



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



#Team Moorside Parent Update 08.11.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a leadership team, we aim to spend as much time as possible walking around school and going in and out of lessons. It is one of the pleasures of our job, I personally love spending time on the corridors during social time and lesson change over, having the opportunity to speak to our students. Our school is full of committed teachers and non-teaching staff with high expectations, and we have some fantastic students. We know it is a busy half term, but we relish everything that it brings. Thank you for continuing to support us by ensuring your child is attending school with the correct equipment, planner, and knowledge organiser. It really does help when we all work together. We feel that students have returned settled and are now fully aware of our high expectations around punctuality to lessons, uniform, and mobile phones.

Next week, we have a busy week raising awareness. Not only will we be holding a two minutes silence on Monday where we will encourage students to think about the sacrifices made by people who served in the World Wars, we are also raising awareness around anti-bullying too. At Moorside High School, we are dedicated to fostering a positive and respectful environment, and this year's Anti-Bullying Week (November 11th to 15th) is an important opportunity to strengthen this commitment. This year's theme, 'Choose Respect', encourages students to understand that respect is a choice we make in our interactions every day. During the week, students will take part in a range of engaging activities that emphasise respect and kindness as the cornerstones of a supportive school community.

Our schedule of events begins on Monday with a 'Respect Pledge Wall', where students can make a personal pledge on how they plan to show respect in their daily lives at school. Tuesday's activity, 'Kindness Chain Reaction', will give students a chance to write down an act of kindness they aim to accomplish, and we'll connect these acts to build a visual "chain of kindness" that represents our collective impact. On Thursday, students can participate in 'Tell a Mate They're Great', creating compliment cards to recognise and celebrate positive qualities in each other. Finally, on Friday, we'll finish the week with 'Respect and Cakes', where students can share what respect means to them in exchange for a sweet treat.

Through these activities, our goal is to help students see that respectful attitudes and behaviours not only enhance our school environment but also shape how we engage with the world beyond. We look forward to the week ahead as we help our students choose respect and build a stronger, kinder school community.

On Friday 15th November, we will be supporting Children in Need. Our Student Leadership Team are organising a huge bake sale to raise money for Children in Need. If you can donate either shop bought or homemade sweet baked items (Nut Free), this would be appreciated. All donations can be brought into school on the morning of Friday 15th. The cake sale will take place during morning break. Cakes will be on sale, donations only, no set price. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally good luck to our Year 10 students who are representing the school football team in the National Cup, 3rd round this afternoon. We will keep you updated on how they do.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

11th November – Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November 2024, as a school we will be observing a two-minute silence at 11:11a.m. 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. During the week, 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.

Salford Youth Zone

On Tuesday 5th November, Mr Thompson had the privilege of visiting the new Salford Youth Zone (SYZ). He attended with four of our students who have been integral to the design and development of the project. During the visit they were able to see revealed the first look of its impressive site which is set to open to the community in Summer 2025. The new Youth Zone, led by charity Empower Youth Zones follows the success of HideOut in Gorton which opened in 2020 and provides support to thousands of young people in Manchester.

The purpose-built Youth Zone will open seven-days-a-week, with more than 20 activities on offer every session for young people aged 8-19, or up to 25 for those with an additional need or disability and as a school we are one of its biggest supporters. We are so proud that our students have been integral to the work that is being done, to be part of the 'topping out' ceremony was a huge privilege, and we know when it opens it will be a huge asset to not only the young people at Moorside High School but to everyone in the local community.



Class of 2024 Certificate Collection

We are looking forward to welcoming our Class of 2024 back to school on Thursday 28th November between 17:00-18:00. Our ex-students will be able to catch up with each other and staff over light refreshments whilst collecting their certificates. This is an informal event just for students, they can arrive and leave anytime between 17:00-18:00. All certificates will be available in Hub area of the Atrium. Students must sign for their certificates and will not be able to collect certificates for other students. If they are unable to collect certificates on this evening, certificates can be collected from main reception after this date. We are really excited to welcome the Class of 2024 back to Moorside and hear all about what they have been up to.

