



#Team Moorside Parent Update 15.11.24

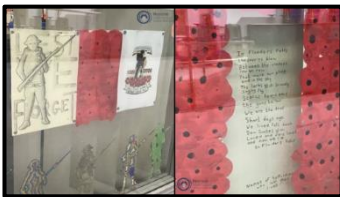
Dear Parent/Carer,

The weeks are really flying now, and it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through November.

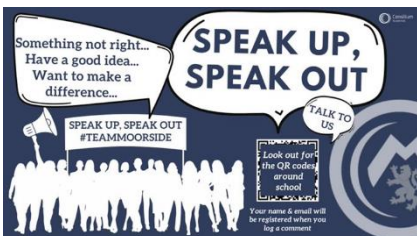
Last Friday we had a group of students that attended the Armistice Service as part of the 'Churches Together In Eccles'. Our students made homemade poppies that came together to create a wreath that the students took with them. Poppy read Kohima Epitaph at the service and she was an absolute credit to us as a school and her family. Poppy read clearly and with confidence in front of over 150 people. All the students that attended were a credit to us and we were extremely proud of them. As a school community, we then held a two minutes



silence on Monday, to allow us to come together and have the opportunity to think about the sacrifices made by people who served in the World Wars. It always overwhelms me how our students rise to occasions like this and we are extremely proud of them.



Also this week, the Atrium has been a hive of activity surrounding our Anti-Bullying week. Students have embraced the 'Respect Pledge Wall' and fully engaged in the 'Kindness Chain Reaction'. Today we ended the week with our 'Respect and Cakes', students were able to share what respect means to them in exchange for a sweet treat. Throughout all these activities, our goal was 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 hope that students have taken on board the messages from this week, and that they help our students choose respect and build a stronger, kinder school community.



During our Anti-Bullying assemblies, students have been reminded about our Sharp System where parents/carers and students can all report any concerns anonymously. In order to allow us to deal with and resolve concerns quickly, it is helpful if students are willing to share any names involved. The 'Speak up, Speak Out' campaign complements our anonymous safeguarding reporting tool SHARP. It allows students to log suggestions or ideas about how we can improve things within school or raise any concerns. Students can register their thoughts using the

QR codes around school and within their planner. We really want our students to have a voice, and make a difference to Team Moorside.

Finally today, we have once again come together as a community and carried out a cake sale for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Children in Need cake sale. We raised a grand total of ????? Thank you for all your donations.

Please remember, school is closed on Monday to students.
Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

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 Mock Exams.

Our Year 11 students will start their mock exams in just over a weeks time. We know they have worked hard in preparation for them and although some of the exams may have content that students have not yet covered in lessons at this point in Year 11, it is a great opportunity for students to be fully exposed to what they can expect in summer. On Tuesday, we have a member of the IThrive team delivering an assembly to Year 11, looking at exam worry and stress. Students know that all staff are here to support them. These mock exams are an opportunity for students to find out what they do not know and what they need to do in order to progress and be prepared ready for May. If you or your child are concerned about the mock exams, please do contact your child's Head of Year. We really want to make school a warm and welcoming place for our students to study, so please encourage them to attend all the opportunities. Students can visit the Key Stage 4 resource page on the school website, where there are lots of helpful tips on supporting students making it stick! Year 11 will receive their mock results on Tuesday 21st January and the Year 11 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 23rd January. Further information will be circulated to Year 11 parents in the coming weeks.

Change to the school day – Tuesday 10th December 2024

To accommodate the longer English Literature Mock Exam of 2hrs 30mins, on Tuesday 10th December, we will be slightly changing the lesson times of the day. The main change is that Standards Time will be extended until 9am. During this time, students in Years 7-9 will take part in a guided reading session and Year 10 will have a session on preparing for their Year 10 Assessments. The main reason for this change, is so the noise during breaktime does not distract the students sitting the exam in the Sports Hall. Students will all be informed during R Time on Friday 6th December.

The day will be as follows:

- Standards Time 08.30 - 09.00
- Period 1 09.00 - 10.00
- Period 2 10.00 - 11.00
- Break 11.00 - 11.15
- Period 3 11.15 - 12.15
- Period 4 12.15 – 12.55
- Lunch & R Time
- Period 5 – 13:55 - 14:55

December Activities

With Christmas just around the corner, we have confirmed some dates for the run up to Christmas.

