

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been such a positive week here at Moorside. Students have been very settled, and we have been so impressed with how smartly they have presented themselves each day. A huge thank you to you, our parents and carers, for supporting this. Our motto of “Dress Smart, Think Smart” has really shone through, with students arriving looking ready to learn and engage fully in school life. Attendance has also been fantastic this week, sitting at over 95% some days, which is a brilliant start to the term, although we will always strive for more. Year 7 have been finding their way around and are already settling well into their new routines, and across all year groups, there has been a real sense of focus and positivity in lessons.

I would like to share a few important reminders and updates for the week ahead:

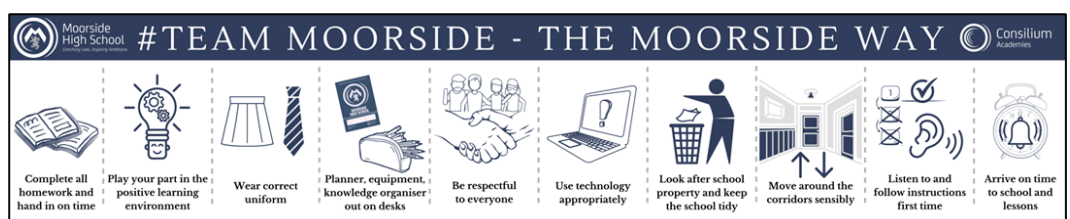
- Year 7 Parent/Carer Drop-In (SEND Focus) – On Thursday, we are holding a drop-in session for Year 7 parents and carers, with a particular focus on SEND support. This will be an opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, and discuss how we can best support your child in their transition to secondary school. To help us plan, please pre-register using the QR code provided in the recent letter from Mr Williams.
- Welcome Back Letters – All year groups should have now received a Welcome Back Letter from their Head of Year, setting out key information for the year ahead. If you have not yet received this, the letters can also be accessed here: [Year 7](#), [Year 8](#), [Year 9](#), [Year 10](#), [Year 11](#).
- Year 11 Assemblies – Next week, Year 11 students will take part in daily assemblies, each featuring a different college or Post-16 provider. This is an excellent opportunity for them to start thinking about their next steps after Moorside.
- Year 7 GL Testing & Baseline Assessments – Year 7 students will begin their GL assessments next week, as well as a baseline test in Maths. There is no need for students to worry – our staff will guide and support them every step of the way.
- Years 8 & 9 Reading Tests (NGRT) – Students in Years 8 and 9 will be completing their NGRT reading tests in English lessons. Parents and carers have already been contacted directly about this by Mr Greenhalgh, our Literacy Lead.
- Key Stage 3 Enrichment Fair – On Friday, our Enrichment Fair will take place for Key Stage 3 students. This will be a fantastic chance for them to explore the wide range of clubs and activities available and to sign up for those that interest them. The full Enrichment Timetable will be shared in next week’s parent update.

It is hard to believe we are only approaching the second full week of term – we have certainly begun the year with pace and energy, and I am very excited to see all the opportunities that lie ahead.

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 H Ryles-Dean
Principal



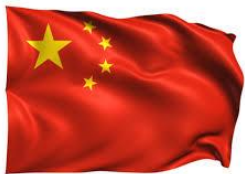
Final Reminder - Flu Vaccinations

Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow the link you have received via Arbor in-app messages to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form via the link. The vaccinations will take place in school on the 25/09/2025. The link will close on the 18/09/2025. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please complete a 'No' to consent form. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 1 option 7.

Many thanks,
Abigail Eades

Trafford and Salford Area Immunisation Team



Celebrating Friendship Across Borders

On 3–4 July 2025, Moorside High School was delighted to welcome students and teachers from Yangzhou, China as part of the newly established friendship between Salford and Yangzhou.

Over two days, the visiting students were paired with Moorside pupils, taking part in regular lessons, joining ice-breaker activities, and collaborating on a themed project entitled *"A Day in the Life of a Moorside Student."* The exchange concluded with group presentations, reflection sessions, and a small ceremony celebrating friendships and understanding formed along the way.



The atmosphere was one of warmth, curiosity, and respect. For many students, this was their first chance to sit side by side with peers from another country, sharing not only schoolwork but also stories of daily life. It was an experience that offered both sides the opportunity to reflect on the similarities and differences that shape young people's lives across cultures.

Thank you to our friends from Yangzhou and to Suman Education International for helping make this exchange possible and showcasing the power of education to connect communities, spark intercultural dialogue and inspire empathy in the next generation. Here's to many more opportunities for our young people to learn, share, and grow together.



