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#Team Moorside Parent 01.11.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been great to welcome students back into school this week, following the half term break.

This half term is always the most challenging for students as the dark mornings and nights settle in. We have started the year really positively with regards to attendance and we want to keep this going as we know about the strong correlation between attendance and achievement. On the theme of dark nights/mornings, please can we encourage all students to ensure they can be seen when walking to and from school and ensure they are crossing the roads at pedestrian crossings or at a safe place. We cannot emphasise enough, the importance of using the subway or bridge when crossing the East Lancashire Road. We have had reports of students running across the road during peak times and this is a real concern. Can we also ask you to remind those students who travel to school on a bicycle, they must ensure they have lights on their bike and that they are wearing a helmet. We will also be reminding students regularly in school.

It is hard to believe that we have arrived at November already. The students have returned after the half term break with a renewed energy and we are keen to continue our drive for high standards of uniform, attitudes to learning and social responsibility. This week during assemblies, Mr Thompson reminded students about getting the basics right and following the 'Moorside Way'. Towards the end of last half term, we saw an increase in trainers and skirts rolled up which is disappointing. As a school we are aiming for high standards across all areas, however unfortunately, standards of uniform is an area which often lets us down. We are aiming to focus on this, this half term, to ensure that students get into good habits and 'Dress Smart, to Think Smart'. Please can we ask for your support with this and ensure your child is attending school in full school uniform. As I reminded you before half term, the policy states, plain white ankle socks or black tights with a skirt and plain black socks with trousers. Students should have their planner and knowledge organiser that they were given at the start of September and 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 with no large logos. 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.

Typically, each year, there are over 990 injuries caused by fireworks, 494 of those are children who are injured by sparklers or fireworks. This year, Salford City Council, have organised a Firework event at Buile Hill Park where there will be three firework displays. This year the Buile Hill Park Fireworks event will take place on Saturday 2nd November 2024. It is set to be a fantastic event which has lots of fun in store including a main fireworks display, Fire walk, Traditional fun fair including smaller children's rides, Food and drink vendors and Fire pits where you can buy marshmallows to toast. There will be no bonfire at the event this year. Timings for the evening are:

- 4.00 pm – Gates open with attractions (Car park open at 3.30 pm)
- 5.30 pm – Little Sparks Fireworks Display
- 6.30 pm – Firecracker Firework Display
- 7.30 pm – Main Firework Display
- 9.00 – Gates close

If your child is attending the event, please do encourage them to stay safe. If you would like more information on how children can stay safe, please do visit this website: <https://capt.org.uk/firework-safety/> Further information about other events can be found later in the update.

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

What is my child learning in PSHE this half term?

During Autumn half term 2, the following topics will be delivered to each year group.

- Year 7 - Transition to Team Moorside (Part 2)
- Year 8 - Physical Health and Wellbeing
- Year 9 - Relationships and Sex Education
- Year 10 - Staying Safe Online and Offline
- Year 11 - Life Beyond School

If you have any questions regarding the content or the themes, please do not hesitate to contact MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Legally Blonde Auditions.

We are all very excited that rehearsals have started for our school production, Legally Blonde. There is already a real buzz around school, this week we had over 50 students attend, and we are all looking forward to seeing the cast grow and develop. Please do encourage your child to get involved.



11th November – Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November 2024, as a school we will be observing a two-minute silence at 11:00 a.m. During the week commencing the 11th, we will also be holding assemblies with each year group where we will encourage students to think about the sacrifices made by people who served in the World Wars. We currently have Poppies available for a small donation and on Monday 11th, students who are part of the air, police, army cadets or any other community service group i.e. Guides/Cubs/Rangers are welcome to attend school in their service uniform. If your child will be participating in wearing their uniform, please either ask them to inform their Head of Year before Monday 11th parents/carers can inform us via MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Year 8 HPV immunisation catch up session

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the immunisation team are unable to come into school for the Year 8 immunisation session due to be held on Monday 4th November. Please be reassured, your child will be immunised as consented as soon as they are able to rearrange the date. If you have any concerns or queries, please do contact the immunisation team.

Assisted enrolment service for free school meals.

