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#Team Moorside Parent Update 29.11.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we go into the first weekend in December, it is hard to believe that we are nearly coming to the end of 2024. Last weekend we were really proud to have a Christmas Tree on display at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Monton Mingle Jingle. The group of students that were involved in the project designed and created a tree that not only represented our CARE values, but also raised awareness about breast cancer. We are looking forward to seeing the tree in our reception area over the next three weeks. We also have a very large real tree being delivered today and we can't wait for it to be decorated and stand pride of place in the Atrium. Our donation trolleys are also starting to really fill up with toys for Mission Christmas, food for the Salford Food bank and coats/blankets. If you have any donations, please do drop them off at the reception.



We have lots of nice things planned in the run up to Christmas and one of the activities is our '12 Days of Christmas' rewards programme. Everyday, between the 2nd December and the 16th December there will be a random draw for any student that has attended school. Treats available will be Christmas Chocolates, Queue Jump Passes for lunchtime and breaktime and VIP lunch vouchers with friends in January. We know it is always difficult to get up when it is cold and the mornings are dark, however please do continue to encourage your child to attend school every day. Our Year 9 & 10 students will have their in class assessments in January and so it is important that they are in all lessons and fully engaging in their learning.



This week in assemblies, Miss Drinkwater shared information around staying safe during the festive season, especially around water safety and ice. The aim was to ensure we equipped students with tips and advice about keeping safe whilst not in school. The information we shared included advice on road and street safety, alongside staying safe online. We would always actively encourage parents/carers to check their child's electronic device regularly and discuss how they are using them. We appreciate that the Christmas holidays are different for everyone, so if you need any support whilst school is closed, we have lots of information on our school website to support both students and parents. [Please click here to access the links.](#) To support parents, there is also some information around water safety at the end of the parent update.

Next week, Year 11 will be continuing with their mock exams. They have fully embraced these exams this week and it is great to see so many students staying after school or arriving early for all the intervention sessions that are on offer. Students need to embrace these exams, as it is a good opportunity to find out what areas they still need to focus on in preparation for the external exams in summer. In my experience, it is not always the 'clever' students that get the top grades, it is those that have worked the hardest and I must admit, we are really seeing lots of students working hard. Once we have the results from these exams, staff will sit down with students and look at what they need to do to move forward, parents will also be able to have these conversations during the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 23rd January.

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

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 8 Manchester Art Gallery Visit

Last week we had a group of students that visited Manchester Art Gallery. Across this academic year, all Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend a similar visit. Whilst at the Gallery, the students produced some amazing writing and some of the discussions they were having about the art were so lovely to hear. After viewing the art and gathering ideas, students shared some ideas together in the classroom at the Gallery and started to write their stories.



Following the visit, we have had some stories inspired by Lowry and the Industrial Revolution, some inspired by paintings linked to the Odyssey which they read last year and one which was inspired by a WW2 painting. They all said seeing the paintings made them write about something they'd never imagine they would have written about without the visit.

We were so impressed with the outstanding engagement and discussions from our first Year 8 group to visit the Manchester Art Gallery, and we are looking forward to the next group attending.



Team Moorside's 'Great Christmas Jumper Exchange'

This year, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12th December. For a small donation to our food bank trolleys, students will be invited to attend school wearing a Christmas Jumper. To support sustainability, we are encouraging students to bring in their old Christmas Jumper and potentially swap with a pre-loved one if they no longer fit. I am sure you will agree, it has probably only been worn once, last Christmas Jumper Day! Students can bring in their jumpers during the week commencing the 2nd December 2024. The big exchange will then take place on Monday 9th December, to enable students to wear them on the 12th December.



Flag Football Update.

Last week, our Year 10 students took part in a Flag Football developmental training session. Although it was an extremely cold day, students were able to understand the game through both practical and theoretical sessions. Students retrieved their knowledge of the game from last season at the beginning of the theory session. Within the theory section, students were able to discuss the rules and tactics of an effective game play and were introduced to further rules within the game putting this knowledge into practice during the practical session. The sessions were very informative, and students were able to learn new routes and again revisit the routes that they had already learnt. One of the highlights of the session was for students to officiate a game and take on different roles and responsibilities in preparation for the next season. We are very excited to watch this team grow and hopefully celebrate some successes.

