

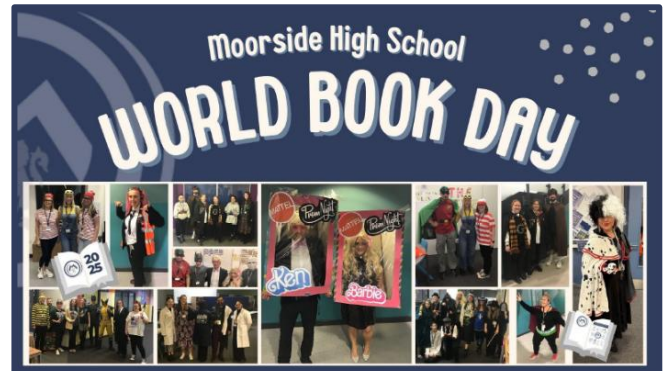


## #TeamMoorside Parent Update 14.03.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the lighter nights and the weather starting to improve, we know more and more students will be wanting to engage in our extra-curricular activities after school. Staff are currently updating the activities that will be on offer now the days are getting longer and we will be publishing the updated extra-curricular programme next week.

This week we have celebrated the World Book Day winners from the activities that took place over the two days. Students received an Amazon Gift Card or the opportunity to select something from our Book Vending Machine. It was great to see both staff and students involved and a great few days was had by all. We are continuing to encourage students to read for pleasure as we know that students who read often and independently know 26% more words than those that do not read. We want to encourage all students to challenge themselves to read, and further down in the update is a challenge to get students reading more.



When we last met with the School Council, one of the items that was fed back to the Leadership Team was the idea of having themed days in the school canteen. Last month we celebrated Chinese New Year and this week we have had a Mexican themed day. There were some fantastic dishes on offer and the nachos and tacos went down a storm. We are looking to have more of these across the year and I know students have already shared that they cannot wait for an American themed day!



As a school we are trying to ensure that we are raising awareness around important topics. On Thursday this week, we raised awareness around the students that are Young Carers. The Hive organised a 'Cake and Conversation' event to encourage students to come and share their stories and offer support to each other. There is a lovely window display and we aim to hold more events like this, bringing our young carers together.

Next week our focus is on raising awareness about Down's Syndrome and Red Nose Day. On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, students are invited to attend school with either a crazy hair style, funky tights if they wear a skirt or odd socks if they wear trousers, for a small donation or an item for our food bank. There will also be a cake sale at break time for a small donation and a charity football match after school raising money for the Down's Syndrome Charity. We really hope that students engage in these events and leave school having a better awareness of Down's Syndrome.

Finally, this week we have seen an increase in students wanting to leave lessons to go to reception for a cup to get some water. We are not able to provide cups for the water fountains unless a child is unwell. Please can you encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle so they can fill this up at break time and lunchtime.

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](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com).

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean  
Headteacher

## **Our approach to Mobile Phones**

We fully understand that children rely heavily on their mobile phones and that parents and carers find it reassuring to know that their child has a phone for safety and ease of contact. In PSHE and ICT, students are taught about the safe use of phones and social media. Phones are not a substitute for personal, face-to-face interaction.

During the school day, including break and lunchtime, students' phones must be switched off and kept in their bag, not in their blazer pocket. It is too tempting to look at their phone if it is kept in their blazer pocket. Students who have their phones out during the day will be asked to hand the device to the member of staff. The phone will then be handed to reception, and kept in the school safe, until the end of the day. We expect students to cooperate with this reasonable expectation at the first time of asking. If students co-operate, phones will be given back at the end of the day. Failure to hand over the mobile phone will result in a further consequence. If students need to contact their parents or carers during the school day, they must do so via the school office or Head of Year. Please can we ask that you speak to your child about turning their phone off in school, not using them during the school day and working together to create a safe learning environment at all times. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Parent Forum Sessions – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

- Quality of Education Focus – 13:30-14:30
- Behaviour & Attitudes Focus – 13:30-14:30

We are looking to hold two sessions on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, so parents/carers can come in and meet members of the team to look at what we can do, to continue to move forward. If you have any themes that you would like to discuss, please do share these with us via [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com). There will be 20 places available for each session on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at the above email address.

