



Dear Parent/Carer,

As the Summer is now over and we have started year 11 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout the last academic year and to say that I am more than pleased to continue to be your child's Head of Year. I have worked at Moorside High School since 2016, and I am passionate about the goals and values of the school and strongly believe in fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment. I am eager to build on the success that the year group has achieved over the past four years, and I am excited for the challenges and opportunities that Year 11 will bring.

It was a busy Year 10 preparing the students for what is to come, and I want to congratulate the students on their attitude and application during the recent mock examinations. Their conduct in the examinations was excellent and was acknowledged by the external exam invigilators.

During the first few days of this academic year, students have had a first glimpse of what life as a Year 11 student will look like, starting with their new form tutors and their new R time schedules. Their maturity and commitment towards these changes in routine and structure are commendable.

Year 11 is a pivotal year in your child's education, marking the culmination of their planning and preparation. This year, your child will sit their GCSE examinations, which are the result of all their hard work, preparation, and dedication at Moorside High School. It is crucial that your child makes the most of every opportunity in lessons to develop their understanding and accelerate their progress. This will be supported in many ways through targeted interventions and revision sessions to support their knowledge and learning.

I firmly believe that every student has the capacity to achieve whatever they put their mind to, so I make no apologies for the high expectations I will insist on. I expect all students to try their best, even when facing challenges; to respect each other and all members of staff at school; and to enjoy learning and taking on new opportunities beyond the classroom. This goes beyond academic success; it encompasses the overall development of each student. At Moorside High School, we are committed to nurturing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also emotionally intelligent, socially responsible, and resilient. We strive to instill values such as consideration, equity, and aspiration, preparing our students to navigate the complexities of life beyond school. By encouraging participation in extracurricular activities, inspiring leadership skills, and promoting a sense of community, we aim to equip our students with the tools they need to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

Year 10 embarked on looking at next steps when leaving Moorside, during which I had the pleasure of accompanying them on a college taster day. This valuable experience allowed students to explore their passions and interests and gain insight into life after Moorside. It was inspiring to witness their engagement and enthusiasm across various subjects, and the feedback we received from college staff was excellent. Similarly, following the two-day work experience placements, we received positive feedback from workplaces, who spoke highly of our students and their diligence and initiative. It's heartening to see students seizing every opportunity to enhance their skills and prepare themselves for Post 16 pathways, and ultimately, their future.

The Year 11 team is committed to working closely with students to help them achieve their full potential. To make the most of every opportunity, it is crucial that students attend regularly. Attendance is highly valued at Moorside High School, especially in Year 11. Self-discipline and resilience are qualities I prioritise, and I aim to further these attributes throughout the year. Encouraging consistent attendance and promoting a strong work ethic will be central to our approach in supporting students through this critical academic year.

Finally, I would like to thank you and your families for your continued support and commitment, I look forward to working with you to get your children ready for the final chapter of their Moorside journey.

Kind regards

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Head of Year 11

