK's most vibrant cultural celebrations might not exist. She brought a community together in joy and resistance.



Safeguarding Support

Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership

Every child has a right to be safe. There are times you may worry about your own child or someone else's child. Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership offer advice and guidance resources to support with this.



To access a wide range of information and guidance on how best to support your own child, or to report a worry/concern about a young person under the age of 18, please click the link below.

<https://safeguardingchildren.salford.gov.uk/parents-and-carers/>

If your child has any concerns or has any suggestions on what we can do better, we have our 'Speak Up, Speak Out' campaign. Students can access the QR code in their planners and around school. This generates an email direct to the Pastoral/Safeguarding leads and action will be taken to address their comments, thoughts or concerns.



Something not right...
Have a good idea...
Want to make a difference...

**SPEAK UP,
SPEAK OUT**

TALK TO US

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT
#TEAMMOORSIDE

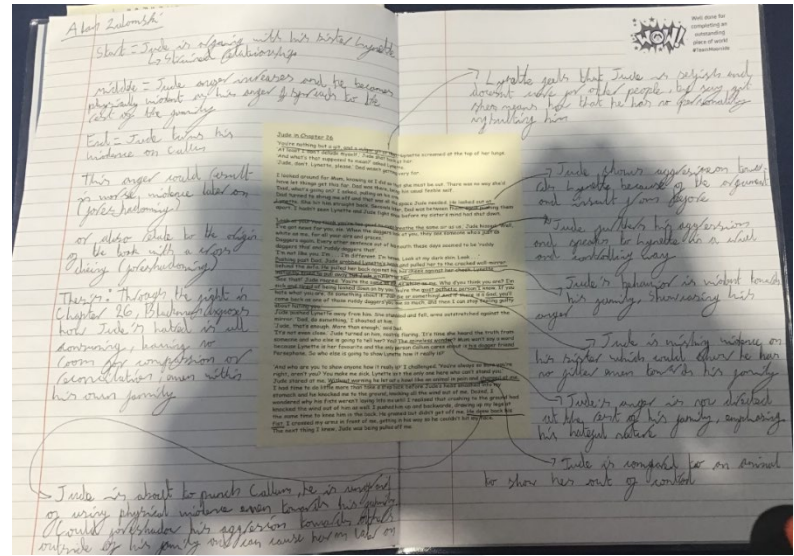
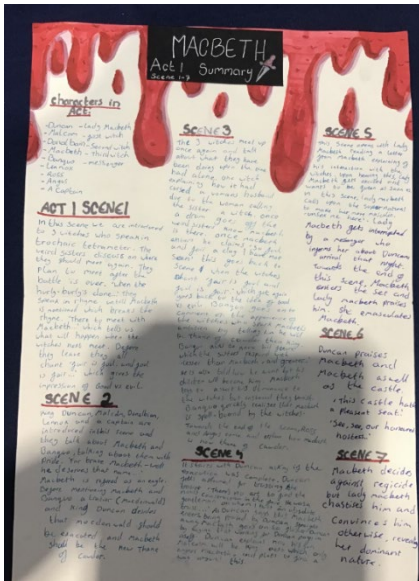
Look out for the QR codes around school

Your name & email will be registered when you log a comment

Consilium Academics

WOW Wednesday

It was a ghoulishly good WOW Wednesday in school this week! Students are encouraged to bring any work that makes them feel proud to Mrs Nesfield in the Atrium at lunch and collect stickers, postcards and a small prize. This last Wednesday of the half term, students were ready with a spooktacular display of wonderful work, including Macbeth revision summaries, redrafts of creation stories from English and terribly good work from Art. Well done to every single student who attended.



Sports Update

This week, our Year 8 students played in the last Salford Red Devils 9-side tournament at Co-op Walkden Academy. The team yet again, represented the school to a high standard both on and off the pitch. They won three matches, drew one and sadly lost one, but it was a very close game with nearly half of the team playing rugby for the very first time. A special thank you goes to Will, Hudson and Oliver who are in Year 7 but played for the Year 8 team and didn't look out of place, all showing great sportsmanship. With all the tournaments now complete every year group has finished in the top two every time – Go Team Moorside!!