Year 11 - T'is the season to study!! - Mock exams.

As the Mock exams get closer, there is lots of support available for our students. On the Key Stage 4 resource page on the school website ([click here to access](#)), there are links to the online platforms to support the students, along with suggested resources for each subject, and the Intervention Timetable and an 'Aim Higher Document' that has six weeks of guided revision for each subject in to focus the students' study. 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. At this point now, we would expect year 11 students to have completed a revision timetable, and be completing 2-3hours of work, including homework a night. There is a very true saying that without failure, there is no success, as you are not aware of what you do not know. We really want all students to fully embrace the mock exams and be able to then take something from them moving forward to the March mocks and finally the summer exams.



Punctuality to school and lessons

Last week in assemblies Mr Thompson spoke to all year groups about the importance of punctuality to school and lessons. Reducing the number of students who arrive late to school and lessons is a focus for this half term. Arriving to lessons after the majority of the other students has a negative impact on your child's education in the following ways.

- Students miss out on the start of lessons which are often the most important, where teachers are explaining the learning
- Students miss out on the opportunity to engage in the retrieval activity. Retrieval is a researched method for developing student memory and recall of key information
- Students who arrive late have a disrupted start to the lesson and equally cause disruption for students who have arrived on time

To support students to arrive on time we have introduced a late bell. The late bell sounds 5 minutes after the lesson change over bell. Students have 5 minutes to navigate the corridors and arrive to their next lesson on time. Any student who arrives after the late bell will be classed as “late to lesson” and issued with a consequence. We are monitoring students over the next couple of weeks and supporting them to improve their punctuality. If your child is late to lesson, we will notify you via a ClassCharts message. Parents may have noticed these messages being sent this week. It would be helpful if you receive these messages, that you also speak to your child at home and re-enforce the importance of punctuality. Working together, we are confident that we can support students to understand the importance of punctuality and make students realise how this will support their journey through school but also their life beyond Moorside High School. Thank you for your support with this.

Christmas Card Competition.

We are running a Christmas Card competition over the next four weeks. The competition is open to all students and the winning design will be published and sent out to other schools and our local community from Team Moorside. All entries should be handed in at reception before 12noon on Monday 2nd December. The design should be no bigger than A5 and should represent us as a school. We are really looking forward to seeing all the designs.

Sports Update

This week, Year 7, 8, 9 and 10, have all played in their first league Netball fixtures. Over the past half term, the students have been training hard at the practice sessions, ready for the season to start. Afterschool on Tuesday and Wednesday, we played against Co-op Walkden. On Tuesday, Year 7 got off to a flying start, Daisy was on great form and the team worked together, showing vast improvements throughout the match. The final score was 8-4 to Moorside. Year 8 also played on Tuesday evening, and worked hard throughout the game, their final score was 12-4 to Walkden, our students put in so much effort, well done everyone. Thank you to the Year 10 girls, Alex, Lily, Olivia, Aimee and Leilani for umpiring and supporting the Year 7 and 8 students.

On Wednesday evening, we saw Year 9 and Year 10 play against Walkden. Year 9 had a difficult match from start to finish, with the result 16-0 to Walkden. Sophia made some great interceptions, but the results were not always in her favour. The Year 10 match was a fantastic game to watch, lots of excitement and both teams equally matched the overall score was 10 -10. The team worked exceptionally well together, thank you to Anna, Chloe and Frankie, our Year 11 students, for volunteering to umpire and score the game. It is great to see so many students engaging in the extra curricular sporting opportunities that we have in school. If your child is interested in joining a sports club, please do encourage them to come along.

Visit to Oxford University

Last week a group of Year 10 students went down to Corpus Christi College, Oxford University. After an early start and a long drive, students were given a tour of the campus, took part in English and Maths masterclasses and ate lunch with the current students. This was followed by a Question-and-Answer session around the application process and what courses the college offers before we headed back to home to Moorside High School. All students had a great time and will be mentored through their careers journey over the coming years to support them where necessary.



