

# #TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and positive week at Moorside. A huge well done to our Year 7 students who have completed their CATs and Baseline Assessments, and to our Year 8 and 9 students who have been sitting their NGRT Reading Tests. They have really embraced these challenges, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and attitude.

Thank you also to those parents who attended the SEND Year 7 Drop-In on Thursday after school. We hope you found the session useful. Next week, our focus will be on any academic concerns you may have following your child's transition from primary school. Please use the link provided to register your attendance.

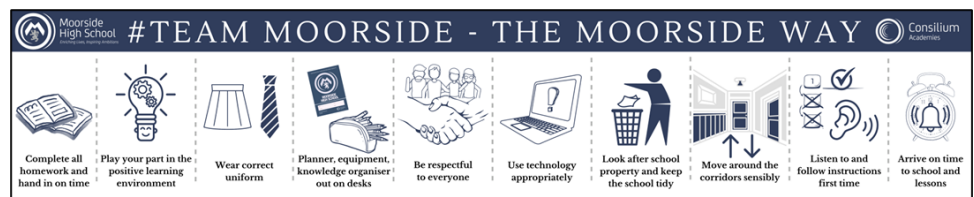
It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers of Year 11 students to our Make it Stick evening on Thursday. This event gave us the chance to share top tips on supporting students through their final year, as well as to outline key events, including the Year 11 Mock Exams taking place straight after the October half term. We are now looking forward to welcoming Year 10 parents and carers on Monday evening for their Information and Guidance event.

Today, the Sports Hall was full of excitement as students explored and signed up for the wide range of extracurricular activities available at our Enrichment Fair. The timetable will be out next week and we will ensure it is on the Parent Update.

Looking ahead to next week, students who have registered will receive their Flu Vaccinations on Thursday, and we will also be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. We would be most grateful for any donations of cakes or biscuits that could be sold at the event. Students wishing to take part should bring a small amount of cash to make a donation in exchange for a cake.

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](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs H Ryles-Dean  
Principal



## Emergency Contact Numbers

As part of our safeguarding procedures, it is essential that the school holds at least two emergency contact numbers for every child. This ensures that, if we cannot reach you, we are still able to get hold of another trusted adult quickly in the event of an emergency.

Please check your details on Arbor to make sure we have the right information:

- Log in to the Arbor App or Parent Portal.
- Select your child's profile.
- Go to Contact Details.
- Review the information we hold for you and your emergency contacts.



If you have only provided one contact number, we kindly ask you to add a second emergency contact. This could be a partner, relative, or close family friend who would be able to collect your child if needed. If you are unable to update details directly on Arbor, please contact [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) with the information.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Team Moorside will be hosting a cake sale for students to mark this year's Macmillan Coffee morning. This annual event encourages students to gather for a cake to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, which helps fund services for people affected by cancer. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in donations for their House stall. All donations should be dropped off at reception first thing with a note to say which house (Joule, Lowry, Pankhurst or Egerton) the student donating them is in. At break and lunch time, the cakes will be on sale for a small donation between 20p to £1 and will be available in the sports hall.



The sale will be led by the student leadership team and there will be a stand for each house, there will be ClassCharts points available for Social Responsibility, for the House that demonstrates commitment, dedication and support towards this event. Thank you in advance for your support with this, we are sure it is going to be a great day, highlighting the importance to students of being part of a community and working together to raise money for charity.

Following this event, our next event will run through the month of October, when we will be collecting donations for the Salford Foodbank and the Harvest Appeal. The Harvest Appeal are running a cereal box domino competition this year which we will be getting involved with, any cereal box donations would be greatly appreciated. We will provide further details nearer the time. Last year, we were completely overwhelmed with how much Team Moorside supported the local community and I am confident that we will see the same this year.

## Food Bank Donations

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September we celebrated National Food Bank Day in school. During our weekly Review and Reflect R time session, students were taught about the vital role of food banks in providing assistance to those in need, offering a short-term solution to food poverty. Miss Aitken has recently re-launched our house system with the first house competition of the year being a food bank donation competition. We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding efforts and generosity as they came together to support those families in need within our community. Thanks to the student's hard work and the generous contributions from our school families, we were able to collect an impressive amount of non-perishable food items.



This initiative not only brought out the best in our students, but also reinforced the values of empathy, kindness. This week's assemblies were on the theme of social responsibility and wider school life, and it is clear that our students have taken on board these messages and embraced this challenge. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make a real difference!



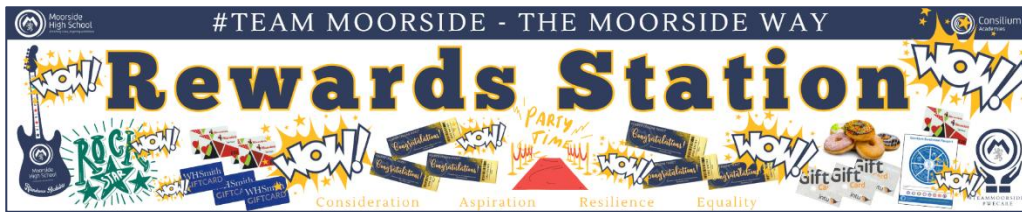
A huge congratulations to **Joule House** for collecting the most food items and filling up their house trolley! Joule have received a fantastic 20 house point tokens for their great efforts and are currently in the lead for overall House points. Shout out also to Lowry House, students from this house received WOW Wednesday rewards this week and an additional 5 house points each! It's all to play for!