As part of [Salford's BetterOff service](#), which is here to assist residents who may be struggling with the cost of living to get the support they need, Salford Local Authority are running an **assisted enrolment service** to offer support to families to more easily access free school meals if they are eligible. Those families who appear to qualify for free school meals, but haven't applied yet, will be contacted by letter to explain how the **assisted enrolment service** works.

In summary, if a parent / carer receives the letter and would like the Local Authority to check if their child / children are eligible for Free School Meals and process a claim, **they do not have to do anything**, the Local Authority will do the necessary checks and advise the relevant school if eligible. However, should a parent / carer wish to opt out, and not have their data processed for free school meal eligibility they have two weeks to advise the council of this fact from the date of the letter as after then we will start processing and awarding free school meals as applicable. More information can be found at www.salford.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Messages from Salford Council – Salford Firework Weekend 2024

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend as Salford Firework Weekend returns for 2024! This year, we're lighting up the skies over Salford with two fantastic events, free for the whole family. The celebration kicks off at [Buile Hill Park](#) on Saturday 2 November, starting at 4pm. Expect three firework displays throughout the night, tasty food and drink stalls, and lots more. We'll also have marshmallow toasting and stunning fire drawings to explore as you wander the park!

On Sunday 3 November, [Prince's Park in Irlam](#) will host our second night of festivities, featuring a traditional bonfire, a dazzling firework display, and a funfair perfect for all ages.

Free entry to both events make this an ideal way to spend the weekend with friends or family, and with so much going on, there's something for everyone to enjoy. If you're planning to drive to Buile Hill Park, [parking can be booked in advance](#) for £5 per car. Don't miss out! Find out more information [here](#).

Year 11 Mock exams.

Towards the end of this half term, Year 11 will embark on their Mock Examinations. Before half term, all Year 11 were given a revision pack to support with their preparations. All subjects are offering intervention sessions afterschool across the two-week timetable and school is open on a Saturday morning between 09:30 and 12:30 for subject specific targeted intervention sessions along with a supervised study room for any Year 11 to take advantage of. During the Year 11 assembly every Monday, the Year 11 team will be celebrating students' commitment to GCSEPod and attendance to intervention sessions. This week we congratulated Jaydon, who was the top pod watcher over the half term holiday! If your child has lost their GCSEPod login, please ask them to see Mr Joynson who will be able to reset this for them. At this point now, we would expect year 11 students to have completed a revision timetable, planning what the next three weeks will look like in terms of revision. All students have received a booklet to support with their revision techniques and there is a blank timetable in there to support them. Please click [here](#) to access a copy of the booklet and click [here](#) to access the Mock Examination Timetable. If you have any questions about the mock exams or revision sessions, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Charity Work



This half term we are having a key focus on supporting our charities and the Consilium Gift Drive.

We have already started collecting food bank donations, if you would like to contribute to the food bank, please do send any donations to reception where we are hoping to fill four supermarket trolleys. The food bank currently requires Tinned Fruit, Pasta, Baked Beans and Coffee. A typical food parcel includes, Breakfast Cereal, Soup, Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Beans, Tinned Meat, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Tea or Coffee, Biscuits, and Snacks, so we know these items are always welcome. As always, if you are able to support, this is very much appreciated. Should you require support from the foodbank, and are unsure about who to contact, you are able to phone or email (info@salford.foodbank.org.uk) the foodbank and they will talk you through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency. Once you've got your Voucher Code you can then exchange that for a food parcel at any of the Distribution Centres.



SEND Survey

Salford Parent Carer Forum, alongside partner agencies in Education, Health and Social, undertake a yearly SEND survey, to give our Parent/Carers the opportunity to share their views and have their say on SEND in Salford. If you are a family who have a child/young person aged 0-25 and live in Salford, please do have a voice and complete the survey. The survey is open until midnight on 15th November. Please click here to access the survey. [Salford Annual SEND Survey \(2024\)](#)

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.

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.

E-Safety

A recent survey conducted by Terry Franke (Salford's E-Safety Safeguarding Specialist), revealed that 80% of children admitted to accessing social media under the age of 13, despite the age restrictions in place for these platforms.