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.



Young Carers in Salford

We understand that some children take on extra responsibilities at home, supporting family members who may have physical or mental health needs, disabilities, or other challenges. These students are recognised as Young Carers and may need additional support, both academically and emotionally.

Please find details below of some of the events for Young Carers in Salford that are taking place over the Christmas period. If you feel your child is a Young Carer, please inform your child's Head of Year or a member of our Pastoral Team.

Gaddum

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Are you a Young Carer living in Salford? Take a look at the FREE activities we have for you this Christmas...

When	What	Where
Thursday 21st November - 4:30pm - 6pm	Winter Light Walk	Mayfield Park
Thursday 12th December - 7pm - 9pm	Cinderella Pantomime	Salford Arts Theatre
Wednesday 18th December - 7pm - 9:30pm	Cinderella Pantomime	Manchester Opera House

For more information, or to book your place, please get in touch!

0161 834 6069
salford.carers@gaddum.org.uk

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to bring any money?

No, we will pay for any activities during your day.

How do I get there?

We ask that where possible, you make your own way to these events. Sometimes, we can support with travel, but this is not guaranteed. Please contact us if you need support with travel and we'll help in any way that we can.

How many activities can I choose?

As spaces are limited, we ask that you only sign up to one event initially. If spare spaces are available, we will let you know.

What if I sign up but can no longer make it?

That's absolutely fine! We understand that things happen and you may need to cancel. Please contact us as soon as possible so that we can invite others to fill this space.

How will I know where to find you on the day?

Someone from the Young Carers team will contact you before the event to confirm the meeting point and time. Feel free to call them on the day if you have any questions!

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.



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

CHOOSE RESPECT

What is bullying?

Behaviour by an individual or group repeated over time, that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms and is often motivated by prejudice against particular groups, for example on grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or because a child is adopted or has caring responsibilities.

Examples of bullying

- Emotional – Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting, using threatening gestures
- Physical – Pushing, kicking, hitting, punching, inappropriate touching or any use of violence
- Racist – Using racist taunts, graffiti, gestures
- Gender and sexual – Making unwanted physical contact, homophobic or sexually abusive comments
- Verbal – Name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing, making sexual or derogatory comments
- Disability related – Name-calling, using gestures, tormenting, threatening, because of, or focussing on, the issues of disability or special needs
- Cyber – All areas of the internet, such as email or internet chat room misuse, threats made over text messaging, snapchat, Facebook, Instagram or other platforms.

What to do if you are being bullied or witness bullying behaviours? We expect pupils to:

- Tell a member of staff, parent or friend if they believe they are the victim of bullying
- Avoid being a bystander or joining in, but report it immediately.
- Never respond with violence towards a bully, either as a victim or witness. Walk away and report it.
- Accept and make full use of any support offered
- Co-operate fully with staff when alleged incidents are being investigated
- Be prepared to provide positive support for peers who have been or are victims of bullying
- Be proactive in group and whole school approaches to preventing bullying.



Word of the Week



WORD OF THE WEEK

PERCEPTION



Antonyms:

Misunderstanding

Synonyms:

Understanding, realisation, interpretation

Connected Words:

Perceive, percept, perceptible, perceptibility

British Values link:

Individual liberty

Noun:

The way in which something is understood, or interpreted.

Moorside focus:

Consideration/Equality



How do I say this in Spanish? Percepción

Spanish phrase: She never misinterpreted her teacher because she listened well.

Ella nunca malinterpretó a su maestra porque escuchaba bien.

The boy's perception of the poem was cloudy.

A detailed timetable for after-school clubs and activities, organized by subject and time slot. The subjects listed include Art, Music, PE, Drama, Chess, and various sports. The time slots range from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. The timetable is presented in a grid format with columns for subject, day, and time.

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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Moorside High School
 Consilium Academies

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