Lockdown Drill & Fire Drill

At Moorside High School, and across Consilium Academies, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our highest priority. A key part of our safeguarding approach is ensuring that everyone in our community is prepared to respond calmly and effectively to emergency situations.

Our students are already familiar with procedures such as fire drills, which are carried out at planned intervals throughout the academic year. These regular practices ensure that students, staff, and visitors understand their responsibilities, know how to keep themselves and others safe, and feel more confident should a real situation ever occur. This week, we held a Fire Drill, and I am delighted to share that the way students responded was exemplary, calm, sensible, and highly respectful of the process.

Next week, as part of our ongoing safeguarding work, we will be carrying out an Emergency Lockdown Drill. As with fire drills, the purpose of this is to ensure that students and staff are fully aware of their roles and responsibilities should such a situation ever arise.

- **Preparation:** All students will receive a full briefing in Monday's R Time, where staff will explain the drill clearly so they know exactly what to expect.
- **Support:** Staff will be on hand throughout to guide students and ensure the drill runs smoothly.
- **Communication:** Parents and carers will be notified via the Arbor App both before the drill takes place and again once it has been completed.

We know that safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and these practices are an important part of keeping our school community safe. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the planned drill, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Anniversary

Firework Safety Reminder

We have recently received a report from the local community that some young people have been seen setting off fireworks in the park. While fireworks can be exciting, they can also be extremely dangerous if used irresponsibly.

As we approach the darker evenings, we would like to remind all parents and carers to speak with their children about the risks associated with fireworks. Misuse can lead to serious injuries, damage to property, and can cause real distress to others in the community.



Please take a few moments to discuss firework safety at home and reinforce the importance of making safe and sensible choices. Together, we can help to ensure that our children stay safe, and our community remains a welcoming place for everyone.

Year 7 CAT FSQ/PASS Plan

Next week, our Year 7 students will be completing a series of online assessments. We recognise this may cause some small changes to the usual routine, and we apologise for any inconvenience. However, it is vital that we collect this data to ensure we can provide the best possible support for our students as they begin their journey with us. The timetable for these assessments is included below. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Williams via MHSyear7@consilium-at.com

Year 7 parents should have received a letter to inform them about the tests, if you have not received this, [please click here to access link to letter.](#)

Year 7 Baseline Assessment - Maths

Year 7 students are currently in mixed-ability classes for Maths. To ensure that each student is placed in the most appropriate set for their ability, all Year 7 students will sit a Baseline Assessment during their Maths lesson on Wednesday, 24th September.

The assessment will last 50 minutes, will be a non-calculator paper, and will be marked out of 60. It is designed to include a balance of fluency (skills-based) and problem-solving questions. The focus is on Key Stage 2 content, which forms the foundation for many topics covered in Key Stages 3 and 4.

The topics covered in the assessment include place value, negative numbers, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fraction manipulation, rounding, factors and primes, and area and perimeter.

The results of this assessment will help us determine the most suitable set for your child.

Year 8 & 9 NGRT Tests

As part of our commitment to improving the literacy skills of our students, we will once again be conducting an NGRT assessment of the reading ages of our Year 8 and 9 students.

- Year 8 will be tested the week beginning 15th of September.
- Year 9 will be tested the week beginning 22nd of September.



The tests will take place during an English lesson.

What is NGRT?

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a computer based formative assessment used to assess a student's reading level. It does not count towards any final grade or mark but helps us understand your child's current ability level compared to the national average. Your child's NGRT result will be reported to you as part of the school report cycle. NGRT allows us to identify students who may benefit from interventions or need further support. The test can be retaken later in the school year to assess progress and intervention effectiveness.

How is NGRT used?

Reading skills are crucial for accessing the school curriculum. NGRT provides accurate information about a student's reading level, allowing us to provide targeted support or extension activities. Our goal is to raise reading abilities, which in turn enhances overall curriculum access.

Test Details:

- Format: Short multiple-choice test
- Tasks: Sentence completion and reading comprehension
- Duration: Approximately 30-50 minutes

Preparation: We advise against practicing or training specifically for NGRT to ensure a fair assessment of your child's reading abilities at that moment. There are practice questions within the assessment to familiarise students with the tasks.

If you have any questions about the test, please feel free to reach out to us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Y11 Careers Message – City Skills



Year 11 Parents/Carers – Is your child considering applying for any of the following courses/careers?

Brickwork

Plumbing

Plastering

Multi-trade skills

Carpentry & Joinery

Painting & Decorating

Electrical Installation

Motor Vehicle

Groundworks



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Professional Construction (Surveying / Management)



Y11 Careers Message – City Skills



CITY SKILLS college (Salford) offer all these course – but places are in high demand!
We are encouraging EARLY APPLICATIONS to help secure your place for next year.

