



#TeamMoorside Parent Update 25.04.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

How are we in the last full week of April already? It is hard to believe that our Year 11 students will start their external exams in less than two weeks. Although it was the Easter break, school was still really busy with lots of Year 11 students attending Easter school. With close to one hundred students each day, it was great to see their commitment and dedication to ensuring they are fully prepared for the exams. The external exams start on Tuesday, 6th May and the examination timetable can be [accessed here](#). Please note, Year 11 are expected to be in school and attending lessons during the exams period. Further information about this will be shared with Year 11 Parents/Carers over the next week.

This week it has been lovely to welcome back all the students following the Easter break ready to commence the summer term. We have started really positively with Years 7 to 10 all attending their Rewards/Standards assembly on the first day back. Students received awards for their positive contributions, their commitment to learning, their attendance and for showing social responsibility. It was great to see so many students nominated and highlighted for rewards and we are already starting the preparations for our summer awards evening 'Pride of Moorside'. This will be taking place on Monday, 21st July. Following the rewards part of the assembly, students were then reminded about the Moorside Way and how they can achieve their best this term.



We are really proud of all our students, and we want them to be strong ambassadors for Moorside High School. One way that they can do this, is by wearing their uniform correctly on the way to, during and on the way home from school. Please can we remind parents/carers that students should all attend school in suitable school shoes with a sensible school bag. All students have a school planner, knowledge organiser and equipment that is required each day, so it is vital that students have a bag to carry these. If you require any support in getting the correct equipment, please do contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support and as always if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

University of Manchester Visit - Manchester Young Academies programme

On Wednesday, 16th April, nine students taking part in the Manchester Young Academies programme had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Manchester. During the visit, they enjoyed a campus tour and took part in a workshop focused on the benefits and opportunities that higher education can offer.

In three weeks, students will begin working on their first ever 'dissertation', reflecting on what it means to be a virtuous and successful person. This experience has already helped our students grow in confidence, broaden their aspirations, and develop into thoughtful, hopeful young citizens. Well done to everyone that has committed to taking part in this fantastic opportunity.

Macbeth GCSE Performance Screening – Tuesday 29th April

We will be holding a special screening of Macbeth for our Year 11 students on Tuesday, 29th April from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, at Moorside High School. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of one of the key texts for their English Literature GCSE. As part of the session, we will not only watch a performance of the play but also pause at key scenes to discuss their significance and how students can write about them effectively in the exam. These focused discussions are designed to support students' revision in a meaningful and engaging way. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend, as this session will consolidate their learning and help them feel more confident ahead of their exams.

Year 10 Work Experience.

Polite reminder, the deadline for confirming work experience placements via the Connect App is Monday, 28th April. [All details are on the school website](#), click this link to access. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Farmer.



Flag Football Update

We are extremely pleased to share that Mia in Year 10, after several trials this year, has been selected for the 2025 under 17's girls Team GB Flag Football squad! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are really excited to see her continue to grow and develop in the sport. Our Moorside Flag Football Team is growing from strength to strength, and we are really excited to see them play this season. Well Done, Mia!! #TeamMoorsideMavricks.

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Change to the school day during the external exams.

Due to the external examinations requiring up to 2 hours in the afternoon, from Tuesday, 6th May up until Friday, 20th June the lunch/R time period will move earlier in the school day.

- Year 10 & 11 will have R time between 11:55-12:20, with lunch 12:20-12:55.
- Years 7, 8 & 9 will have lunch 11:55-12:30 followed by R time 12:30-12:55.

Students will then have lessons during period 4 (12:55-13:55) and period 5 (13:55-14:55) following the lunch period. We will be informing students in advance of the start date, to ensure they are all fully prepared and aware of the changes.

Year 8 Parents Evening.

The Year 8 Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday, 1st May, bookings for appointments are made via the Arbor App. At the Parents' Evening, you will be able to collect your child's Assessment Report before you meet any teachers. This report will hopefully provide a valuable insight into their performance and allow conversations to take place to discuss what your child can do next, to continue to move forward.

