



Moorside High School
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambition.



#Team Moorside Parent Update 06.12.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

Although it has been cold and wet outside this week, it has been warm in school and as ever, the students continue to work hard and engage well. With the end of the first full term in sight, we are all looking forward to celebrating the students' achievements at the Celebration Assemblies. We really do have plenty to celebrate, especially those students that do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place. One final piece of work we have to celebrate before Christmas is our 'School Newspaper'. Our Journalism club have been working hard on this, and we will be publishing our December edition during the last week of term. We hope you enjoy reading the articles that are all produced by our students. A big thank you goes to Mr Howson who has led on this club.

Monday this week was the Deadline for the Christmas card competition. A huge thank you to all students that entered, it was lovely to see the students getting involved. Congratulations to our top three winners, Leo's design has been published and sent to all the schools in Salford and Consilium Academies Trust.

1st Place - Leo H, 7LH



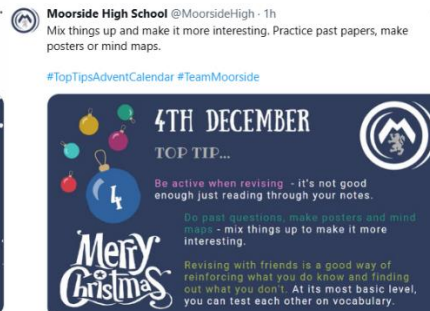
2nd Place - Ruby G, 7LH



3rd Place - Theo D, 7EM



Also on Monday, our Christmas Tree went up and the arrival of the 'Top Tip Revision Advent' was launched on Twitter. We also saw the return of the Moorside Elves! Please do follow us on Twitter and instagram to keep up to date with all the activities and latest news from Team Moorside.



Thank you for your continued support, as always if you have anything you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Team Moorside's 'Christmas Jumper Day

This year, we will be holding our 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! The big exchange will then take place on Monday 9th December, to enable students to wear them on the 12th December.



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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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

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening will be taking place on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Year 11 parents will receive a letter with more information on how to book next week.

New Year Expectations!

New Year is always a great time to press the reset button and have a fresh start. We will be reminding students in the last few days of term, how important it is to return to school with a positive attitude and ready to learn. It is imperative that students return in full school uniform, the correct shoes, not trainers, with a suitable school bag for their equipment, knowledge organiser, planner and reading book. If you require any support in ensuring your child is fully prepared for school with the correct equipment/uniform, then please do contact their Head of Year. You will be receiving a letter with more information regarding our uniform policy from January next week.

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. Further information about these events will be shared with Year 9 parents/carers shortly.

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 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.

Safeguarding Update

Parent/Carer Support - Salford Family Hubs

Salford Family Hubs are places in the local community where different organisations, including the community and voluntary sector, work together, to offer a one stop shop for families with children aged 0-19 and up to 25 for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The four Family Hubs are spread across the city with some services being delivered from various satellite buildings and community venues. Services include support for during pregnancy and after birth, child health, targeted early help, relationships, parenting, SEND provision, perinatal parent infant mental health services (PPIMHS) and youth service provision.

The Family Hubs offer a warm and welcoming space where families can access information/support and have a say on what could be delivered.

What's on at your Family Hub?

To access the wide range of services available, please use the link provided: [Get details of all our sessions on My Best Life](#)

Salford Family Hub

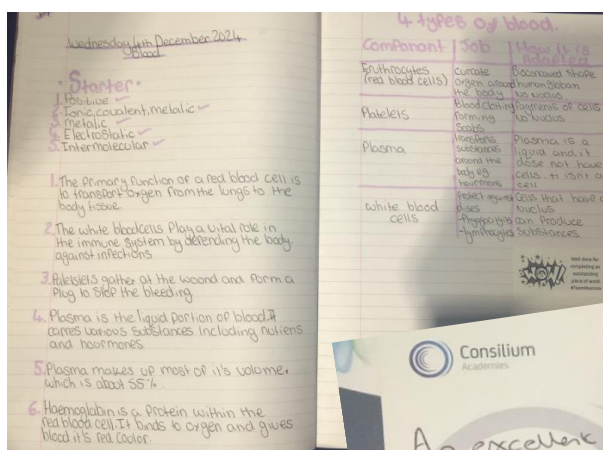


Christmas activities in our local area...

At the end of the Parent Update, you will find a larger copy of the flyer for Christmas Activities taking place at the Deans Youth Centre. Bookings can be made via the QR codes displayed. If your child receives free school meals, please scan the QR code in the top left-hand side of the poster.

WOW Wednesday

This Wednesday has been all about Drama - we were delighted to see so many Year 7 students bringing down postcards praising their performances and sharing their tales of enacting spooky ghosts in lifts! We also saw impressive Science revision from our Year 10s and some brilliant rap lyrics from Music lessons that made us all smile. Well done everyone! If any student would like to bring work that makes them feel proud to Mrs Nesfield in the Atrium at lunch on a Wednesday, we would love to see it. Wonderful Work is shared with staff, and students are awarded stickers, postcards and a small prize.



Silent Reminder



SILENT REMINDER - "SPREAD THE KINDNESS AT CHRISTMAS"

Christmas is often a very busy period, the nights are dark, the shops are busy and people are stressed, frantically organising in preparation for Christmas day. In light of this, we would like to set you a challenge to be kind to each other this Christmas. Kindness cools down any heated situation, shows people you care, promotes harmony and reminds others that we are all in this together.

Be Kind to your families

Kindness can be shown in many different ways, a meaningful thankyou, the offer of a helping hand or just going that extra mile to make others feel valued. Make sure you find time this Christmas to show your family and friends you appreciate and love them.

Be kind to your friends

Everyones experience of Christmas is different. Christmas may not be busy and happy for everyone so spare some time to speak with and meet up with friends. A simple text or phone call to let someone know you are thinking of them this Christmas can go along way to making their day special.

Be Kind to yourself

Being kind to yourself is vital. Maybe Christmas is a difficult time for you for different reasons, you have reflected on a hard year, or perhaps the absence of a loved one hits you hard. During the holidays, pause what you are doing for a minute. Look around and see everything that is good. I assure you there will be lots to be positive about.



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 9th December Year 11 Mock Examination Window
- Monday 9th December Christmas Jumper Swap Week
- 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
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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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C O N S I D E R A T I O N A S P I R A T I O N R E S I L I E N C E E Q U A L I T Y



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 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.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

Keep back from slippery banks.

Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.

Never go onto the ice.



KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

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.



Enjoy Water **Safely**



IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

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.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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.

**Free
school
meals**



**Non free
school
meals**



XMAS

FUN @DEANS

FRI 20TH DEC, FRI 3RD JAN

4-8PM

FOR YEAR 7

AND OLDER

