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#Team Moorside Parent Update 22.11.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although it has been a short week, we have been busier than ever. On Tuesday, we welcomed into school the Creative Careers Workshop team, who worked with our Year 9 students. All students fully engaged in the workshops and particularly enjoyed the SFX makeup demonstrations. The Creative Careers Roadshow provided an opportunity for our students to gain an insight into careers in the creative industries; the broad range of opportunities available, routes into the sector and support available in the region. It was a very interactive presentation including: An introduction to different creative careers, a discussion about transferable skills and what skills young people already have and what they perhaps need to develop. Following this, our Drama team then took a group of Year 10 & 11 Drama students to watch *Blood Brothers* at the Palace Theatre. It is really important to us as a school that we get a good balance within our curriculum and we are really excited to see how our Drama and Music Department is continuing to grow.

Also on Tuesday, we had a group of students who attended Loreto College for a Masterclass. As part of the Greater Manchester High Achievers' Partnership (GMHAP), twelve Year 11 students travelled to Loreto College to complete another masterclass session with students from across Manchester's schools. The students participated in sessions such as Mathematics, English, Sociology and Biology and will return early in the new year to complete their third session. All year 11 students are currently completing college applications and are encouraged to see Mr Farmer should they have any questions. Mrs Kirk then took a group of students to the Dementia_Humphrey Booth Centre. Thirteen, Year 8 students visited the centre as part of the Dementia and Poetry Together Initiative. During the visit students interacted with Dementia sufferers, taking part in activities such as live music and performances, readings, and a question-and-answer session. All students involved prepared their own poems to read on the day and students received positive feedback from the staff at the centre. It was lovely to see our students interacting and demonstrating our school CARE values, we are hoping to work more closely with the centre and take students each month.

Finally, we had a group of Year 11 students who visited Squire Patton Boggs in Manchester. They have been completing their Elevate Mentoring Scheme with the fantastic staff at the company. The scheme has encompassed a whole school year and has involved them being mentored by one of the staff members at Squire Patton Boggs with a perspective of preparing them for future careers. They have discussed different topics during each meeting such as employability skills, networking and writing a CV. Our journalism club are currently busy writing up all these visits ready for our end of term Moorside News that will be published at the end of this term.

It is only when you read this update that you appreciate just how much does happen within school, we are always keen to listen to students and parents/carers to see what else we can be doing to ensure that all students have a positive experience in school. This also extends to the local community and on Tuesday, I was fortunate enough to be part of a Round Table event with around 40 young people from across Salford. The collective meeting ahead of World Children's Day involved a list of representatives including members from the council, the NHS, schools, police, Salford Reds and Salford FC and other community groups, we were also joined by Salford's City Mayor Paul Dennett. The event was used to set out and agree the ambition for a Child Friendly City in Salford and to gather commitments for future action. I was so proud to hear from Moorside students on what they feel representatives should do to make the City and local community a much safer place to be. The plan will encourage the city to become a space for children and young people to grow up and feel safe and we will be extending this within Moorside High School to continue to move the school forward.

As part of this work around being safe, next week assemblies will focus on road safety and staying safe in the community. Please can we remind parents/carers, if your child is travelling to school on a bike, they should have lights on their bike and wear a helmet or if they are going out in the evening, they need to stay socially responsible and take advantage of all the opportunities available. We will be continuing to remind students of this as we go through the winter months and advertising all the activities available at our local centre The Deans.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Feedback

We are always keen to hear from parents/carers and students on what is going well, and what we need to continue to do to move forward. These are some of the points that we have received since September. If you have any thoughts on what is going well or what we need to focus on, please do share these via the email address

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- Teachers, especially Year 11 staff are very generous with their time providing additional interventions, support and generally being very approachable.
- The pastoral care available is positive and the Head of Year and Pastoral Support Officers are supportive.
- Standards in terms of behaviour and academic expectations have continued to improve this academic year.
- Provision for extra-curricular activities, especially sports are good.
- Assemblies, PSHE lessons and communication with parents/carers via the Parent Update on risky behaviours (drugs and social media) and safeguarding themes is much improved.
- The Duke of Edinburgh programme is becoming more popular and engaging a wider number of students.
- Communication has been much improved in recent years – e.g. parent/carer update, Moorside News, Twitter & Instagram Posts, ClassCharts.
- Phonelines continue to be an issue, however we are working on this with the IT Team.
- Standards of uniform let the school down with several members of the community highlighting this in recent months. Feedback has informed us that the standard of uniform does not reflect the standards expected within lessons and during social time. This is something that Mr Thompson is currently looking at.

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 Parents' Evening

The Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 23rd January, following the Mock results day on Tuesday 21st January. Parents/Carers will be able to book appointments from Monday 9th December. A separate letter will be shared with parents/carers with instructions on how to book on this date.

Year 11 Mock Exams.

Good luck to all our Year 11 students who start their mock exams on Tuesday. 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.

