

# #TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week at Moorside High School.

In assembly this week, we focused on Black History Month. While it is unfortunate that we still need a dedicated month to highlight what should be a natural part of history, it remains extremely important to celebrate positive Black role models that resonate with young people. Staff and students were truly impressed by the presentations delivered by our students, and it was inspiring to see their confidence and knowledge on display. Throughout the month, students will have the opportunity to engage in writing competitions, reading challenges, and a whole-school quiz linked to Black History Month.

This week in 'R' Time, students also celebrated National Poetry Day through a range of engaging activities, exploring the power of words and expression. More information about this can be found in the update.

Looking ahead, next week is Mental Health Awareness Week. Talking about our mental health helps us cope with life's ups and downs, and we will be encouraging staff and students to check in with friends, family, peers, and colleagues. Activities will include:

- Mental Health Awareness assemblies
- A stand in the Atrium at lunchtime for students to drop in
- Year 7, 8 and 10 students taking part in the #BeeWell Survey
- A Cake and Kindness stand, where students and staff can leave notes of appreciation and gratitude

We also have a dedicated section on the school website to support mental health and wellbeing. It contains links to useful websites, leaflets for online safety, guidance for building resilience, and tips for managing stress. You can access it by [clicking here](#). If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or if you need support as a parent/carer, please contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com) and we will do everything we can to help.

Many of you will have heard about the incident that took place yesterday at the synagogue on Middleton Road in North Manchester. Our thoughts are with all those affected. Please be assured that all our students were safe in school, and we were in contact with the relevant authorities. There was no indication that our school was affected. The incident did, however, serve as a reminder that, should a lockdown ever be necessary, our school is well-prepared, with plans that could be carried out swiftly and safely while maintaining full communication with parents and carers.

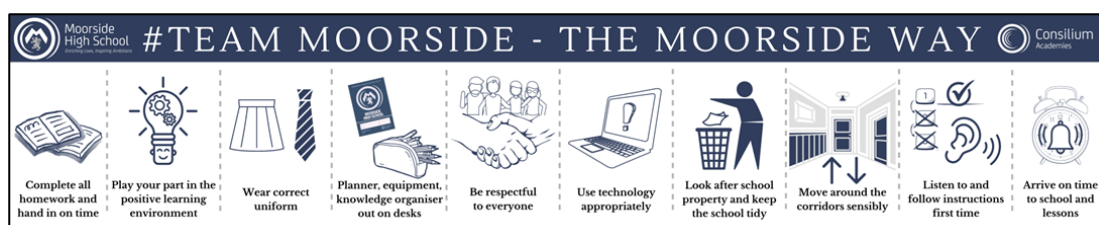
Finally, we are delighted to share that our Macmillan cake sale raised an amazing **£344.19!** Well done to the House Stall - Lowry, that raised the most money. Thank you to everyone that donated.

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



## Uniform Reminder - Blazers

As shared in last week's parent update, from Monday 6th October all students will be required to wear their blazer in school. Jumpers remain an optional item, but blazers are compulsory.

Staff will allow students to remove blazers in lessons; however, there is an expectation that:

- Outdoor coats are taken off before entering the building.
- Blazers are worn in social areas and on corridors.

If your child forgets their blazer, please don't worry – we have a supply of freshly washed blazers that will be provided for the day. If your child does not currently have a blazer and you require support in obtaining one, please contact us at [MHSinfo@consilium-at.com](mailto:MHSinfo@consilium-at.com)

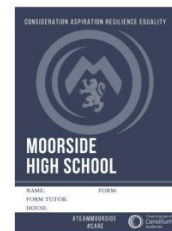
Finally, if you have any items of uniform that no longer fit, we would be very grateful for donations to our pre-loved uniform store. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



## Being Prepared for School

We would like to remind all parents and carers about the importance of students being fully organised for school each day. Every student is expected to bring a sensible school bag and the following basic equipment:

- Black/blue pen
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Scientific Calculator



In addition, students should have their planner and knowledge organiser with them every day. If your child forgets any part of their equipment, please don't worry – staff are on duty each morning at the pupil entrance and can provide any items needed for the day. Thank you for your continued support in helping students to be well prepared and ready to learn.

## Change of Date – Inset Days

Following the printing of student planners, there has been a change to some of our INSET Day dates. These updates are now reflected on the school website, but we are aware that some students may still have the original dates in their planners. Form Tutors have already asked students to amend these, but we wanted to clarify the details for families.

- **All students are required in school on Friday 10th October and Friday 28th November.**
- These INSET Days have been moved to the end of the school year, meaning the **final day of term will now be Friday 17th July at 14:55.**

A full list of term dates can be found on our school website by [clicking here](#).

Form Tutors will also check again to ensure that students have updated their planners correctly.