# Positive Praise



ClassCharts



It has been wonderful to see our students continuing to uphold such high standards as we move into our third full week. The number of BFL points continues to rise, and it is lovely to see pride in both learning and uniform across the school.

We are delighted to have introduced a new Rewards Station where students can:

- Share work they are especially proud of as part of WOW Wednesday.
- Hand in their Golden Tickets for entry into the draw for one of our exciting Pyramid Prizes.
- Track their progress on the Attendance Rockstar initiative – Beat the Bands.



To support students in being fully prepared for learning each day, our Pastoral Team are on hand every morning. Staff are positioned across the site, with a dedicated team at the Student Entrance equipped with a trolley of spare uniform, replacement planner cards, pens, rulers, and other essential items to ensure no student is held back.

Next week, Form Tutors will be working closely with students to reinforce our expectations and ensure everyone has the equipment and organisation needed for success. All students should come to school each day with a suitable bag containing their pencil case, Knowledge Organiser, Planner, and reading ruler. If you require any support with uniform or equipment, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year, who will be happy to help.



## SEND Coffee Morning

Our SENDCO, Mrs O'Kane is holding a coffee morning on Thursday 25th September between 9-11, in The Deans. This will be an opportunity for our parents of students who have an EHCP or parents of Year 11 students with a SEND need, to come into school and meet Mrs O'Kane and her team, so you can put a name to a face. We are hoping to hold more of these events across the year, so parents of all SEND students have an opportunity to come in, have a catch up and meet their child's key worker. If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our communication with the SEND team, please do share these with Mrs O'Kane via the email address [MHSsendco@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSsendco@consilium-at.com)



# Consilium Passport



This week Miss Aitken has launched our exciting Consilium Passport initiative – something we are really keen for all students to engage in. The Passport provides opportunities for students to gain valuable leadership experience, while also recognising their achievements through different levels of Passport Colours.

For our younger students in Years 7 and 8, the challenge is to work towards Lower Bronze, Lower Silver, and Lower Gold. Each level achieved is celebrated with a certificate, a badge to wear proudly on their blazer lapel, and the award of House points.

For students in Years 9, 10 and 11, the focus moves to Upper Bronze, Upper Silver, and Upper Gold Leadership Colours. At each stage, students are required to complete five leadership activities from the list in their Consilium Passport booklet, which every student will receive. Activities are signed off by Form Tutors or the member of staff running the event once the student has explained what they have done.

To achieve the prestigious Gold Award at both Lower and Upper levels, students must also complete two of our C.A.R.E Values activities, embedding our school values into their journey.

We are really looking forward to seeing how many of our students take up this challenge and work towards achieving their Passport Colours this year. It will be wonderful to see them recognised for their leadership, commitment, and contribution to school life.



## Kindle Giveaway!!

This week we started as we mean to go on at Moorside High School: rewarding our students for their hard work and dedication to academic excellence. During their taster day sessions in July, Year 7 were set a range of challenges on ReadingWise, a reading intervention platform designed to accelerate progress.

We are happy to announce that Emily (pictured here with Mr Greenhalgh) blew us away with her commitment, accumulating many hours of work on ReadingWise over the summer. As a result, we have gifted Emily a Kindle Fire so that she may continue her reading efforts at home.

Keep up the great work, Emily! Please ensure your child is logging onto ReadingWise regularly and building up those points to be within the chance of winning more fantastic prizes!

For any help with ReadingWise log in details, please email [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com).



# 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!!

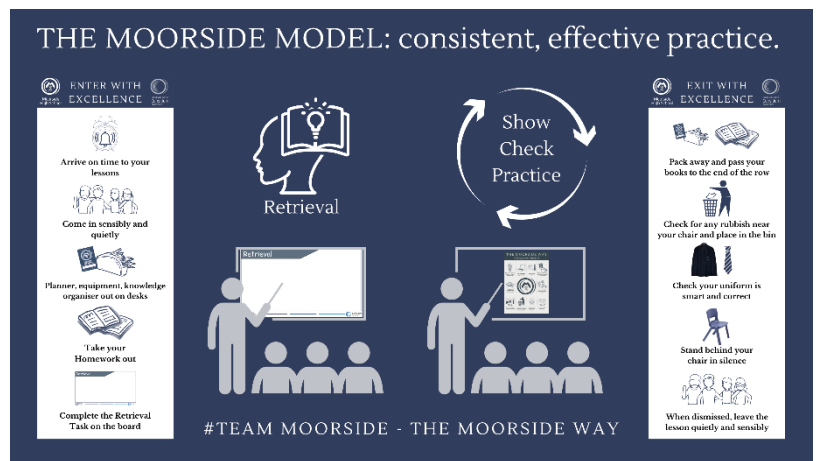
## What is my child learning?