- **'Christmas Jumper Day' Thursday 12th December 2024.** Students will be invited to swap their blazer on this day and wear a Christmas Jumper, for a small food item donation for the food bank. All other uniform will be required.
- **Christmas Jumper Swap Week.** To support Christmas Jumper Day, we are holding a Christmas Jumper swap week, this is to avoid students having to buy a new jumper if they have grown out of their old one. Students can donate their old jumper and swap for one that has been brought in during the week commencing the 2nd December 2024.
- **Candy Canes for Charity.** The Student Leadership Team will be selling candy canes for a small donation for charity, students will be able to order a candy cane for a small cost and have it delivered to a friend. This will be available each break time from the 9th December and candy canes will be delivered on Monday 16th December.
- **Mission Christmas.** Throughout the month of December, we will be supporting Mission Christmas again. Mission Christmas aims to help Santa reach all children. If you're able to support, we will be collecting new and unwrapped toys in our main reception until Friday 13th December. Mission Christmas aims to support all children from birth to 18, but always struggle most with gifts for babies and teenagers (especially boys). Last year we were overwhelmed by your support, and we are always grateful for any donation, no matter how small.
- **Christmas Pantomime.** Tuesday 17th December – Pride Club does Christmas concert.

Finally, during the final week of term, we will be holding our Christmas rewards assemblies along with the opportunity to gain access to the Moorside Christmas Cinema. There is always lots to look forward to at this time of year, especially Christmas Lunch that will be served on Tuesday 17th December. More details about this will be shared nearer the time.

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.

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.

National County Lines Coordination Centre – Parent/Carer Webinars

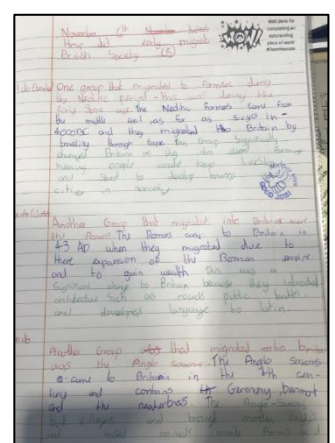
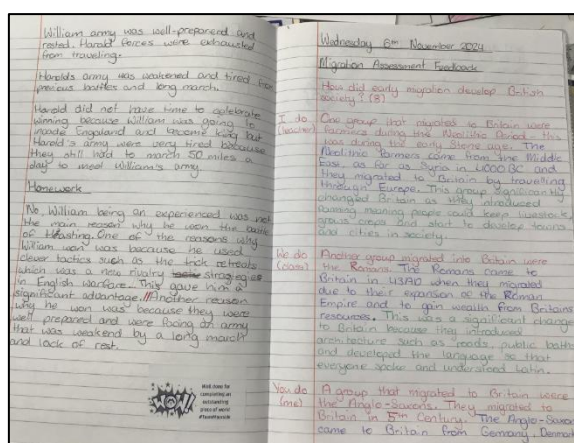
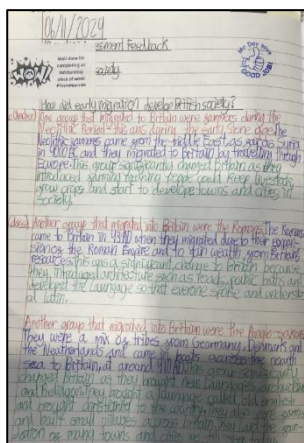
The NCLCC and Ivson regularly hosts live evening webinars for parents and carers in which they will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. They will explore how to spot signs, cover trends in the local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned. The webinar for our local area has not yet been scheduled however, all parents and carers are encouraged and welcome to join a webinar in a different region as this will still be extremely useful in helping to spot the signs and provide guidance on early intervention strategies.



- **Derbyshire, Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire** – 26th November 2024 [book your place](#)
- **Leicestershire & Northamptonshire** – 28th November 2024 [book your place](#)

WOW Wednesday

It was a week filled with assessments, redrafting and improvements at WOW Wednesday, and we saw a lot of impressive red pen work. 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. We are looking forward to seeing more Wonderful Work next week!



SILENT REMINDER - OUR CARE VALUES



TEAM MOORSIDE



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.


Word of the Week




WORD OF THE WEEK

AUTOCRACY

Antonyms: Democracy	Synonyms: Absolutism; totalitarianism; dictatorship	Connected Words: Autocratic
British Values link: Democracy, The Rule of Law	Noun: A government where one person has absolute power.	Moorside focus: Aspiration/Resilience

 **How do I say this in Spanish?** Autocracia
Spanish phrase: The student chose to take complete control over the group project.
El estudiante optó por tomar el control total del proyecto grupal.

Stalin's autocracy meant that life in Russia was not pleasant for some people.



Key Dates:

- Monday 18th November School Closed INSET Day
- W/C 25th November Year 11 Mock Examination Window
- Thursday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day
- 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 **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