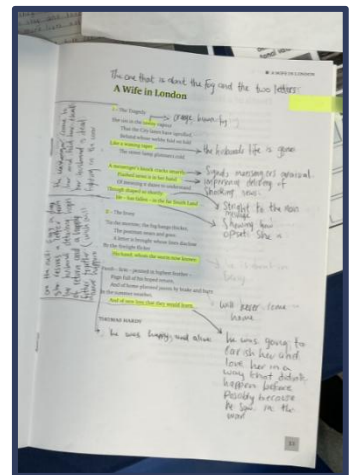
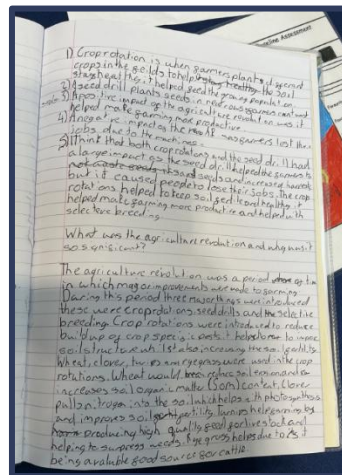
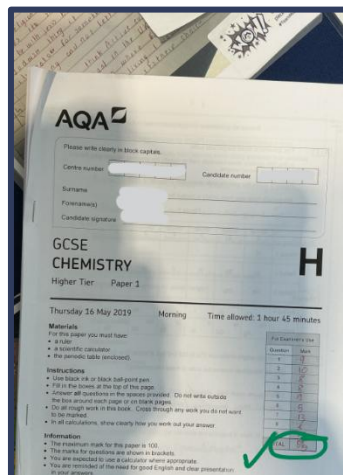
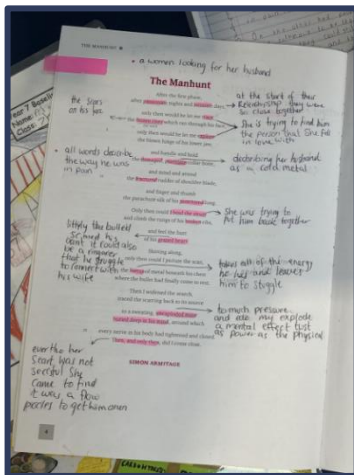
Staying Safe and Vigilant

With the light nights, we know more young people enjoy spending time outdoors. We just want to remind parents of the importance of encouraging their children to stay safe, not only on the way to and from school but also on the way home. These are some top tips that students can follow:

- Trust Your Instincts – If something feels off, it probably is. Don't ignore your gut feelings.
- Stay Aware of Your Surroundings – Don't get too distracted by your phone or headphones. Keep an eye on what's happening around you.
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- Have a Code Word – Agree on a "safe word" with family in case someone else has to pick you up unexpectedly.
- Report any suspicious behaviour to the police and tell your parent/carers.
- If you need any support - remember 'Speak Up, Speak out'

WOW Wednesday

A brilliant start to Summer Term, with revision notes and practice GCSE paper galore - well done everyone! Chocolate eggs were handed out to all the lucky students who attended WOW Wednesday this week. 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.



Stress Awareness Month 2025 – How to support your child

April is Stress Awareness Month, a time to recognise the impact of stress and promote healthier ways to manage it. This year's theme, **#LeadWithLove**, encourages kindness and open conversations about stress. As a parent, you can help your child develop positive coping strategies and create a supportive environment.

How to Support Your Child

Children and teens may struggle to express stress, but open, judgment-free conversations can help. Ask questions like:

- “What’s been challenging for you lately?”
- “How can I support you when you feel overwhelmed?”
- Listening without immediately offering solutions allows them to feel heard and supported.

Help Them Build Healthy Habits

Encourage small, daily habits to reduce stress:

- Prioritise sleep – A consistent bedtime routine improves emotional well-being.
- Encourage movement – Walks, sports, or stretching help release stress.
- Take breaks – Time away from screens and schoolwork allows them to reset.
- Practice self-care – Encourage activities they enjoy, like music, reading, or hobbies.

Join the 30-Day Stress Awareness Challenge

Try a small daily activity in April to promote well-being, such as gratitude journaling, limiting social media, or spending time outdoors. Small changes can have a big impact on stress management.

Where to Find Support

If your child needs extra support, these resources can help:

Mind UK – Mental health advice for young people and adults. Website: www.mind.org.uk

Childline – A confidential helpline for children. Call: 0800 1111 Website: www.childline.org.uk

The Mix – Support for people under 25 on various topics. Call: 0808 808 4994 Website: www.themix.org.uk

Supporting your child's mental well-being starts with open conversations, encouragement, and leading with love.

School Newspaper

If you didn't get chance to read our Easter Newsletter that was sent out before we broke up, please [click here to access it](#) on the school website. All the articles are written by our students, and it fully embraces what happens at Moorside High School. Please do encourage your child to become involved in the Journalism Club, we welcome all students, especially if they have got a great story to write or are a budding journalist.

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THE MOORSIDE WAY: THE WAY WE DO IT AT MOORSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

EASTER WISHES FROM MRS RYLES-DEAN - HEADTEACHER

As we come to the close of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on all the hard work, dedication, and progress we have seen from both students and staff over the past few months. It has been an incredibly busy and productive term, with many exciting events and achievements that have brought our school community even closer together.

This Easter break is a well-deserved opportunity for everyone to rest and recharge. Whether you're spending time with family enjoying the outdoors or simply taking a well-earned break, I hope this time will allow you to relax and reflect on the many successes we've had so far this year. As we look ahead to the summer term, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that await us.

As always, Mr Hoxson and the Journalism Club have worked wonders on this latest edition of 'The Moorside News' and I know you will enjoy reading it as much as I have and as much as the students have enjoyed creating it. Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for their ongoing support and commitment to making our school such a special place.