Sporting activities up and coming events.

Wednesday 4th December - Year 7 and 8 Netball match Away against St Ambrose Barlow

Monday 9th December - Year 9 and 10 Netball match Away against St Ambrose Barlow.

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

RSE/PSHE

As a part of your child's education at Moorside High School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

As part of this course, students will be completing units in Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) covering topics such as puberty, body image, relationships and communication skills, keeping yourself safe online, contraception and sexual health. Students will also have opportunities to ask questions which will be answered factually and, in an age-appropriate manner. Each student's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff. Please visit our school website for more information about our RSE policy and curriculum.

All PSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. Some parts of RSE are compulsory - these are the part of the National Curriculum for Science and cover factual biological information about the human body and sexual reproduction. Parents are not able to withdraw students from these lessons. However, parents have the right to withdraw their children from other parts of RSE if they wish to do so.

We believe that the increasing presence of sexual images and content on social and other media make it extremely important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths.

More information will be provided to parents next week from Mr Mills. There will be further information on how you can withdraw your child from parts of the RSE lessons if you wish to. Please do visit our school website by clicking [here](#) to access a presentation that explains in more detail about RSE/PSHE.

Year 9 Vaccinations

The DTP and MenACWY vaccines are offered to boys and girls in Year 9, however, this is not routinely offered at GP practices. DTP is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria - A,C,W, and Y which cause meningitis and blood poisoning.

The school Immunisations team will be in school after Christmas and Year 9 parents should have received a letter regarding this. To access the letter that has been sent to Year 9 parents please click [here](#). The deadline to complete the consent is the 8th of January.

Summer Exams 2025

The exam boards have released a timetable for the external GCSE summer exams. These start the week commencing Monday 5th May and are set to last for seven school weeks. The last day for exams nationally will be Friday 20th June, although our students will not have any on this day. The following week is also currently down as a contingency week should we have any exams that need to be moved. Our Year 11 Prom is provisionally booked for Friday 20th June 2025 at the AJ Bell Stadium. Students will be required in school until their last exam, although we do try to collapse the timetable when the bigger exams have taken place, so they can focus on the lessons for the smaller exams.

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 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 Thursday 27th February, to discuss their choices with their child's subject teachers. Further information about these events will be shared with Year 9 parents/carers shortly.

Year 7 – Knife Crime Assembly

The second visit from our Police School Engagement Officer, PC Wright, will take place on Monday 2nd December during R-Time. This session will focus on the dangers and consequences of knife crime, stressing the importance of making positive decisions in challenging situations. This valuable opportunity will hopefully help to encourage open discussions with our students on a topic that affects many communities across the country. For more information regarding this topic and to support conversations at home, please access the following link:

<https://livesafe.org.uk/parents-and-carers/knife-crime/>



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

TWITTER CHRISTMAS ADVENT - TOP TIPS FOR YEAR 11

TWITTER 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS QUOTES - ENGLISH

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE

ELF ON A SHELF POSTS!

SEND A CANDY CANE MESSAGE FOR CHARITY

MISSION CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION

FILL YOUR HOUSE TROLLEY FOR THE FOOD BANK

ASSEMBLIES ON STAYING SAFE OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - 17TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - 12TH DECEMBER

PRIDE CLUB DOES CHRISTMAS PANTOMINE- 17TH DECEMBER

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES - 17/18TH DECEMBER

MOORSIDE CHRISTMAS CINEMA - 17/18TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS QUIZ DAY - 19TH DECEMBER (EARLY FINISH 12.10)

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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.

Safeguarding Update

Help protect your Teenager - Road Safety Advice for Parents/Carers

As the nights draw in and the mornings remain darker, it's important to ensure that our young people stay safe whilst out in the community. Please see below some tips and advice from GMP to support conversations at home regarding Road Safety to reinforce the key messages that have been delivered to students this week during their assemblies:

General Road Safety...