Mr Farmer is offering an Application support workshop on
WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 3-4pm in ACADEMIC INTERVENTION / LRC
to help any students wanting to apply.

Even if they are just considering construction / mechanics, or need a back-up plan for apprenticeships, we strongly advise them to apply so you can be considered for a place (They can, of course, change their mind later in the year!)

(Note: this session is ONLY for Y11s wanting to apply to City Skills, other college applications can be completed at a later date).

Please encourage your child to attend this session and speak to Mr Farmer, if this is a route they are considering.



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Young Person of the year

Vote for Jack to win 'Young Person' of the Year!

We are incredibly proud to share that former student, Jack Greenhalgh, a dedicated member of Salford's Young People's Development Group, has been shortlisted for an 'I Love Manchester' Award in the category of Young Person of the Year.

Jack is an inspiring young person; he is a change-maker whose vision and leadership has helped shape a new future for young people across Salford. As part of his work with Salford's Young People's Development Group, Jack has spent the last two years planning and building something truly transformational: Salford Youth Zone. Jack recently appeared on BBC's One Show to promote and discuss his work further.



Voting closes in October so let's show a real Team Moorside effort and give Jack the recognition he deserved! Vote for Jack by going to the I Love Manchester website or using this link: <https://ilovemanchester.com/awards>

Did you know? The Manchester Awards champion and recognise individuals and organisations rooted in Manchester within, fashion, entertainment, sports and hospitality. You can vote for your favourite restaurant, charity, community and there is also an Emmeline Pankhurst award to recognise people breaking barriers and creating change. Shout out to Pankhurst house!!

Auditions for School of Rock

MOORSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S
SCHOOL of ROCK
THE MUSICAL

Pick up your audition scripts from
your Music/Drama Teacher
Auditions
Monday 15th &
Tuesday 16th September
3pm
Performance Hall
Year 8, 9 and 10 ONLY

1st Rehearsal Monday 22nd September
All Year 7 Welcome

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Proud to be part of
Consilium Academies

We are excited to announce that this year's school production will be School of Rock! Auditions are open to all students in Year 7–10 and will take place in the Drama Hall on Monday, 15th and Tuesday, 16th September. Year 8 - 10 will have the opportunity to audition for the main parts as they received the scripts before summer and have been preparing. Year 7 are going to join in the ensemble and then will have the opportunity to obtain dialogue and solo singing parts during rehearsal.

Taking part in a school show is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talents, whether on stage or behind the scenes. Being part of a production is like joining a mini community – it brings students together from across different year groups, helping them to bond over shared interests and develop lasting friendships.

Not only is it fun, but being involved also helps to build confidence, teamwork, and creativity – skills that will stay with you far beyond the stage.

We can't wait to see the energy and talent you bring to the auditions. Get ready to rock Team Moorside!

Opportunities and Looking Ahead

This year promises to be full of opportunities, from inter-house competitions and extra-curricular clubs to our rewards systems that celebrate effort, achievement, and kindness. Together, we can ensure that every child has the chance to make this their best year yet. Miss Aitken is now leading on Personal Development, and she is very keen to make our House system more high profile and ensure that there is a wide range of extra-curricular activities, trips and visits suitable for everyone.

Staff are currently planning what clubs/interventions they can offer, and these will be advertised at our Enrichment Fair that will take place week commencing 15th September 2025.



Year 10 and 11 Information and Guidance Evening

To ensure that parents are fully informed about Key Stage 4, we are holding two evenings over the next few weeks. The purpose of these evenings is to give parents further information on how they can support their child leading up to the GCSE exams and to provide them with information on the support and opportunities we have in place.

The evening will cover a variety of topics including what to expect during this academic year, revision, study support tips, health & wellbeing, reporting and assessment procedures as well as some information about planning for the future. The evenings should finish no later than 18:30. Parents/Carers should have received a letter with further information.



- Year 11 IAG – Thursday 18th September 17:30-18:30
- Year 10 IAG – Monday 22nd September 17:30-18:30

Open Evening – Thursday 9th October

We are delighted to share that our whole school Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 9th October. This is always a special occasion in our calendar, as we welcome prospective Year 5 and 6 students and their families into Moorside High School. The evening provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school community, celebrate the fantastic learning and enrichment that happens every day, and give families a real sense of what it means to be part of Team Moorside.

We would love our students to play a role in this event, whether that is acting as guides or supporting activities within departments. Further information will be shared with students soon, but we encourage all parents and carers to talk to their children about getting involved and helping us make this year's Open Evening a truly memorable one.