Polite Reminder - 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

Cost of Living

We are fully aware that for all families, this time of year can be particularly challenging, especially financially. We want our families to know that we are here to help, should you be struggling. If you need any support, or we can help in any way, please do reach out to us by emailing, MHSInfo@consilium-at.com

Year 9 Choices

It will soon be that time of year when Year 9 are looking at their GCSE option choices for Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11) Following the Christmas Break on Thursday 16th January, we will be holding a Choices Information Evening with the Senior Leadership Team for parents/carers. At this time students, parents/carers will receive detailed information about the curriculum and choices that students can make. Parents/carers will then be invited to the Year 9 Parents' Evening which will take place on Tuesday 27th February, to discuss their choices with their child's subject teachers.

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.

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.

Year 11 College Application Support

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With the college application deadline of **16th December 2024** approaching, Mr Farmer is offering the following application support sessions after school:

- **Tuesday 26th November 3-4pm**
- **Tuesday 3rd December 3-4pm**
- **Tuesday 10th December 3-4pm**

Mr Farmer will be in **English Room A212** to support students after school with paper college applications, online college applications and personal statements. Any Year 11 pupils are welcome to attend for help with applications. Thank you!



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.

Safeguarding Update

Regulated and Unregulated Vapes and Harm Reduction – Parent/Carer Webinars

Early Break (Families, Children and Young Person service supporting issues around substance / alcohol use) are hosting a webinar for parent/carers regarding vapes.

The aims of the webinar are:

- To understand the trends around young people's vaping habits.
- To identify the most common effects and risks of vaping.
- To feel confident to provide basic harm reduction advice to young people.
- To know where, as a parent/carers, you can get additional support, if needed.

To join this webinar, please use the meeting details below:

4th December 2024 at 17.45pm for one hour.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 360 839 218 031

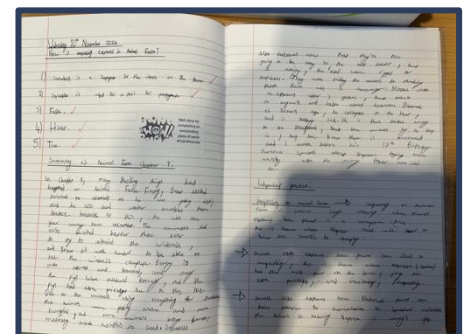
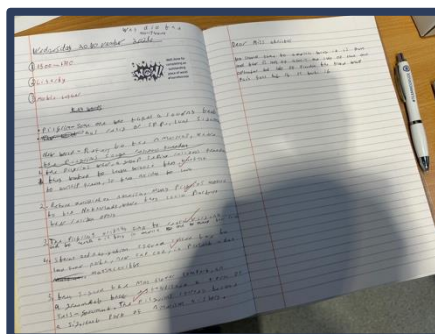
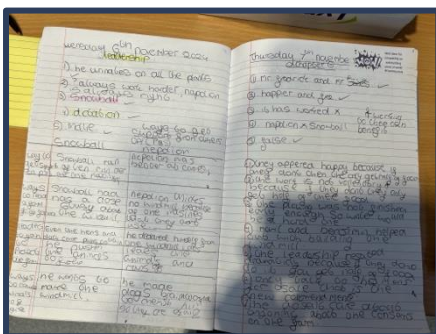
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Vaping - Parent/Carer Virtual Sessions Early Break

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 Wednesday, we saw brilliant work from English and History, including many examples of Mastery Tasks and redrafting. We are looking forward to seeing more next week!



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - ROAD SAFETY

We have had some reports of students crossing the East Lancashire Road. This is an extremely busy and dangerous road so please remember the following:

- Use the Subways/Bridges when crossing
- Keep at a safe distance from the edge of the road
- Avoid distractions – using electronic devices whilst walking near a busy road can prevent you from paying attention to your surroundings



Word of the Week



WORD OF THE WEEK

TYRANNY



Antonyms:

Democracy; liberality

Synonyms:

fascism; despotism

Connected Words:

Tyrannical

British Values link:

Democracy, The Rule of Law,
Individual liberty

Noun:

Cruel and oppressive
government or rule.

Moorside focus:

Equality



How do I say this in Spanish? Tiranía

Spanish phrase: If anyone stood up against their boss, they were sacked.

Si alguien se enfrentaba a su jefe, lo despedían.

Hitler ruled Nazi Germany with tyranny.

Key Dates:

- 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
- Thursday 16th January Year 9 Choices Evening
- Monday 20th January Year 9 & 10 Assessment Fortnight
- Tuesday 21st January Year 11 Mock Results Day
- Thursday 23rd January Year 11 Parents' Evening

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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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



Winter 2024/2025

Newsletter

FREE
until
JAN 25



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday
5th Dec
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
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday
7th Jan
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.

Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



**AUTISM:
Improving Communication**
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

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WINTER TIMETABLE

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

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

go to the PARENT page

FREE - Decreasing Depression FREE - Anxiety Explained	25 NOV 20 JAN
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB

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