We are always keen to capture positive feedback but also have an understanding of where we need to continue to move forward. Please take a moment to complete the following survey. Thank you for your continued support - Team Moorside <https://forms.office.com/e/bUYQ3Cdy6j>

## **Sports Leaders Update**

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Sports Leaders were out in force on Wednesday, 12th March. The group of students were supporting Year 1 and Year 2 students from St Peters and Moorside Primary in a multi sports event. The Sports Leaders were all tasked with planning the session for the students to have fun and learn new skills. They were split into groups and led the session from start to finish. It was so lovely watching our Sports Leaders in action, they really are coming on in leaps and bounds as their confidence is growing each time they attend an event. All students thoroughly enjoyed the session and were fully engaged with the activities. Once again the Sports Leaders were amazing ambassadors for the school and we are extremely proud of them. They are now currently preparing for the next event, which will take place on Wednesday, 19th March for Year 5 and Year 6 students.

## **Attendance**

Everyday counts! We know that we would be ecstatic if students achieved 90% on a test, it would feel like a real success. But in reality, 90% attendance means that your child has missed a day of school every fortnight. We know from data last year, typically, students that achieved the higher grades had the higher attendance. Students need to be in school, so they do not miss out on their learning but also all the wider curriculum offers. Please continue to encourage your child to attend school every day. If you need any support with this, please do email [MHSabsence@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSabsence@consilium-at.com) We really want to recognise students for improving their attendance and we are looking forward to doing this at the upcoming Celebration Assemblies.

## **Year 11 Opportunity**



PwC is a well-known corporate employer, and they are offering a virtual insight opportunity for Year 11s to apply for. This would suit any Year 11 with an interest in professional careers in business, accounting and finance.

<https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/our-programmes/insight-weeks.html>

Closing Date: 28th March 2025 - Year 11 only

## **Flag Football**

On Friday, 7th March, Moorside High School Sports Leaders, supported the Key Stage 2 Girls Salford Schools Football (Non- competitive) Tournament. Before the event took place, our Sports Leaders came together in small groups to plan a warm-up and skill sessions. All of the students were able to lead with confidence a pulse raiser, dynamic stretches and a skill-based activity. Students that were involved were fully engaged and enjoyed working with our leaders. The Sports Leaders that were involved, demonstrated great organisation and communication skills throughout the event. Once the warm-up and skills section were completed, the students began to play their round of matches. This event was to encourage girls who do not normally participate in sport to take part. Sports Leaders refereed the matches, working together as a team and encouraging all the girls to take part. Students were awarded at the end of the session with the 'School Games Sporting Values' of Honesty, Respect, Passion, Self-belief, Determination and Teamwork. It was a great afternoon and all the students thoroughly enjoyed playing in the tournament. Our Sports Leaders represented Moorside High School with the highest standards and were an absolute credit to our school.

## **Year 11 – English Practice – Inset Day Friday 4th April 2025**

We know it takes resilience to keep writing for 2 hours and 30 minutes and good time management to plan how long to spend on each question and execute this. All Year 11 have been invited in to sit an additional English Literature Paper 2. We hope that this will give them another opportunity to practice their exam technique. After the exam we will be providing the students with a Pizza Party as a thank you for their commitment and dedication to their studies. More information about the timings for this has been sent out in a letter to parents. All other students will not be in school on this day. #40DaysToAmaze, #ExamsAreComing

## **Year 7 & 8 Assessments**

The Year 7 & 8 Assessments will be taking place from Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Students have been made aware of these in-class assessments and will receive a hard copy of the timetable. Next week Form Tutors will be going through the timetable with the students to ensure they understand the codes for each of the sessions. Students do not need to worry about these assessments, it is an opportunity for them to find out what they don't know, so subject teachers can support them with the gaps during the final term. All students will receive a topic list for each subject of what they need to revise in preparation for the assessments. If you have any worries about the assessments, please do contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) - [Please click here to access the timetables on the school website.](#)

## **Important changes to Bee Network child tickets**

From 23rd March [tap and go contactless payments](#) are being introduced across Bee Network buses and trams for full fare paying adults only.

Child tickets are not available using tap and go. Children can continue to use their current method of payment for travelling to school or leisure (e.g. cash, contactless).

At the same time, we're making it even easier to pay for child tickets on the [Bee Network app](#).

Single child hopper tickets will be available on the app, alongside a range of other child tickets. It's the safe, cash-free way to pay for travel.