Moorside High School
OPEN EVENING
Thursday 9th October 2025 14:30pm - 6:30pm
Staff and students at Moorside High School are thrilled to invite you to our 2025 Open Evening. On the evening, prospective parents and students can get a real feel for what the school offers and 'The Moorside Way'.

Headteacher Talk in the Sports Hall: 5:00pm & 6:00pm
To beat the queues and pre-register, fill in the form by scanning the QR code by the 7th of October.
Parking available off the East Lancashire Road, 57 Deans Road | Swinton | Salford | M27 0AP

Open Soon

Safeguarding Update - Did you know about the SSCP?

In Salford, the Salford Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) is here to support you and your family. This brilliant service brings together schools, health services, local authorities, and partner agencies to help keep children safe and promote their wellbeing.

What does SSCP provide for families?

- **Guidance and Support** – Clear advice for Parents and Carers on safeguarding and Early Help services. You can find information under the "**For Parents and Carers**" section on the SSCP website.
- **Valuable resources** – A range of safeguarding information, e-newsletters, 7-minute briefings, and learning tools are available to help you stay informed and confident in supporting your child.

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To access this advice, support, and safeguarding information, visit the SSCP's Parents and Carers section at:

<https://safeguardingchildren.salford.gov.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Key Dates:

- Thursday 18th September Year 11 Information Evening
- Monday 22nd September Year 10 Information Evening
- Thursday 25th September Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 26th September Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Thursday 9th October Open Evening
- Wednesday 15th October Careers Fair
- Thursday 23rd October Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 24th October School Closes for Half Term 14:55

All term dates for the academic year, 26/27 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

SILENT REMINDER

REWARDING POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR - IT'S THE MOORSIDE WAY CATCH THE PRAISE BUG!!

Rules

- Meet the following Moorside Way expectations and be rewarded every lesson
 - Have the correct equipment for learning
 - Have your planner out and on the desk
 - Have your knowledge organiser out and on the desk
 - Arrive to lessons on time.
- Aim for the Golden lesson award every lesson
- Work hard and have a positive attitude to learning to earn more points each lesson

Why

- It feels great to be rewarded and gain praise for the things we do
- Class Chart points mean prizes - check out the rewards on offer this Half Term



WORD OF THE WEEK

CONDUCTIVE



Antonyms:

Detrimental

Synonyms:

Good for; helpful to

Connected Words:

Conduct

British Values link:

Individual liberty

Adjective:

To be conducive is to contribute to a desired outcome.

Moorside focus:

Consideration, Equality



How do I say this in Spanish? Conducente

Spanish phrase: I need to ask the teacher for help. Necesito pedir ayuda al profesor/a

The student's will to learn was conducive to the learning environment.

www.salford.gov.uk/children-and-families/youth-zone/

Deans Youth Centre

Activity Timetable 2025/26

Monday

£ Young Women's Group
6.30pm - 8.30pm
for young women in
Yr 7 & above
arts, cooking,
issues, fitness

Starts
14th
October



Deans North

Youth Work Team

Donna - 07591 350080

Kath - 07591 352004

Matt - 07976 073303

Rach - 07548 952387

Tuesday

£ SPY Outdoors
4.00pm - 5.45pm
for young people
in Yr 7 & Above
climbing, fishing,
cooking, arts

£ Year 6 Group
6.30pm - 8.30pm
for all young
people in year 6
arts, sports,
games, cooking

lgbtq+ group

Chris/Alex
0161 799
6674

Duke of
Edinburgh
Awards

dave.ecdeston @
salford.gov.uk

Youcan
Disability
Group

Jill
07871 555217

Wednesday

lgbtq+ group
5.30pm - 8.00pm
for young people
in yr7 & above

Duke of Edinburgh
Awards Group
6.00pm - 8.00pm
every 1st & 3rd
Wednesday of
the month
for yr 9 & above



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DeansYouthCentre

Thursday

£ Lads Only Group
3.45pm - 5.45pm
for all young men
in yr7 & above
cooking, issues,
fitness, arts

Youcan Group
6.30pm - 8.30pm
for young people
with disabilities
aged 12 - 18
cooking, issues,
games, arts
£1 per session

Friday

£ Friday Night
Youthby
6.30pm - 8.30pm
for young people
in yr 7 & above
cooking, issues,
games, arts,
sports & more



scan the QR code
to complete our
online
registration form

every
session with
a £ symbol
costs just
£1

WHERE TO FIND US!

Deans Road, Swinton, Salford, M17 0AP (on Moorside High School Campus)

Salford City Council

we also run
holiday sessions,
trips out,
projects & one
off events.
check out our
social media
pages for more
info