



#Team Moorside Parent Update 07.02.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we launched our 'Feel Good February' campaign and highlighted the importance of positive mental health.

On Thursday we celebrated 'Time to Talk' day. Time to Talk is an annual awareness day held at the beginning of February. It's a day for us all to start a conversation about mental health. During break and lunch, students could drop into the Hive for cake and conversations. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, students also took part in a variety of activities designed to encourage open conversations about mental well-being.



The "What I Wish People Knew" activity allowed students to write something they wished others had understood about mental health or how they had sometimes felt. These thoughts were shared anonymously to foster empathy and awareness.

The "One Word Check-in" encouraged students to express their emotions by writing a single word on a paper-covered table, providing a simple yet meaningful way to normalise discussions about feelings. Students also completed a Daily Self-Care Sheet, which helped them reflect on personal well-being and explore activities that supported their mental health.



To further support awareness, we screened "Here4You", a short film by Roman Kemp that addressed young people's mental health, offering insights into emotional well-being. All these initiatives aimed to reduce stigma, build support networks and encourage healthy coping strategies, ensuring that students feel heard, understood, and supported in their mental well-being.

As a school we want to make sure that we are supporting our students, especially their mental health and wellbeing, please do encourage them to take part in the 'Feel Good February' challenges.

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week. During assembly, Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will have a presentation delivered by ADA National College for Digital Skills. Mr Farmer is also running an apprenticeship workshop for those students in Year 11 who are considering apprenticeships. The two sessions will take place during the Year 11 PSHE lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday. The session will focus on what apprenticeships are, how to search and apply for vacancies and how to register online. There is more information within the update around the National Apprenticeship week, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Farmer.

It is hard to believe we only have one week left for this half term. Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely weekend when it comes. As always if you need any support or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

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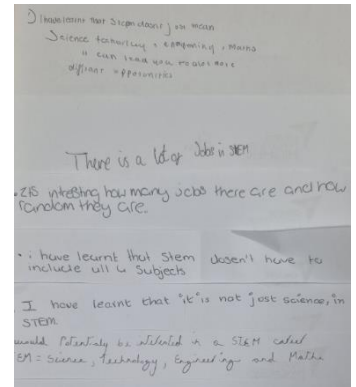
Year 9 & 10 Parents' Evenings

Year 9 Parents' Evening will open for bookings on Monday 10th February at 12.00 pm and Year 10 Parents' Evening will open for bookings on Thursday 13th February. Appointments will be available to be made through the new Arbor Parent App. If you haven't yet logged into the app, please do so as soon as possible. If you are having any issues, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com and we will be happy to help.

Secret Stem Workshop

On Monday, 3rd February 2025, two of our Year 10 classes had the exciting opportunity to take part in a secret STEM workshop, facilitated by Greater Manchester Higher. This engaging session allowed students to explore the vast range of careers available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), discovering the many opportunities that come with pursuing STEM subjects.

We are delighted to see our students gaining valuable insights into their future career paths and developing a deeper understanding of the skills and possibilities within these fields. Experiences like these are instrumental in inspiring the next generation of innovators and problem-solvers!



Message from SIASS - ANNUAL REVIEW TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS- ONLINE

This training session will be held online via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 6-8pm, and again at 8-10pm.

This online training will go over the statutory processes around Annual Reviews of the EHCP. This is for any parent or carer who has a child or young person with an EHCP or is going through the EHCP process. This is useful because if your child has an EHCP, your local authority has a legal duty to review and amend the plan when your child moves between particular stages of education. The deadlines for when your child's EHCP must be reviewed and amended are 31st March for those moving from secondary school to a post-16 institution and 15th February for all other phases of transfer. Please choose your time: 6.00 pm-8.00 pm, or 8.00 pm-10.00 pm.

