



Moorside High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we say goodbye to our Year 11 cohort, we are taking the opportunity to reflect on our school community's strengths and identify areas where we can continue to improve. One area that remains a priority at Moorside High School is maintaining high standards of behaviour that support a safe, respectful and productive learning environment for all students.

The final few weeks of the school year is a sensible time to reset and reinforce our behaviour expectations across the school, so when we return in September all stake holders including students, parents' carers and staff are clear on what we expect from our students. While the majority of students consistently follow the Moorside Way and demonstrate positive attitudes and conduct, there are a small minority of students who are making behaviour choices that do not align to our values and expectations. This is always disappointing to see, as we know that all our students have the potential to follow the Moorside Way and be the best they can be.

During the week commencing 23rd June our assemblies will focus on reminding students of the key values that underpin our school community, providing clear and consistent reminders on our expectations. The following themes will be discussed:

- **Uniform** - Students are expected to attend school in full school uniform. We ask that parents/carers support their children by ensuring they attend school in shoes not trainers and with an appropriate school bag. Students arriving to school inappropriately dressed will be given support to correct their uniform.
- **Punctuality** - Students are expected to arrive to school and lessons on time. This supports a calm environment and a purposeful start to learning. Arriving on school site before 8:25am will be a particular focus and an area targeted for improvement.
- **Mobile Phones** - Students are aware that mobile phones/airpods should be switched off and stored safely out of sight in their bags. Mobile phones/airpods act as a significant distraction to students during the school day. If a mobile phone/airpod is seen in school, it will be confiscated and stored in the school safe. We also ask that students only access their phones once they have left the school building at the end of the day.
- **Behaviour** - We will not tolerate any form of bullying, unkind behaviour, rudeness, or behaviour that disrupts the learning of others. Students will be reminded of the behaviour expectations in lessons, during social times and when travelling to and from school.

Alongside the reset, staff will be using a consistent approach to support behaviour, including clear consequences for repeated misbehaviour. We will also continue to recognise and reward students who consistently meet expectations, as we believe in celebrating those who contribute positively to our school culture. Our celebration assemblies are planned for the end of term and we want every student to be part of these.

We value your support as parents and carers in reinforcing these messages at home. We know that school's work best and students thrive, both academically and socially, when there is a strong partnership between school and home. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's behaviour or support strategies, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standard of behaviour and mutual respect across our school.

Yours faithfully,

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