I wish you all a relaxing break and look forward to seeing all students return to school on Tuesday 22nd April at 08:25am. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Ryles-Dean
Headteacher

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A SKETCH-TACULAR YEAR 7 EXPERIENCE AT ART CLUB

As a Year 7 pupil that attends Art Club, it's important to recognise what Moorside has to offer for our most creative pupils. From my perspective as a Year 7 pupil, I have seen it as a great way to explore my creative side and make new friends.

Let's start by saying Art Club is a stroke of genius! You get lots of experiences and a variety of opportunities to explore different activities, such as photography, painting, and competitions. Turns out, it's a great way to draw yourself into something creative every Friday!

Art Club takes place every Friday on Week 8 from 3pm to 4pm, but don't worry - it's not a boring lesson! You get to bring food, talk with friends, frame pictures, and most importantly, have fun. We draw everything from portraits of nature and people to abstract illustrations, and everyone finds inspiration in each other while nurturing their passion.

One thing I really like about Art Club is that everyone is very open, friendly, and relaxed, doing their own thing - no need to brush off your creativity here!

As well as Art Club, students also work towards their CCEs by experimenting with different photography techniques, traditional art, and drawing drills - activities that will help them later in their exams.

Whether it's writing poetry, playing music, or drawing, Art Club offers skills and inspiration that foster personal growth, especially here at Moorside. For me, Art Club is about the memories we create and the joy that comes with it. It's safe to say that this club really colours my world!

By Sadeem (Year 7)

ART Club

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Balancing School, Drama, and Passion:

From the perspective of one of our Drama-loving students, Bella shares her experience of what it's like to balance life as a student at Moorside.

As the year progresses, time seems to fly by. It feels like just yesterday that I was starting Year 7, the youngest in the school. Now, with Year 8 approaching, I'll soon be choosing my GCSE options. I take part in many after-school clubs, one of my favourites being Drama Club. I absolutely love it there. Since I'll be selecting my GCSEs next year, I know I should be exploring different subjects to decide which ones to take. However, Drama Club has made me realise that I could have a future either on stage or even working behind the scenes.

Not only do I attend Drama Club on Mondays after school, but I also take drama classes at the weekend. Every Saturday, I go to a drama school called Urban Stage, and I really enjoy it. It's a place where I feel comfortable and free to be creative. I've performed in many shows there, all of which have been incredible experiences. Last year, I was in *Shrek*, and this year, I'm performing in *We Will Rock You*. Acting can be challenging at times, but once you've performed your first show, that fear fades, and you gain the confidence to go on stage again.

Balancing Drama Club and Urban Stage can be tricky, as it means keeping track of two different productions at the same time. On top of that, I also have to manage my schoolwork, which can be difficult with two shows on my mind.

Like every other student, I spend five periods in school from Monday to Friday. During the week, I attend various clubs, and on Saturdays, I wake up early to be at Urban Stage for 10 AM. Unlike Drama Club, where sessions last an hour, Urban Stage classes run for three hours. While it might sound exhausting, it's not at all - it's something I genuinely love. I make sure to complete my homework during the weeks so that I don't have to worry about it over the weekend. The drama teachers at school are fantastic, but at Urban Stage, I work with different teachers who provide us with all the support we need. Just like in productions at Moorside, students at Urban Stage have to memorise lines, learn songs, and rehearse extensively.

Every week, I look forward to going to Urban Stage because it truly makes me happy. It's a place where I feel like I can achieve anything, and it always brightens my day. However, juggling multiple scripts and rehearsals can be challenging, especially while keeping up with my commitments at Drama Club. Sometimes, we just need a little support from the people we trust, and eventually, we learn how to balance everything.

By Bella Cagan (Year 8)

Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - STAYING SAFE



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Safeguarding Update - Ivison Trust Parent and Carer Support – Child Exploitation

The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents/carers, disrupting the exploiters and working in partnership with police and family services.

The charity webpage has a range of resources and support available including interactive webinars which provide parents/carers with the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others. The sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, they will share their experiences and advice on responding to the risks.

The webinar dates are regularly updated via the website, with the next session being held on 1st May 2025.

The upcoming webinar focuses on County Lines, exploring how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. The session will cover trends in your local area and signpost where to get advice and support if you are concerned. Booking Link: <https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

Parent Session

County Lines in Greater Manchester

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7.00-8.30pm
1st May 2025

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WORD OF THE WEEK

DEMOCRACY



Antonyms:

Autocracy; Tyranny;
Dictatorship

Synonyms:

Collective; representative
government

Connected Words:

Democrat, Democratic

British Values link:

Rule of Law, Individual

Noun:

Democracy is a system of government
that all people have a right to vote for.

Moorside focus:

Consideration, Endurance,
Resilience



How do I say this in Spanish? Democracia

Spanish phrase: I am proud to live in a democracy.

Estoy orgulloso de vivir en una democracia. (Masculine)

The United Kingdom is a democracy because we vote in elections.



Key Dates:

- Thursday 1st May - Year 8 Parents Evening
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday – School closed
- Tuesday 6th May - School re-opens 08:25
- Tuesday 6th May - Start of the Year 11 external GCSE Examinations
- Friday 23rd May - School closes – May Half Term
- Monday 2nd June - School re-opens 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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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