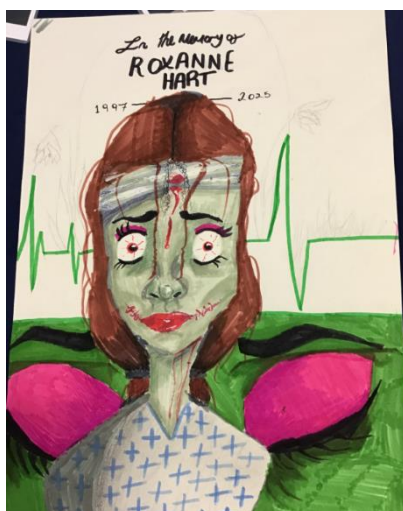
Registration Form: Annual Reviews



You only need to attend one session as they are the same. Please use the form below to book. You will receive a link closer to the time once your booking is confirmed. Please double check that your details are correct when completing the form. You can also scan the QR code to book on. <https://forms.office.com/e/1AqbMZYMKY>

WOW Wednesday

This Wednesday has been all about Art - we were delighted with the flurry of Tim Burton style drawings presented to us. 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.



National Apprenticeship week

10th – 15th February 2025 is **National Apprenticeship Week!**

Apprenticeships are available for students after Year 11 and involve work-based learning; paid employment with a company whilst training towards accredited qualifications that are related to the job role. Apprenticeships can present an exciting alternative to full-time college or university study, with some apprenticeships being available right up to degree or postgraduate level!



Y11 students that have expressed they may consider an apprenticeship after school will be invited to a workshop in school on **Tuesday 11th February** or **Wednesday 12th February** with an external visitor from the apprenticeships sector to start registering for vacancies and learning more about the expectations of an apprentice. Apprenticeships can be highly competitive, so this is a useful opportunity for pupils to gain additional support with seeking vacancies.

The week also presents a fantastic opportunity for both students and parents, in all year groups, to explore apprenticeship options Post-16. We have collated various resources and virtual events that both pupils and parents can access:

- **Amazing Apprenticeships – Parent Zone** <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>
A wealth of resources on this website for parents wanting to know more about apprenticeships – including both reading material and podcasts.
- **BBC Bitesize Careers – Apprenticeship Week resources** - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>
Some fantastic resources for students to explore the different types of apprenticeships, including video reels from real life apprentices and podcasts for advice! (Lots of other career’s information too!)
- **Online Event – “Exploring the range of apprenticeships”**
- **MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025**, 3.30 – 4.00 pm - an online session aimed at parents (and students!). For further information on apprenticeships, please book your free place via the [registration link](#).
- **Online Event – “Using Find an Apprenticeship To Search and Apply”**
- **THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2025**, 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm - an online session aimed at parents (and students!). For further information on apprenticeships please book your free place via the [registration link](#).

Where can I find apprenticeship vacancies?

Mr Farmer has created a [virtual apprenticeship vacancy noticeboard](#) showing local apprenticeship vacancies for Y11 pupils to consider. This is updated on a weekly basis. Note – most school leaver vacancies appear usually around April/May onwards. (Please check vacancies carefully for details of job duties, location, and entry requirements before applying! Mr Farmer is available in school to support with applications – pupils should request an appointment in school if required). These vacancies are mainly sourced from the [National Apprenticeship Website](#) – Y11 pupils are encouraged to create an account and search this website regularly (*will be covered in school session!*)

For any further support regarding apprenticeships, please contact Mr Farmer, school careers adviser – simon.farmer@consilium-at.com

When can Y11 school leavers start an apprenticeship?

After the legal school leaving date, the last Friday in June - which this year is Friday 27th June 2025.

Do school leavers receive a wage as an apprentice?

Yes! Apprentices are paid - The minimum hourly pay for an apprentice will be £7.55 from April 2025.

What qualifications are required for an apprenticeship?

This can vary depending on factors such as the job sector, the level of apprenticeship, and the employer, however generally most apprenticeships would usually expect a range of GCSE grades 4-9, to include Grade 4+ in English Language and Mathematics.

Need support in finding an apprenticeship or employer?

Local apprenticeship providers can help! Training companies can support Y11 school leavers by linking them to local employers hoping to hire a new apprentice. They provide the qualifications to young people, but can also act as a recruitment service for employers!

Two of our biggest local apprenticeship providers are:

- [Salford City College Apprenticeships](#)
- [The Growth Company](#)

Both providers offer training and education to apprentices to help them gain the industry standard qualifications they need for their job role, as well as supporting applicants to search and find a suitable employer from a wide bank of existing local companies.

Both providers have an event coming up for Y11 pupils & parents to attend, please see details below!