Here's our top tips for paying for child fares from 23 March:

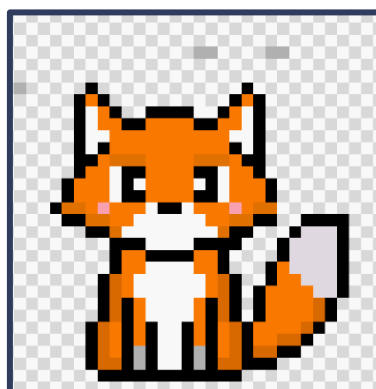
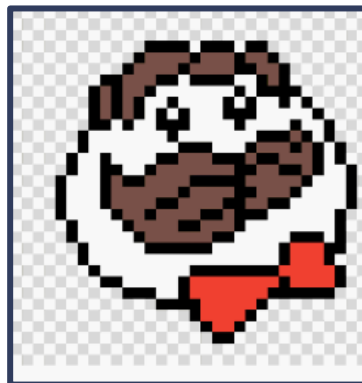
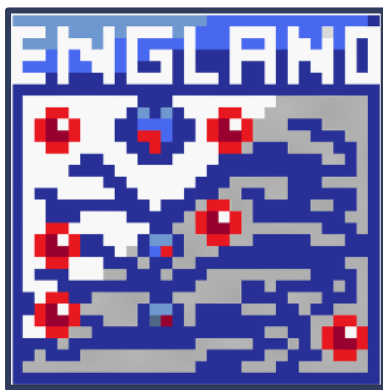
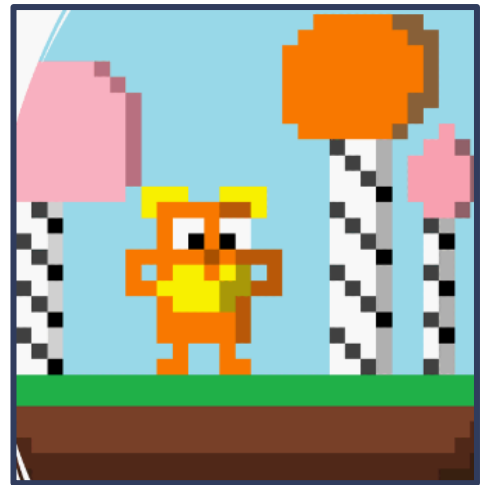
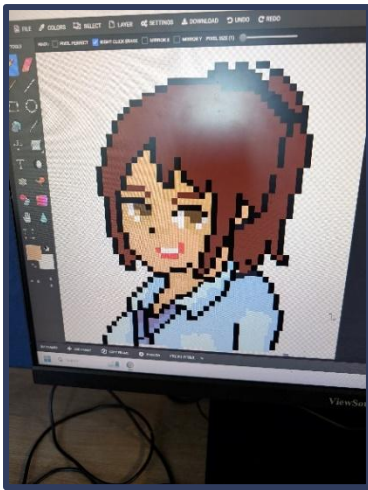
- Download the [Bee Network app](#) to pay for a range of child tickets.
- When paying with contactless always ask the bus driver for a child ticket before tapping your card (to avoid getting charged adult fare).
- Keep your TfGM travel pass (igo card, Our Pass) separate from bank cards when you tap the card reader, to avoid your bank card being charged an adult fare.

As always, your one-stop-shop for travelling to school information is available at [www.beenetwork.com/schools](http://www.beenetwork.com/schools)

If you have any further questions or want to speak to someone, please get in touch with the [Bee Network Contact Centre online](#) or call: 0161 244 1000.

## WOW Wednesday

Well done everyone, we saw some incredible Pixel Art shared at the WOW table this week. Please do encourage your child to celebrate their WOW work on a Wednesday.





## Safeguarding Update

### Knife Crime Awareness

Knife crime poses a significant risk to safety and well-being of young people in the UK. Knife crime encompasses any illegal act involving a knife or sharp object. Being vigilant about changes in a young person's behaviour or circumstances can help in early identification of their potential involvement in knife crime.

Signs to look out for:

- Sudden changes in behaviour or mood
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Possession of new items without a clear source
- Associating with new or different peer groups
- Using unfamiliar slang/language
- Secrecy about activities or whereabouts



**It is against the law to carry a knife in public place.**

Unless the blade is less than 3 inches long and is a manual folding blade. Doing so can carry a prison sentence of up to 4 years even if it is not used in England & Wales, and 5 years in Scotland. It is also against the law to carry a knife on behalf of someone else



**A person must be 18 or over to purchase a knife.**

This includes cutlery and kitchen knives. In Scotland, people between the ages of 16 and 18 can legally purchase cutlery and kitchen knives.

