



#Team Moorside Parent Update 14.02.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just like that, it is the end of another busy half term. This half term we have seen lots of really good work taking place around school. We have celebrated many events from Wonderful Work Wednesday (WOW Wednesday), to raising awareness of the Food Bank, Mental Health, celebrating LGBTQ+ month and Chinese New Year. We have also had a focus this half term around making time to talk and in assemblies this week, students had the opportunity to learn more about the exciting career pathways available to them. During the assemblies, representatives from ADA National Technical College and Great Places Housing visited school to talk about apprenticeships—what they involve, the benefits they offer, and the fantastic opportunities available for students as they leave school. These sessions provided invaluable insight into alternative routes into successful careers.

This week a group of Year 10 students visited the prestigious law firm Squire Patton Boggs. This group of students participated in their first session of the Elevate mentoring program. This tailored program is designed to equip students



with essential skills for their future, focusing on goal setting, confidence building, career exploration, and identifying potential career pathways. Through a series of interactive workshops, discussions, and one-on-one mentoring, students will gain a deeper understanding of their strengths, aspirations, and the steps they need to take to achieve their ambitions.



The Elevate program also provides a unique opportunity for students to learn from experienced professionals, gain insights into the world of work, and develop key employability skills such as communication, resilience, and problem-solving. By

working closely with mentors from a globally respected law firm, students will be encouraged to think ambitiously about their future and take proactive steps toward their goals.

When we return after the half term break, Year 11 students will have just 40 school days until their first external exam. This will certainly be a busy time for our Year 11 students as they continue their hard work in preparation for the exams. We will also be collating all the 'Choices' forms for Year 9 and doing our best to ensure they get the choices they have requested for Key Stage 4 and for all students, we will be celebrating World Book Day, Careers Week, and we will also have our Easter Celebration assemblies, so lots to look forward to. We have seen a dip in attendance during the last few weeks, although it has started to rise again this week. If you need any support in getting your child into school, please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be happy to support you. There is always a lot happening in school and as you can see, the next half term is going to be a busy one. Please do continue to remind students that they need to be in school every day so they can take advantage of all these opportunities.

Thank you for your continued support, as always if you need any support or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com. Have a lovely half term break, I look forward to welcoming all students back into school on Monday 24th February at 08:25.

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

Year 9 & 10 Parents' Evenings

Year 9 Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 27th February, followed by Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 6th March. Appointments are available 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.

WOW Wednesday

This week we have had a **WOW week**, not just a WOW Wednesday!!

Sporting Success - Five of our Year 8 girls represented Lancashire at Lacrosse

We are so proud that these students have been representing Lancashire at Lacrosse. As part of the Boardman Bears Team at Monton Sports Club, those playing in the B team came close to finishing 2nd with the girls playing for the A team winning the overall Northern Counties Tournament – beating Cheshire in the decider!! Well Done! We are so proud of you. As a school we have just secured a grant to work closely with the Lacrosse Federation, so we are really looking forward to seeing more Lacrosse in action at Moorside.



Articles explained for 'Curriculum for Life'



This week we found out that two of our students have had work chosen to be published for 'Curriculum for Life'. These students have been so committed to working with Mr Howson on developing both their literacy and writing style. Curriculum for Life is a website designed to support young people with useful information to help them prepare for adulthood. The website is made with young people in Greater Manchester, for young people in Greater Manchester and we are so proud that two of our students have contributed to this. We are just waiting for

confirmation that the articles have gone live, and when they have, we will certainly share the link. Well done to Alissa whose article was 'Impacts of playing instruments on the brain' and Bella whose article was around 'Confidence in relationships. Love is love, let's get straight to the point'

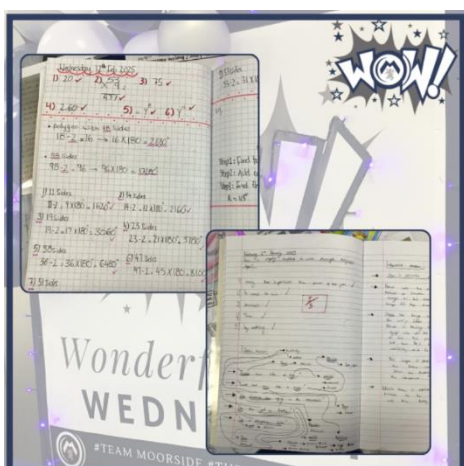
Year 10 students excel on the mentoring project



Our Year 10 students participated in their first session of the Elevate mentoring program facilitated by the prestigious law firm, Squire Patton Boggs.

They showed so much commitment and focus during the session, fully engaging in everything that was on offer for

them. These students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, and we are excited to see them grow and develop as they continue the programme.



WOW Wednesday Work!!

Yet again, WOW Wednesday work did not disappoint – well done to everyone that brought something to the table that they were proud of – Keep up the hard work Team Moorside.

#TeamMoorside #WeCARE

#TheMoorsideWay

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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

Holocaust Memorial Day

Last week on the 27th January we celebrated Holocaust Memorial Day. On Thursday we welcomed Ernie Hunter to talk to Year 9 about his mother's experience during the rise of Hitler. Students were introduced to the life stories and experiences of the victims of Nazi persecution and the Holocaust. They received information about how communities had to counter antisemitism and all forms of discrimination, how they had to challenge Holocaust denial and distortion, and to promote democratic freedom and human rights. Students thoroughly enjoyed the talk and were engaged with Ernie's account of his mother's struggle to 'get out' of Germany before the start of World War Two. Students also had the opportunity to have a question-and-answer session at the end of the talk.

Safeguarding Update - #Ask the Awkward



Talking regularly with your child about relationships and sex can help develop shared understanding, trust and support. Guidance on how to have open and supportive conversations with your child around this subject can be found here: <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward/>.

The website provides:

- An introduction on how to start meaningful conversations in a way that feels natural and comfortable.
- Helpful guides and tips to support open and honest discussions covering relationships, consent and staying safe.
- Supporting materials to address common concerns and questions.

Silent Reminder



SILENT REMINDER

STUDENTS MUST NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



Cycling is a fantastic way to travel but cyclists are vulnerable on roads. 85 cyclists lost their lives in road accidents in the UK in 2022. The vast majority of cyclist casualties are from incidents on roads with 30mph limits. Anyone hit by a car travelling at 30mph has a 20% chance of dying.

Staying safe when travelling by bike

- At school - Student must **never ride their bike on the school ground**. Please walk with your bike until you are off the school premises and clear of crowds.
- Safety equipment – Cyclists of all ages and levels of experience should wear a helmet. Wearing a well-fitted, good quality cycle helmet does help protect your brain in some types of crashes or falls.
- Bike maintenance – Check your bike before travelling make sure the tyres and the brakes are in good working order.
- Roads/junctions – 45% of cycle accidents occur at or near road junctions. Be extra vigilant and take your time when approaching junctions and roundabouts
- Riding at night – Its illegal to cycle at night without lights. You must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back , red reflectors at the back and amber reflectors on the pedals
- Cycle training – Cycle training can help give you the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the roads. Training covers topics from balance and control to planning independent journeys on busier roads.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

RESTRAINT



Antonyms: Intemperance	Synonyms: Self-control; Self-discipline	Connected Words: Restrain, Restrained
British Values link: Mutual respect	Noun: To show restraint is to keep calm and in control	Moorside focus: Consideration



How do I say this in Spanish? Restricción

Spanish phrase: Voy a tener que mostrar moderación hoy.

I am going to have to show restraint today

The other student annoyed her, but she showed incredible restraint.



Key Dates:

- 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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