MEET THE EMPLOYER

APPRENTICESHIP AND JOBS FAIR



WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 10.00AM - 1.00PM



CITY SKILLS, LISSADEL STREET, SALFORD, M6 6AP

Come along to our Meet the Employer event at City Skills and meet local employers who have live vacancies including apprenticeships, this event is open to everyone. Our recruitment team will be on hand to register you for opportunities.

Apprenticeships at Salford City College offer qualifications in: Business, Professional & Financial Services, Construction & The Built Environment, Education & Early Years, Health & Social Care, Hospitality & Catering and Leadership & Management. Keep an eye on our social media for confirmed employers.

**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER**



WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

For more information contact our Salford City College Apprenticeship Team:
apprenticeships@salfordcc.ac.uk | 0161 631 555

You're invited to...

Open Event



Thursday 27th February 2025
4pm - 6pm



Greater Manchester SkillCentre
Unit 32, Ashburton Point
M17 1EH

We are delighted to be able to invite young people to our face-to-face Open Event where they will be able to have a look around our facilities and speak to our industry-trained tutors.

The Greater Manchester SkillCentre is a purpose-built, state-of-the-art training facility, specifically built for training the next generation of apprentices and trainees.

Whilst we offer a wide range of apprenticeships and adult courses, this Open Event is aimed at young people aged 16-18 who are interested in starting one of our Pre-apprenticeship Study Programmes in the following subject areas:

- Construction Multi-trade
- Plastering
- Engineering
- Electrical Installation
- Automotive Light Vehicle Mechanics
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Bricklaying



What is a Pre-apprenticeship Study Programme?

These courses are for young people aged 16-18 who wish to progress onto an apprenticeship but don't feel quite ready. You will gain hands-on experience that employers are looking for and a nationally recognised qualification. On successful completion, you will be offered support for progression onto one of our apprenticeships.

No need to book just turn up!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Future is Here

Safeguarding Update - Early Break and Holding Families Programme




Early Break and the Holding Families Programme work with young people and their families around substance abuse.

At Moorside, we work closely with Early Break who host drop-in sessions for our young people. These take place fortnightly on a Friday, with the team offering confidential advice around drugs, alcohol and any kind of substance misuse. If you feel your child would benefit from this service, please contact a member of the Safeguarding/Pastoral Team or submit a Sharp System report via the school website. If you are a family that would benefit from taking part in Holding Families, please download and return the [Referral Form](#) or call 0161 723 3880/ info@earlybreak.co.uk.

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Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER WE ARRIVE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL & LESSONS



Rules

- All students should be on site for 08:25 each morning.
- Students must be in form to register at 08:30 for standards time.
- If you arrive to school after 09:00 you will not get your morning mark which will impact your attendance.
- Student must move quickly and sensibly between lessons to ensure they arrive on time.
- If you arrive after the countdown bell for lessons, you will be classed as VERY late and will be issued with a consequence.

COUNTDOWN
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Why

- Being punctual shows us that you want to be here and are eager to learn.
- Arriving on time for lesson means you do not miss out on any learning or miss the retrieval activity.
- Arriving on time for Standards time means you do not miss important messages.
- Arriving on time is a quality that you need in life, so it is good to get into good habits of being on time



#TheMoorsideWay



WORD OF THE WEEK



PROSPEROUS

Antonyms:
Ignorant

Synonyms:
Successful

Connected Words:
Prosper
Prospering

British Values link:
Individual liberty

Adjective:
To be prosperous is to experience wealth and success.

Moorside focus:
Aspiration



How do I say this in Spanish? Próspera/Próspero

Spanish phrase: Hemos trabajado duro este año y hemos tenido éxito.

We have worked hard this year and we have been successful for it.

They were prosperous that season, winning three out of four trophies.



Key Dates:

- Tuesday 11th February - Immunisation Catch-Up
- Friday 14th February - School Closes 14:55 for half term
- Monday 24th February - School Reopens 08:25
- Thursday 27th February - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 6th March - Year 10 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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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



February 2025

Newsletter

Thursday

20th Feb

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday

3rd Feb

10:00 - 11:30

£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

11th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday

18th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday

25th Feb

19:00 - 20:30

£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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