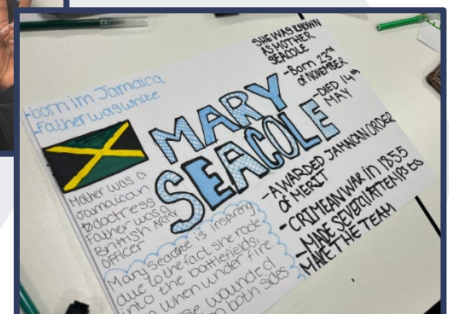
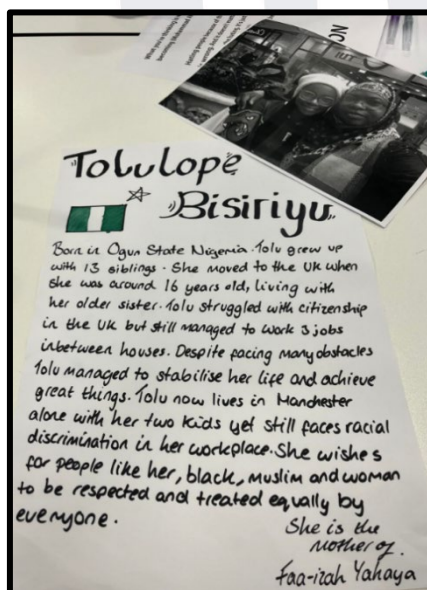


Trip to Manchester Met University

This week, some of our students had the incredible opportunity to visit Manchester Metropolitan University in celebration of Black History Month. The event, titled Roots in Manchester: Then and Now, featured a screening of Moving Memories – Tales from Moss Side and Hulme, a nostalgic film by renowned filmmaker Karen Gabay. The film highlights the stories of first and second-generation immigrants in Hulme and Moss Side, focusing on Irish, Caribbean, and Sikh communities post-World War II. Gabay created the film to honour the area's rich cultural history and vibrant community, which was often overlooked due to the prevailing focus on gang culture during that period.

Students were also privileged to hear from Lisa Aegean, daughter of Phil Magbotiwan, who owned the legendary club, The Reno in Moss Side. She shared personal stories about her father and how his club became a vital space for challenging racism, even attracting notable figures like Muhammad Ali. Additionally, Dr. Shirin Hirsch gave a compelling talk about Len Johnson, a bi-racial Mancunian boxer who not only fought in the ring but also fought against racism, playing a key role in the abolition of the British colour bar.

In the afternoon, our students participated in a creative workshop where they co-curated a digital exhibition celebrating Manchester's black and bi-racial trailblazers, further deepening their connection to the city's rich heritage.



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - UNIFORM #THE MOORSIDE WAY

A school uniform comprises of a standard set of clothes that students wear when they attend school. A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. All of these factors positively contribute to students' overall wellbeing.

The benefits of having a school uniform...

- Research has shown that when all students are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from students.
- By wearing uniforms, students no longer have to waste time planning their outfits to wear to school. Wearing a school uniform means that students are focused on their education and not on their attire.
- Students who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance and social status. Because all students are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment.




Word of the Week

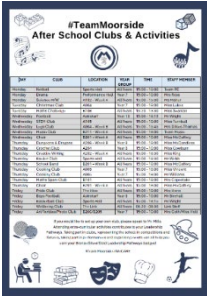


WORD OF THE WEEK



RIGHTEOUS

Antonyms: Dishonest; Unethical	Synonyms: Virtuous; Upstanding; Principled	Connected Words: Right
British Values link: Individual liberty; Democracy	Noun: To be morally right or justifiable.	Moorside focus: Equality
 How do I say this in Spanish? Justa/Justo Spanish phrase: Their cause was righteous. Su causa era justa .		
They stood up for what was right and died a righteous person.		



Wider Curriculum & Year 11 Intervention Sessions

Please click [here](#) to access the Wider Curriculum Timetable for Years 7-10 and the [Intervention/ Study Sessions Timetable](#) for Year 11. All students are welcome to sign up, they just need to speak to the member of staff running the activity.

Key Dates:

- Friday 18th October School closes at 14:55 for Half Term
- Monday 28th October School reopens for Autumn Half Term 2 - 08:25
- Monday 18th November School Closed INSET Day

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. 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.

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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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 you're 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>





OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

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

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

FREE SESSIONS	
Introduction to Facing Defiance	24 OCT
Decreasing Depression	25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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November 2024 Newsletter

If you can't make the date or time
all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Monday
25th Nov
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.

Thursday
7th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
12th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Monday
18th Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!

What is anger? Why do we have it?
How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?

Thursday
21st Nov
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.

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