**If the blade is less than 3 inches in length and is a manual folding blade,**

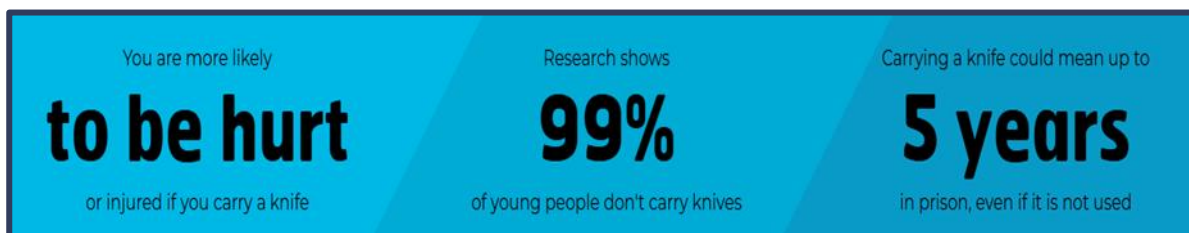
A person over the age of 16 can purchase this knife.

**It is illegal to bring into the country, sell, possess, hire or give someone a banned knife.**

Banned knives include: butterfly knives, disguised knives, flick knives, and zombie knives. A full list of banned knives in the UK can be found on the GOV website.

More information, advice and support surrounding knife crime can be found here -

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless/more-info/crime-types-explained/knife-crime>



### Silent Reminder

## **SILENT REMINDER - NO MOBILE PHONES**



### **The Rules**

If your mobile phone is seen in school (from the minute you arrive on campus until you leave campus at the end of the day), it will be confiscated.

This is a non-negotiable – Remember the policy says **“Switched off and in your bag”**

- Any confiscated phones will be kept safely in the school safe until the end of the day. Refusal to hand over your phone when requested by a member of staff will result in a consequence, this could be reflection (where you will hand your phone over anyway) or a more severe consequence if this is repeated behaviour. If you need to contact home, we can facilitate this with support from the pastoral team or the school reception team.

### **Why is this a rule?**


- Mobile phones in school can be a major distraction, diverting student attention away from the teachers instructions, lesson content and the opportunity to actively participate in classroom discussions
- Numerous studies have shown that students who spend more time on their phones tend to have lower grades compared to those who use them sparingly.
- Mobile phones can have a detrimental effects on our social interactions. Over reliance on the virtual world can hinder the development of crucial communication and socialisation skills that are essential for our personal growth and future careers
- Removing access to mobile phones from the school community supports a proactive stance against cyberbullying, fostering a safe and supportive environment for all students
- Excessive screen time has been linked to issues such as eye strain, sleep disruption, and even mental health problems like anxiety and depression. By limiting the use of mobile phones in school, we are promoting a healthier lifestyle.




# WORD OF THE WEEK CREDENCE



<b>Antonyms:</b> Discredit; disbelief	<b>Synonyms:</b> Belief; faith; trust	<b>Connected Words:</b> Credit
<b>British Values link:</b> Individual Liberty	<b>Noun:</b> Credence is the belief or acceptance that something is true.	<b>Moorside focus:</b> Resilience

 **How do I say this in Spanish?** crédito  
**Spanish phrase:** Puedo decir con seguridad que el Día Mundial del Libro es el mejor día del año. I can safely say that the World Book Day is the best day of the year.

They all accepted with credence that the rules were there to protect them.



**Key Dates:**

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - GCSE Drama Performance 18:00
- W/C 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 7&8 Assessment Window incl. NGRT
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - School Production – Legally Blonde
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - School Production – Legally Blonde
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - School Closes for the Easter Break 14:55
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Inset Day – School Closed to Students
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - School Reopens 08:25

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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## CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

### Moorside High School TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY Consilium Academies

 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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# Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Schools can now buy a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff  
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
24th April  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



## Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday  
18th March  
10:00 - 11:30  
£24



## Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.  
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday  
3rd April  
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  
3rd April  
19:00 - 20:30  
£24



## Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)





# Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm

# FREE PROMWEAR SERVICE

**BME**  
BodyMind Educate

**SALFORD  
STEP INTO  
ACTION**  
COMMUNITY HUB

*Are you a parent concerned about the cost of your child's upcoming prom? BodyMind Educate and Salford Step into Action, with the incredible support of our community, are thrilled to announce our FREE PROMWEAR SERVICE is BACK! Our diary is now open and accessible to all young people attending prom in 2025 and their families.*

*We have a beautiful selection of prom attire:*

- ♥ *Dresses in sizes 4 to 26*
- ♥ *2 and 3 piece suits in small to large men's*
- ♥ *Shirts and ties*
- ♥ *A lovely range of shoes, bags, and jewellery.*

*This service is completely free and there is no criteria to meet. Our aim is to ensure every young person can shine on their special night. For more information, please contact us.*

Please email,

[Register@salfordsia.co.uk](mailto:Register@salfordsia.co.uk)

[Becky@bodymindeducate.com](mailto:Becky@bodymindeducate.com)

For further information on how you can donate and all appointment enquiries