## National Recycling Week 2025 – Community Clean-Up!

To celebrate National Recycling Week 2025, our Eco club, alongside Mr Williams and Mrs Gandy participated in a litter pick at the local park earlier this week. It was a great chance to do something positive for the environment and raise awareness about the importance of recycling and looking after our community spaces. Armed with gloves and bin bags, students worked together to collect rubbish and recyclables, making a real difference to the area.

Students were able to reflect on the importance of reducing waste and protecting our natural spaces. It was a fun and rewarding morning, and we are very proud of the students' efforts and positive impact that they have made.

Students in the Eco club received badges in assembly and we are looking forward to seeing what else they get up to this year as part of Moorside's commitment to environmental sustainability.



## Class of 2026 – Prom Date Confirmed

We are delighted to announce that the Class of 2026 Prom will take place at the Marriott Hotel, Worsley on Thursday 18th June 2026, from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. More details will be shared closer to the event.

Prom is a special opportunity for all of our Year 11 students to come together and celebrate their five-year journey with us at Moorside High School. All students are welcome to attend, but as this is an out-of-school function, it is important that students demonstrate they are ready to represent the school positively. If we feel that a student is not following the Moorside Way, they may risk losing their invitation. This is not something we want to do, and we will continue to encourage every Year 11 student to be the very best version of themselves, engage fully with school life, and finish their final year in a positive way.

Attending Prom is a privilege, not a right. We therefore kindly ask that families do not purchase expensive ball gowns or outfits at this stage. The fact that an outfit has been bought will not influence our decision regarding attendance, nor can the school be held responsible for any refunds should an invitation be withdrawn.

Ultimately, students who consistently meet our high expectations in Year 11 are the same students who give themselves the best chance of success in their external exams – which, of course, is the most important outcome of the year.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their potential and look forward with pride to celebrating with them at Prom on Thursday 18th June 2026.



# Year 11 Messages

## College Open Events

There are lots of college open events taking place over the next few weeks, please book your place online via the college website. Remember you can visit as many colleges as you wish!

- Mon 6 Oct - CITY SKILLS
- Tue 7 Oct – THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE
- Wed 8 Oct – FUTURE SKILLS
- Wed 8 Oct – THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON
- Thu 9 Oct – ECCLES COLLEGE
- Sat 11 Oct – LORETO COLLEGE
- Sat 11 Oct – XAVERIAN COLLEGE
- Tue 14 Oct – WORSLEY COLLEGE
- Wed 15 Oct – BOLTON COLLEGE
- Sat 18 OCT – TRAFFORD COLLEGE
- Tue 21 Oct – PENDLETON COLLEGE
- Wed 22 Oct – WINSTANLEY COLLEGE
- Thu 23 OCT – UTC: MEDIACITYUK
- Thu 23 OCT – THE GROWTH COMPANY

## College Prospectuses

NEW college prospectuses are now available from Mr Farmer for:

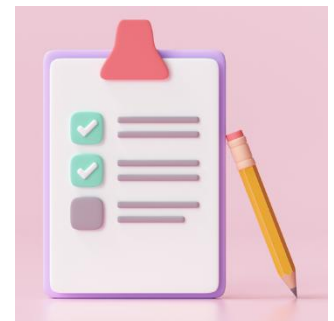
- **Salford City College** - (*City Skills, Eccles, Future Skills, Pendleton, Worsley*)
- **The Sixth Form Bolton**

Please collect from the careers office (Mon, Tue or Wed). Call in at break, lunch or after school if you would like a prospectus



## Application Forms

- Please note – students can apply to college anytime from now until **15th December 2025** (Advised to do this **AFTER** attending college open events!)
- All application forms are now ONLINE except for Xaverian College (this is a paper application – see Mr Farmer for a copy of the Xaverian form)
- Online applications can be submitted via the college website.
- Students are advised to apply to at least 2 colleges – but you can apply to as many as you wish (no maximum)
- Mr Farmer will be holding application sessions after school starting after the half term break should any students need support.



## Careers Fair – An Opportunity for KS4 Students and Families. 15.10.25

We are excited to announce our upcoming Careers Fair, an excellent opportunity for KS4 students and their parents/carers to explore options after leaving school. The event will feature a range of local colleges, apprenticeship and training providers, and employers, providing a chance to ask questions, gather information, and start planning for the future.

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Location:** Sports Hall

**Time:** 4:30pm – 6:00pm

We encourage all Year 10 and Year 11 students, together with their families, to attend and take advantage of this valuable opportunity to begin researching post-school pathways.



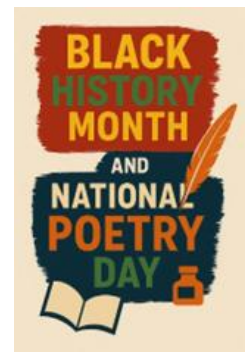
# CELEBRATING NATIONAL POETRY DAY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT MOORSIDE

This week at Moorside, we celebrated National Poetry Day and Black History Month, reflecting on the power of words and the rich contributions of Black people to society.

