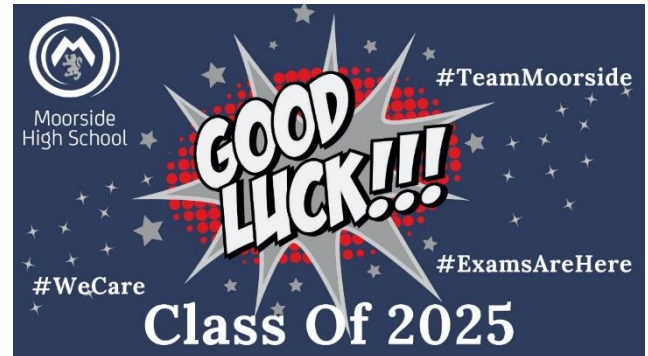




#TeamMoorside Parent Update 02.05.25

Dear Parent/Carer,

The formal external GCSE examinations start on Tuesday, 6th May. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 11 parents and carers for their support in the run up to these exams. The students have worked incredibly hard, and we are confident that they will continue to do so throughout the duration of the exams. All Year 11 students are expected to be in school and attending all lessons. Year 11 parents have received a letter from Miss Smalley around the exam arrangements please [click here to access](#) a copy.



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. Students have been told about this over the past couple of weeks so it should not be a surprise to anyone.

This week has been another busy week for Team Moorside and students responded well to the unusually warm weather for April. Thank you to all parents/carers for your support and cooperation with the recent uniform adjustments for the warmer weather. We always said we would monitor the weather and if we had unusually warm weather, we would allow students to wear their PE kits, as we have done in the past. Your understanding and flexibility have helped ensure that our students remain comfortable while maintaining our school standards. Although the weather is set to stay dry, the temperature has now reduced, therefore, when students return on Tuesday at 08:25 all students are expected to be in full school uniform.

Hopefully the nice weather will continue over the Bank Holiday weekend, all students are expected in school at 08:25 on Tuesday, 6th May. 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

Did a member of your family make a contribution to WWII?

Email their picture and a brief outline of how this person is related to you to mhsinfo@consilium-at.com to be featured in our 'Wall of Honour'.

Thursday 8th May 2025

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Move in May

Next week we will be launching our 'Move in May' challenge. We know that physical movement has powerful benefits and we want everyone to embrace this. The challenge to staff and students is... 'How far can Team Moorside travel in distance from Moorside High School.' Staff and students can log any form of physical activity, walking, running, cycling or even rowing! We will then map a route to see where it takes us... let's see how far we get.

If your child completes an activity, please encourage them to log this via mhs wellbeing@consilium-at.com

Girls Lacrosse

This term we have been lucky enough to have a local Lacrosse Coach in school delivering Lacrosse as part of the PE curriculum. The students have thoroughly embraced and enjoyed it, but not as much as our students who play outside of school for Boardman & Eccles Under 13 Boardman Bears. These girls are so dedicated to the sport and last weekend became the U13 Northern Champions! Beating Oxton 9-7 in a really close game at the Flags Festival in Rochdale. Some of the girls have also been involved in the England Aspire trials, what an amazing achievement. Team Moorside is so proud of these students and are really excited to see them continue to grow and develop in the sport. If your daughter is interested in playing Lacrosse, please do contact Boardman and Eccles who are based at Monton Sports Club.



Period Products

PHS are proudly delivering period equality to schools and colleges in England via The Department for Education's (DFE) Period Product scheme to provide free period products to young people who need them. This scheme enables all learners to fully participate in education by making period products part available as and when they are needed. Period products are available from main reception and your child's Head of Year's office. We can also make up a period package that can be collected from main reception, if this is something that you would be interested in, please email MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Positive Praise

Please do continue to encourage your child to be the best version of themselves. This term we are having a real push on positive praise and are busy planning the rewards events at the end of the summer term.

