



Moorside High School
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#Team Moorside Parent Update 13.12.24

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe I am writing the last Parent Update for 2024, the days and weeks are just going by so quickly. School will close to students on Thursday 19th December at 12:05. We appreciate that there is a lot of illness at the moment, which is normal at this time of year, but please can we encourage all students to try to come into school. We will always send students home if they become more unwell during the day. We have lots of exciting things planned for the last week of term and it would be a real shame for them to miss out. As a reminder, the linked document gives some good advice around if your child is too ill for school. To access this, [please click here](#).



We have had a very Christmasy week over the last five days. We received lots of positive feedback from the staff at Moorside Primary about the students that helped at the Christmas Fair. Staff and parents commented how helpful, mature, and polite our students were, thank you to all the students that helped.

Can we also say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who donated to the food bank collection for our Christmas Jumper Day. The trolleys were so full, and we are running out of room for our Mission Christmas Toy appeal. Thank you for your contributions, it is very much appreciated. This week, we have also seen the start of our charity candy cane sale, and everyone is enjoying the 12 Days of Attendance celebration tannoy at the end of the day along with the Christmas song that is playing. With just one week to go, we really do want all students to enjoy the last week of the term and fully engage in all lessons alongside the activities that are being planned.

Next week, Christmas Dinner will be available on Tuesday, along with the Pride Club Christmas Pantomime taking place during Period 5. Also on Tuesday, Year 9, Period 1 and Year 10, Period 2, will have their celebration assembly. This will be followed by the Moorside Cinema showing a Christmas film, for those students that have the top Behaviour for Learning points. On Wednesday, Year 8 will have their celebration assembly Period 1, following by Year 7, Period 2 and the Moorside Cinema will be open for Year 7 and Year 8 Periods 3 and 4. On Thursday, students will have normal lessons Period 1 and Period 2, although Year 11 will have their celebration assembly during Period 2. We will then have an extended break, so students can purchase a hot breakfast and then all students will have a 50-minute form time session with a Christmas Quiz. The school day will end at 12:05 and we will be encouraging all students to head straight home, rather than hang around in the local community.



Thank you for your continued support, I wish you all a very relaxing and peaceful break over the festive period and look forward to welcoming the students back in to school at 08:25 on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

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.



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 have received a letter yesterday with more information regarding our uniform policy from January.

Uniform Policy

As you are aware, following the letter you received from Mr Inglis (Consilium Academies Hub Director for the Northwest and Yorkshire) both Moorside High School and Ellesmere Park High School have made a slight change to the uniform policy. From January, all students who choose to wear a skirt, will be required to wear their skirt with plain, non-patterned black, opaque tights, no finer than 40 denier. Those students choosing to wear trousers, will need to wear black ankle socks with their trousers. Our collective aim is to ensure that all our students are professional in their dress as well as their learning, we want to continue to ensure that we develop socially responsible citizens that are ready for their next step be that university, college or an apprenticeship.

We know that research shows that by wearing a school uniform it allows students to be focused on their education and not what clothes they need to wear. Research also shows that when all students are wearing the same uniform, classrooms are more settled. School uniforms promote equality and inclusivity by removing the differences in dress that may exist between students from different economic backgrounds. When everyone is wearing the same clothing, it eliminates the pressure on students to wear expensive and trendy clothing to fit in with their peers. This promotes a sense of community and inclusivity, as everyone is part of the same team. Whenever your child puts on their uniform, we want them to feel a sense of pride, unity and community spirit. We want them to be ambassadors for their school and Consilium Academies Trust.

By having this standard approach of black opaque tights with skirts across our schools, it provides clarity and removes the uncertainty around the style/type of socks allowed. We know that by adhering to a professional dress code, it prepares them for future professional settings where appearance plays a role. Wearing a uniform teaches students about appropriate dressing for different occasions and fosters a sense of responsibility and accountability. As always, both Moorside and Ellesmere Park High School will continue to operate a common-sense approach to all aspects of uniform, especially when the weather is particularly warm. This will be at their discretion and will be communicated to parents and students when required.

We appreciate that many parents will be refreshing school uniform supplies in readiness for the new academic term in January. If you will struggle to purchase tights over the festive period, both schools will be open on the Inset Day (Monday 6th January 2025) and parents/carers/students can drop in and collect a pair of tights from the reception to ensure students are following the policy from their return on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Parking around the school site

Polite reminder for parents dropping off and picking up students. Please can we ask that you are mindful of the surrounding area and those that live near the school, especially on the smaller roads off Deans Road and Ellesmere Street. Double parking, parking on corners, parking over drives, blocking access, lack of care for those walking has become more apparent over the past month, and it really is unfair on our neighbours. Thank you in advance for your support with this, it is very much appreciated.

Year 9 and Year 10 Assessments – W/C 20th January 2025

Between Monday 20th and Friday 31st January 2025 inclusive, Year 9 and Year 10 students will sit their in-class assessments during lesson time. These assessments will cover topics they have studied so far this academic year and will provide valuable insights to help students identify gaps in their knowledge and support staff in scaffolding teaching and offering targeted support. Alongside this, for Year 9, the assessments will also help guide their Key Stage 4 (Year 10 & 11) subject choices, while for Year 10, they are an important step in preparing for their end of year mock exams leading to the final external GCSE exams at the end of Year 11.