During R Time on Thursday, students explored the work of the legendary poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou, focusing on her poem “Where We Belong, A Duet.” This poem, written as a conversation between two voices, explores the universal search for a place where we truly belong, whether with another person, within a community, or simply within ourselves.

Through discussion, students reflected on ideas such as:

- True belonging comes from connection, acceptance, and being valued.
- Belonging is both personal and shared with others.
- It is found in relationships, feelings, and inclusive communities.
- The need to belong is universal, beyond race, culture, or place.



We also discussed how poetry can build bridges across race, culture, and geography, helping us step into someone else’s world and see through their eyes. Students were encouraged to explore the works of other influential Black poets, including Langston Hughes, Malika Booker, and Benjamin Zephaniah, whose words continue to inspire, challenge, and connect us.

Our Black History Month assembly reinforced these themes. The 2025 theme, “Standing Firm in Power and Pride” encouraged students to explore resilience, leadership, and cultural pride. We highlighted historic milestones, including the Race Relations Act, the assassination of Malcolm X, and the Fifth Pan African Congress, and celebrated the work of British civil rights leaders Paul Stephenson OBE and Lord Herman Ouseley, whose courage and dedication continue to inspire the fight for equality today.

During the assembly, students also listened to Langston Hughes’ poem “I, Too, Sing America”, reflecting on how words can affirm identity, inspire change, and challenge injustice. Both sessions encouraged students to celebrate heritage, recognise achievements, and consider how they can contribute to building inclusive, caring communities.



Finally, during R Time on Friday, students had the opportunity to collaboratively create their own poems. They used one of our CARE values: Consideration, Aspiration, Resilience, or Equality, as a prompt, reflecting on what these values mean both to them personally and as part of our school community. Each poem was entered into a friendly House competition, House of Words, with the winning entries to be judged next week. The results, along with the winning poems, will be shared in the next parent update, celebrating the students’ creativity, teamwork, and thoughtful reflections on our school values.

# Year 7 Parents' Evening

Our Year 7 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 23rd October and bookings are now open. Parents can book appointments via the Arbor App. From past experiences, parents/carers have shared feedback that the booking process is straightforward via Arbor, however please do not hesitate to contact Mr Williams if you require guidance with this.

## WOW Wednesday

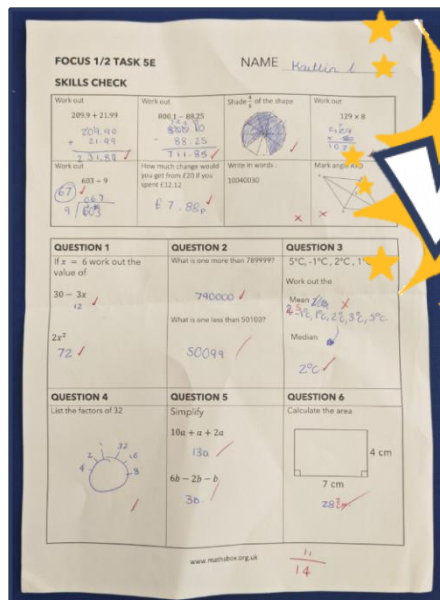
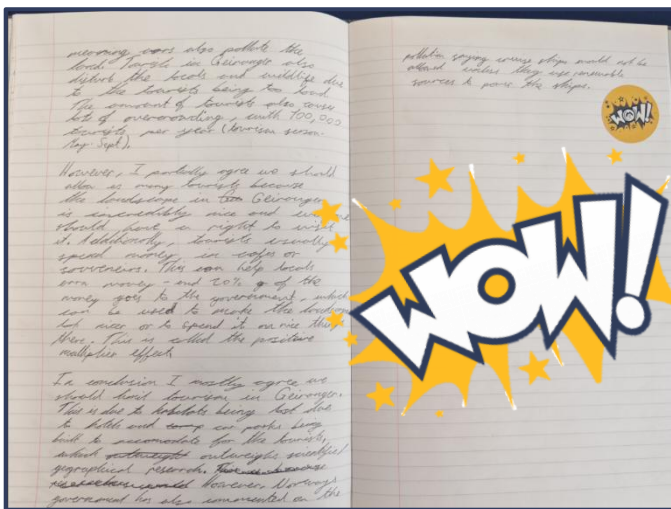


WOW Wednesday was a huge success this week, brilliantly celebrating incredible student achievements!

During lunch, Mr. Joynson hosted students in the Atrium, where they proudly showcased work they were particularly proud of. Both Key Stage 3 and 4 were well-represented, sharing a diverse range of excellent pieces of work.