To help you make an informed decision around whether your child is ready for social media, please access this fantastic, non-profit website which takes a holistic look at different apps and gives an age rating based on the content and risk:

[Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/age-based-media-reviews-for-families)

Another measure to monitor the safety of your child is to block content via your internet provider through ISP web filters. This can restrict content before it even leaves the router in your home. Many are managed with an app on your phone and once set up can contribute to the safeguarding of a child/young person. You can find out more here (scroll to the bottom to see guides for each ISP):

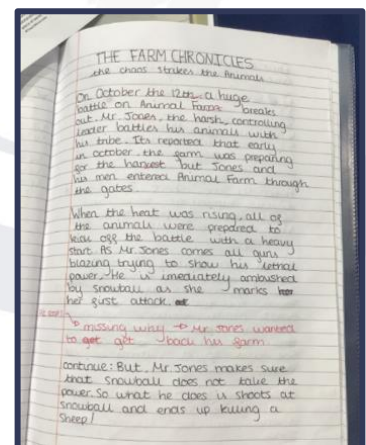
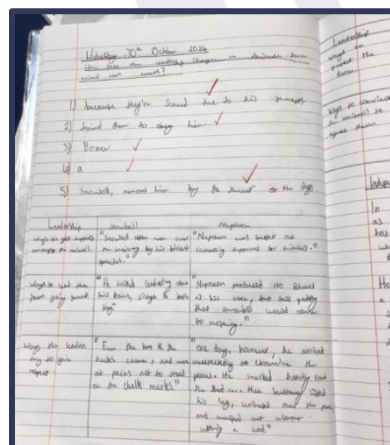
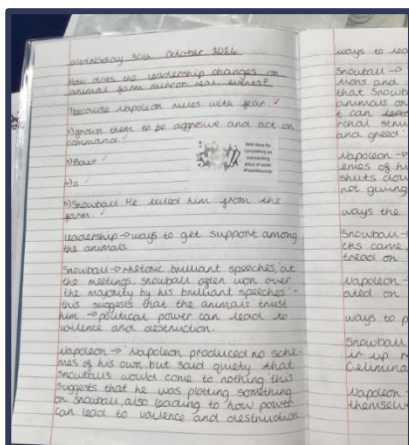
<https://www.broadband.co.uk/broadband/help/isp-web-blocking-filters>

Police Assembly - Year 7

At the beginning of each academic year, our Year 7 cohort are visited by our Police School Engagement Officer, PC Wright. The first of two visits will take place on Monday 4th November during R-Time. This session aims to help students recognise the importance of responsible online behaviour and the potential consequences of harmful interactions on social media platforms. Through this delivery, we hope students will gain a clearer understanding of how to protect themselves online, treat others with respect, and avoid situations that could have serious repercussions. This assembly aligns closely with the upcoming Anti-Bullying Week (11th-15th November 2024), reinforcing the theme of 'Choose Respect', as social media is one of the main environments where bullying and harmful communications can take place.

WOW Wednesday

Every Wednesday, 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. This first Wednesday back in school saw brilliant work from science and many examples of Mastery Tasks and redrafting in English. We are looking forward to seeing more next week!



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

- Buy fireworks marked UKCA or CE
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework
- Light the fireworks at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Never put fireworks in pockets or throw them
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep a bucket of water nearby at all times
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury
- Keep pets indoors

#BangOutOfOrder #BonfireNight #TeamMoorside #C.A.R.E

Word of the Week



WORD OF THE WEEK



ALIENATE

Antonyms:

Acceptance, tolerance

Synonyms:

Discriminate, estrange

Connected Words:

Alien, alienation, alienated, alienating

British Values link:

Individual liberty, Rule of law

Verb:

To alienate someone is to make them feel isolated and estranged.

Moorside focus:

Consideration



How do I say this in Spanish? Enajenar

Spanish phrase: It is unacceptable to alienate someone.

Es inacceptable alienar a alguien.

When he was not picked for the team, he felt alienated.



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:

- Monday 18th November School Closed INSET Day
- W/C 25th November Year 11 Mock Examination Window
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Celebration Assemblies
- Thursday 19th December School closes for Christmas at 12:05
- Monday 6th January Inset Day (Staff only)
- Tuesday 7th January School reopens for the Spring Term 08:25

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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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



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 Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 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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