Both timetables are now on the school website and students will receive a copy with a covering letter early next week. Also on the school website are the subject revision/topic lists. If you have any questions or need advice on how to support your child's preparation, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening bookings are now open. Please click the following link to book your appointments: [Click here for Parents' Evening Bookings](#). You will notice that when you click the link it says Ellesmere Park, this is due to an IT glitch but please continue and it will allow you to log in as usual.

Year 11 Mock Interviews

As part of our on-going Careers Programme in Year 11, we are inviting students to take part in a mock interview with a visitor from the world of work. The mock interview day will take place on Monday 6th January 2025. As you are aware, this is a staff inset day, however we will be issuing Year 11 students with an interview time when they will attend school to have their interview. Following the interview, they will then be allowed to go home. Students should expect to be in school for this event, for around 40-50 minutes maximum.

Visitors will range from sixth form/FE colleges, Universities, Apprenticeship providers and Employers. It is a superb opportunity for the students to gain an understanding of what a real interview may be like and practice their skills in preparation for them finishing Moorside High School this summer. To access further information regarding this event, please click [here](#) to view a letter from Mr Mills.

Year 11 – Creative iMedia Additional Session.

Our Year 11 Creative iMedia students will be sitting their first external exam on Wednesday 8th January. In order to fully support them and ensure they are prepared, Mr Rooke is delivering an additional exam workshop/revision session on Monday 6th January. Although this is an Inset Day for staff, the group have been invited to attend school from 13:30, they are not required to attend in uniform. To access further information, please click [here](#) to view a letter from Mr Rooke.

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

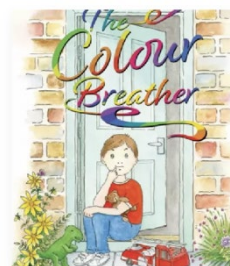
Year 9 Choices

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 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.

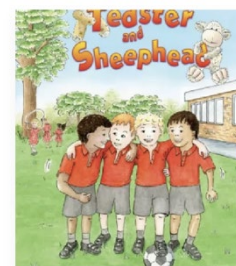
Our very own author

We are very proud of Mrs Carroll, our Modern Foreign Language Teacher who during lockdown wrote two children's books. 'The Colour Breather' and 'The Secret World of Tedster and Sheephead'. The books have been published by Bumblebee Books (Olympia Publishers) and she is going to be doing a session with some of our younger intervention groups around the content in these books. The Colour Breather is about mindfulness and how to deal with feelings of frustration and The Secret World is about the importance of drinking water, eating healthily, sleep and exercise. The books are available at: <https://search.app/hqaPR6NntNkVuFgr7> and we are very much looking forward to seeing the impact they have on our students.

Thank you to Mrs Carroll for sharing this work with us as a school.



The Colour Breather



The Secret World of Tedster and Sheephead

Salford Family Partnership

We have a **PGL (Parent Group Leader)** training starting with a coffee morning 10-12 at Langworthy Cornerstones on Wednesday 15th January. This will be followed by 10 weekly sessions also on Wednesday 10am until 2pm (light lunch will be provided) these will start from 22nd January .

This course is for parents who have some spare time and feel that they would like to be trained to support other parents -they will be supported and supervised to deliver Being a Parent. -if you know of any parents who might be interested, please share the attached flyer and/or send their names and contact details to epec@salford.gov.uk . This is a good opportunity to increase confidence – so far 3 volunteers have gone on to find employment or further training because of participating in this .

We also have a **Being a Parent** course planned to start with a coffee morning at 10am on 24th January , there will then be 8 sessions from 31st January onwards at 10am until 12 noon this will also be at Langworthy Cornerstones. This course is for parents of children aged 2 -12 years – it's part of our universal offer so parents can just book themselves a place by emailing epec@salford.gov.uk .

Salford Family Partnership

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



WORD OF THE WEEK ITERATION



Antonyms:

Irreversible process

Synonyms:

Version

Connected Words:

Progress

British Values link:

Democracy

Noun:

An iteration is a new version of a piece of computer hardware or software.

Moorside focus:

Aspiration



How do I say this in Spanish? Iteración

Spanish phrase: I am interested to see how the second iteration turns out.

Me interesa ver cómo resulta la segunda iteración.

Apples fourth iteration of the Iphone changed the landscape of smart phones.

Key Dates:

- 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

 Moorside High School **TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY**  Consilium Academics

 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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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

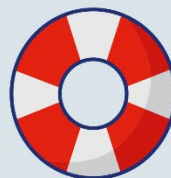
Teach children not to go onto ice.

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



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FRI 20TH DEC, FRI 3RD JAN

4-8PM

FOR YEAR 7

AND OLDER





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PARENT/CARER OF A
CHILD AGED 2-11 YEARS
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Topics covered:

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Play, Listening, Understanding Children's Behaviour and Discipline**

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