Gods of Salford

As part of the Lowry's 25th anniversary celebrations, the Gods of Salford production brings together 25 young people from Salford to work alongside three professional actors and Not Too Tame to create a daring, high-energy theatrical adventure that reimagines this Greek myth through the lens of Salford's working-class spirit. And Together We Create will fund ten community groups to bring to life their own inspiring projects - supporting the talent that makes Salford extraordinary. Mrs Ross, Mr Molyneux, Miss Stephan, Mrs Brickell and Miss Jackson all had the privilege of watching our very own Leilani from Year 10 and Isabella who left us last year take part. Mrs Ross loved every minute and said... *'Myself and Mr Molyneux went to support, and it was a fantastic night. We even did a bit of celeb spotting as Russell Kane was in the audience! The performance was exceptional, and both of the girls shone. The Lowry staff couldn't speak highly enough about them.'*

We could not be prouder of the two girls, they were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and Team Moorside. Well done Leilani and Isabella!



Sporting Success.

We have had some great sporting successes this week in the sunshine. Congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team that won in the Salford Cup against The Albion Academy and to the Year 8 Football Team that won on penalties in their semi-final against Salford City Academy. #TeamMoorside #Winners



Year 10 - Help your Child Revise.

Following feedback from previous events, it was highlighted that it is often inconvenient for parents/carers to come into school early in the evening for events that sometimes can only last 40-45minutes. We have therefore decided to trial an electronic presentation for Year 10 Parents/Carers on how they can best support their child in the run up to the Year 10 End of Year Exams. A link to the pre-recorded presentation has been sent via Arbor/ClassCharts to parents/carers of Year 10 students. If you have not received this, please do contact MHInfo@consilium-at.com. If you have any feedback or ways that this could be improved moving forward, please do send this to the info email inbox. There will be an in-person Year 11 Information and Guidance evening in September 2025, details around this will be sent nearer the time.

Dealing with Exam Stress.

Exams can come with a lot of pressure and make students feel really stressed. If your child is struggling to cope, they are not alone. We're here to help you and your child to manage their feelings around exams and find ways to cope. Some ways of supporting your child include:

- Help them to avoid avoidance - a common way of trying to cope is to avoid whatever makes us feel anxious. Whilst this is a short term fix it is not a long-term solution.
- Help your child to face their anxieties head on and where possible, plan in advance to avoid last minute stress.
- Break studies into small manageable chunks and make sure that your child balances this with seeing friends and doing activities they enjoy.
- Encourage them to speak with their teacher or a member of staff they trust - we can support and encourage and are always here to listen.
- My Anxiety Handbook by Sue Knowles, Bridie Gallagher and Phoebe McEwan is a great resource written for young people with lots of practical strategies for managing stress and anxiety.

There is also lots of helpful advice and guidance on the Mind, Young Minds and NHS website, which includes tips and advice to help your child through examinations. [More information can be found on our school website.](#)

Year 11 Exit Timetable

As Year 11 exams begin this week, students will now follow their exit timetable. Where a subject has finished due to the final exam being completed, students will be timetabled an extra Maths, English, or Science revision session in its place. A huge thank you to all staff who are supporting and accommodating these vital sessions.'

Celebrating Our Year 7 and 8 Mathematicians in the UKMT Junior Challenge



On Thursday 1st May, fourteen of our talented Year 7 and 8 students proudly represented the school in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge – a national competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, commitment, and the hard work they put into preparing for this challenging event.

The Junior Mathematical Challenge is designed to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques. With a wide range of thought-provoking multiple-choice problems, it pushes students beyond the standard curriculum and asks them to apply their knowledge in creative and unfamiliar ways.

Taking part in a national competition like the UKMT is a fantastic achievement in itself. We are incredibly proud of all fourteen students who took part and look forward to celebrating their individual results in the coming weeks. Well done to our budding mathematicians – your hard work and curiosity have truly shone through!

WOW Wednesday

This week we said a big "thank you" to our wonderful Student Leadership Team who have help and supported WOW Wednesday all year. It was their last Wednesday helping out as their GCSE exams start next week - I know their kind and thoughtful comments to students have been so appreciated. 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.