Each student received a well-deserved postcard and prize, and boosted their House efforts by dropping a token into the box. The House competition is fierce: Team Lowry currently holds a narrow lead, having overtaken Joule last week, followed by Egerton, and then Pankhurst.

We were especially impressed by the fantastic practical work from Hospitality and Catering, the fabulous drawings from Art, and the extended writing pieces in Geography.





### *Crochet Club – Get Hooked!*

*Come and chill with us at Crochet Club! Beginners welcome – we'll teach you the basics – or bring your skills if you're already a pro. Make cool creations, relax with friends, and maybe even catch a Disney movie while you stitch.*



Every Wednesday Week A, we host the Moorside High School 'Crochet Club' afterschool. Crochet Club is not only a place for students who are well-versed in the fibre arts community (we would never turn a knitter away) to spend time with others who enjoy the same hobby, but also a place for complete beginners to learn a new skill. Crochet itself is a therapeutic hobby that allows you to create garments, homeware accessories and even plush toys. The skill is perfect for people who find it hard to concentrate as it allows you to channel your energy into creating something. We've had novices transform into budding creators here, all while making new friends (and watching the odd Disney film). Seeing students find enjoyment in creating is beautiful to see!

## Flag Football

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Moorside proudly hosted the first game day of the season, showcasing our brand-new team of Year 8 and 9 pupils. It was a fantastic afternoon, with the girls benefitting from additional coaching by Edgerush founder, Dave Myring, who generously shared his knowledge and expertise. This was particularly valuable for our new players, who were only two practices into learning the game.

Throughout the afternoon, coaches adapted their approach during play, offering guidance and encouragement, while the girls showed great curiosity—asking thoughtful questions about how they could develop their skills further. With such enthusiasm and determination on display, the season ahead looks very promising for our new recruits.

## 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.

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### OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9th October 2025 | 4:30pm - 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

# YEAR 11 SATURDAY SCHOOL

## MOTIVATIONAL

# MATHS

## MONTH

Year 11 students are invited into school between 09:30-12:30 to complete either:

- Intervention - Striving for 5
- Intervention - Focusing on that 4
- Intervention - Challenge High
- Paper Society - An opportunity to practice past Maths exam papers
- SPARX Club - Use the computers to work on Sparx

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*Our Year 11 students have been extremely motivated this week with over 55 students attending Saturday school and over 160 students attending the Thursday night session, 15:00-16:00 – well done everyone!*

## Safeguarding Update –

### Child Employment & Volunteering Survey

As part of Salford's Child Friendly City Agenda, the local authority have launched an important initiative to better understand the employment and volunteering experiences of our young people, and they're asking for your help.

All schools and alternative education provisions are being encouraged to complete a short survey about their part-time jobs, whether paid or voluntary. This data will help to:

- Identify how many young people are currently working in Salford.
- Understand where they are working and under what conditions.
- Ensure employers are meeting legal requirements, including applying for work permits, conducting risk assessments, and providing protective equipment.
- Build a network of employers willing to offer meaningful work experience placements. It's quick, accessible via phone, tablet or laptop.



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Please scan the QR code attached



Salford City Council

Would you like a chance to **WIN £20**?

**HELP CREATE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIESS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!**

**Aged 11-16?**

**Got 2 mins?**

**Take our survey & win £20!**

**Scan Me!**

**Hurry! Survey closes soon!**

For more info visit [salford.gov.uk](http://salford.gov.uk)

# SILENT REMINDER

## WE SPEAK POLITELY TO EACH OTHER



### Rules

- Speak to people the way you would want to be spoken to.
- When asking for something, say "Please."
- When receiving something, say "Thank you."
- Do not interrupt staff who are speaking with each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.
- If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.
- Verbal abuse to staff will not be tolerated.

### Why

- Politeness is important because it shows people that we value and respect them
- Every member of staff is either a daughter, son, mum, dad, brother, sister, auntie or uncle, no one deserves to be verbally abused, think about how you would feel if it was a member of your family?



## WORD OF THE WEEK



# PRECISION

### Antonyms:

Inaccuracy; Imprecise

### Synonyms:

exactness; accuracy

### Connected Words:

Precise  
Precisely

### British Values link:

Individual liberty

### Noun:

The quality, condition, or fact of being exact and accurate.

### Moorside focus:

Aspiration



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

**Spanish phrase:** I need to have my facts right to excel in my History test.

Necesito tener mis datos correctos para sobresalir en mi examen de historia.

Messi's ability to strike a dead ball with such precision makes him lethal at free kicks.



## Key Dates:

- Wednesday 15th October    Careers Fair
- Thursday 23rd October    Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 24th October    School Closes for Half Term 14:55
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November    School reopens for Half Term 2 – 08:25

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

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