- Stress the need to always concentrate and be aware of surroundings.
- Warn of the dangers of distractions, for example, listening to music, texting, phoning and chatting to friends.
- Keep talking about the dangers of traffic.
- Point out people who are endangering themselves.
- Encourage your teenager to practice judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic.

Cycling...

- Buy and encourage your teenager to wear a cycle helmet and something fluorescent and reflective to improve their visibility.
- Encourage your child to never take lifts on the back of a friend's bike.
- Ask your child never to listen to music whilst they are cycling.
- Make sure your child knows that cyclists must obey all traffic light signals.

Commuting to and from school...

- Encourage The Green Cross Code – this still applies to teenagers.
- Most school bus related collisions happen to pupils before they get to or after they leave school.
- Discuss what will they do if they miss the last bus home?
- Do they have a mobile (fully charged), money or know how to reverse charges if they need you?
- What should your teenager do if they have to stay behind at school?

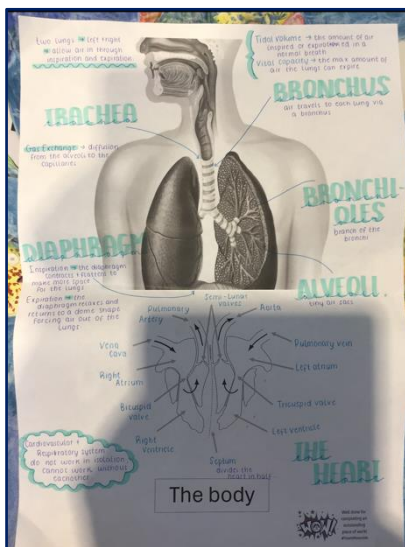
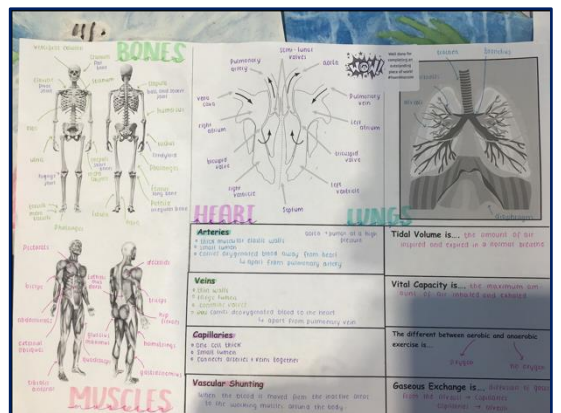
Road Safety
Your roads, your safety, your responsibility

FACT - Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group.



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 have been amazed by Marine Life paintings from Year 7 and superheroes from Year 9 Art. We were also really impressed with the GCSE PE revision and Year 10 Macbeth quotes posters. Well done to every student who came along.



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - WINTER WATER SAFETY



In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

How to stay safe:

- Keep back from slippery banks and wear footwear with a good grip.
- Stick to well-lit areas - the reduction in daylight in the winter adds to risks around water.
- Plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.
- Ice can be extremely vulnerable even during periods of prolonged cold.
- Never go onto the ice.
- Keep children within reach and teach children not to go onto ice.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.
- If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.

In an emergency:

- Call 999 – **do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.**
- Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.
- Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water



Word of the Week

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CONTAMINATION



Antonyms:
Cleanse; purify

Synonyms:
Infection; pollute

Connected Words:
Contaminate, Contaminated

British Values link:
Mutual respect

Noun:
Contamination is the spread of a disease from one to another.

Moorside focus:
Consideration



How do I say this in Spanish? Contaminación

Spanish phrase: The contamination spread through the country.

La contaminación se extendió por todo el país.

The coronavirus was a deadly contamination.

Key Dates:

- W/C 2nd December Year 11 Mock Examination Window
- Monday 9th December Christmas Jumper Swap Day
- Thursday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 17th December Christmas Celebration Assemblies & Moorside Christmas Cinema
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Celebration Assemblies & Moorside Christmas Cinema
- 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
- 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

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KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

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Enjoy Water **Safely**



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