Child Employment Awareness

The Salford's Child Employment awareness campaign run by Salford City Council is all about making sure young people aged 13 to 16 who work have the safest and fairest conditions.

Here's what you need to know:

- **Work permits are a must** - Every young worker needs a valid work permit. If your child works, kindly ask the employer to show the permit. Employers should check all rules and procedures.
- **Safety and study first** - Our guidelines ensure that work does not disrupt school, and that the workplace stays safe. These simple rules protect both learning and health.
- **Easy access to information you need** - We've made all the information you need easy to follow on our website. The work permit application is free, online, and takes just a few minutes – www.salford.gov.uk/childemployment

How you can help –

- For parents - If your child is working, please ask to see their work permit and read our simple guide online for your rights and responsibilities.
- For employers - Before hiring anyone aged 13 to 16, make sure you've got a work permit in place and check that your workplace meets safety guidelines.

For more details or if you have questions, visit www.salford.gov.uk/childemployment. Thanks for helping make Salford a safe place for our young workers! If you have any queries please contact Salford City Council's Child Employment Team by emailing childemployment@salford.gov.uk or call 0161 603 4350.

Do you know a young person who has a part-time job?

If they're aged 13 to 16 and working, there are important rules in place to protect them.

- ✓ Employers must apply for a work permit
- ✓ Jobs must be safe and suitable for young people
- ✓ Working hours are limited to help young people balance school and work

These rules are there to help young people gain experience without putting their safety, wellbeing or education at risk.

Want to know more? Visit @SalfordCouncil's #ChildEmployment webpages
www.salford.gov.uk/child-employment



Safeguarding Update

March 2025 saw the Online Safety Act come into force. We will hopefully see various platforms implementing new safety features over the coming months.

So, what has changed?

Some social media platforms are already starting to respond to the new rules. For example:

- Instagram (Meta) now blocks under-16s from livestreaming unless a parent/carer gives consent. They've also made it so that teens need parental permission to turn off certain safety features, like the blur filter that hides suspected nudity in DMs. It's all part of an effort to make things safer for younger users.

👉 **Read more here:** <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/08/meta-blocks-livestreaming-by-teenagers-on-Instagram>

- Ofcom (the UK's media regulator) is now investigating platforms that aren't doing enough to stop harmful or illegal content. This means bigger platforms could face serious consequences if they don't protect their users — especially children.

👉 **Full article here:** <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/apr/09/online-suicide-forum-ofcom-investigation-uk-digital-safety-laws>

For useful tips and information regarding e-safety, please use the following links:

- **NSPCC Online Safety Hub: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)**
- **Internet Watch Foundation: [Online safety and advice resources](#)**



Silent Reminder

SILENT REMINDER - UNIFORM #THE MOORSIDE WAY

A school uniform comprises of a standard set of clothes that students wear when they attend school. A school uniform is a significant part of life at school because it plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. All of these factors positively contribute to students' overall wellbeing.

The benefits of having a school uniform...

- Research has shown that when all students are wearing the same outfit, classrooms are more disciplined, with lower noise levels and significantly better 'listening' from students.
- By wearing uniforms, students no longer have to waste time planning their outfits to wear to school. Wearing a school uniform means that students are focused on their education and not on their attire.
- Students who wear a school uniform do not have to feel insecure about their appearance and social status. Because all students are wearing the same clothes, there's no judgment.



Word of the Week



WORD OF THE WEEK FUNDAMENTAL



Antonyms:

Secondary; unimportant

Synonyms:

Foundational; essential

Connected Words:

Fundament

British Values link:

Individual Liberty

Adjective:

If something is fundamental, it forms a necessary base or core; of central importance.

Moorside focus:

C.A.R.E



How do I say this in Spanish? Fundamentales

Spanish phrase: Being kind is one of my fundamental values.

Ser amable es uno de mis valores fundamentales

The CARE values are fundamental to the running of Moorside High School.



Key Dates:

- 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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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