One area that often comes up via stakeholder voice, is that many parents are not always aware of what their child is learning. By visiting our website, you can view the topics that are being delivered each half term, along with recommended resources and online platforms that they can access to gain support. [Please click here to access our school website.](#) We will be regularly updating this platform and will always communicate updates via the Parent Update.

In all our lessons, teachers follow the Moorside Teaching Model, each lesson starts with a Retrieval activity. Retrieval is a calm, silent five-minute activity that engages students straight away in thinking about what they can remember from previous lessons. At Moorside High School, we want all students to be constantly building upon what they know. Retrieval is an essential part of our learning practice and underpins the curriculum, ensuring students are recalling key information regularly and building strong memory schema.



**“ Memory is the residue of thought, the more you think about something, the more likely it is you'll remember it later. ”**



# Year 10 Information and Guidance Evening

SAVE THE DATE

Polite reminder, the Year 10 evening takes place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 17:30.

The purpose of the 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.

**Year 10 IAG – Monday 22nd September 17:30-18:30**

## Open Evening – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

We are delighted to share that our Whole School Open Evening will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Safeguarding Update –

### Respecting Staff Privacy and Responsible Online Behaviour

We would like to take a moment to remind families about the importance of supporting respectful and appropriate use of social media, especially when it comes to interactions with school staff. Just as students have a right to privacy, so do our teachers and staff. It's important that these boundaries are understood and respected, both at school and online. Students have received the same message in their bulletin this week, and we are asking for your help to reinforce this at home.

#### Staff Privacy on Social Media

Our staff are here to educate and support students during school hours. Their personal lives and their personal social media accounts are private. Please can you remind your students to not send friend requests, messages, or try to interact with staff (or their family and friends) on any social media platforms.

#### Cyberbullying and Malicious Communication

Using social media to send hurtful, threatening, or malicious messages, whether to peers or staff is a serious matter. This type of behaviour is not only unacceptable, but it can also be illegal. Please speak with your child about the importance of respectful online communication and encourage them to use appropriate school channels if they need to contact staff for any reason.

**We strongly encourage you to regularly check your child's devices and social media use. Open conversations about who they're interacting with and how they're using these platforms are key to keeping them safe and respectful online. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful school environment for everyone.**



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Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



## Key Dates:

- 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](#)

## 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



# MOTIVATION

### Antonyms:

Deterrent; discouragement;

### Synonyms:

inspiration; spur; provocation

### Connected Words:

Motivational, Motivated  
Motive

### British Values link:

Individual liberty

### Noun:

The reason behind a character's  
behaviour

### Moorside focus:

Aspiration; resilience



**How do I say this in Spanish?** Motivación

**Spanish phrase:** I'd like to pass all of my exams and get a good job. Me gustaría aprobar todos mis exámenes y obtener un buen trabajo.

Macbeth's motivation for murder was ambition.



# #SQUADGOALS



**SQUAD**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL



#LET  
GIRLS  
PLAY



SPORT  
ENGLAND



# SQUAD

# GIRLS

STARTING Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

For girls aged 12-14

Want to try football, get active,  
and make new friends?

Join Squad Girls – your place to:

- ⚽ Play football in a fun, no-pressure environment
- 👯 Make lasting friendships
- 🏃♀️ Get fit and feel great
- 😊 Have fun every week!

📅 **When:** Every Tuesday 8-9pm

📍 **Where:** Moorside Sports Hall, M27 0BH

🎒 **Bring:** Yourself & trainers and Shirkpads and enjoy the fun!

First two sessions **FREE!**

Then **£12.50** per month

(that's just £1.15 per Session)

Contact Kelly on: 07415 114 912 or email  
[admin@wintonwanderersfc.co.uk](mailto:admin@wintonwanderersfc.co.uk)

# FIND YOUR SQUAD



**SQUAD**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL



# THE PITCH IS YOURS



#LET  
GIRLS  
PLAY

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# 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.eccleston @  
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  
Youth  
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



## NAVIGATING HIGHER EDUCATION: A parent and carer series

Our range of online talks aim to empower you by providing the knowledge you need to guide your young person when navigating higher education.

- **Tuesday 14 October, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Navigating higher education**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 11 - 13
- **Wednesday 19 November, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Supporting GCSE choices**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 9
- **Tuesday 9 December, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Discover options after Year 11**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 11
- **Tuesday 10 February, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**A guide to student finance and Disabled Students' Allowance**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 12 - 13
- **Wednesday 11 March, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Future ready: supporting your child's higher education journey**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13
- **Tuesday 12 May, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Accessing support in higher education**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE VISIT:**  
**[gmhigher.ac.uk/parents-carers](http://gmhigher.ac.uk/parents-carers)**

**BOOK NOW**

