

# #TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of what has been a very successful half term, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work, commitment, and positivity. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year. Our students have settled in well, and we are really pleased with all that has been achieved since September. I am sure we are all ready for a well-deserved rest to recharge our batteries before we head into the next half term, which is always a busy one in the lead-up to Christmas.

Over the break, please take some time to check that all uniform and equipment are ready for the new term. This is a good opportunity to replace any lost or damaged items so that every student can begin the next half term fully prepared. As outlined in the letter sent earlier this week, our new structure to the school day will begin on Monday 3rd November. From this date:

- Students will go straight to Period 1 at 8:30am, as Standards Time has been removed.
- Both break and lunch have been extended by five minutes to allow for a more balanced and enjoyable day.
- All students should arrive by 8:25am and enter through the student entrance, where they will be greeted by the pastoral team.
- The school will be open from 8:00am for breakfast and preparation time.
- KS3 and KS4 students will enter through designated doors and show their Knowledge Organiser, planner and equipment on arrival.

Please continue to support us in reinforcing the importance of punctuality. Students arriving late will receive a same-day break detention, and repeated lateness will result in a Friday after-school detention.

Our uniform expectations remain high, as they reflect the pride and professionalism of our school community. Blazers should be worn at all times, shirts tucked in, and coats removed once inside. Make-up should be natural-looking. To clarify our jewellery policy, jewellery of any description is not encouraged, as it is neither practical nor safe. If worn, it must not be visible, for example, necklaces should not be seen. Students may wear small stud earrings in the lobe of each ear only. Hoops, bars or large earrings are not permitted, and all jewellery must be removed for PE. Items are brought into school entirely at the student's own risk.

We are making this communication clear in advance to avoid any misunderstanding. From next half term, any jewellery seen will be placed in an envelope and kept safely until the end of the day. However, where a student repeatedly fails to follow expectations, a parent or carer will be asked to collect the item from the school office, and I know you will not want to have to be coming into school to collect jewellery. I would therefore appreciate your support in speaking with your child over the half-term break about this expectation.

We want every student to feel proud of being part of Moorside and to embody *The Moorside Way*. Our approach is always consistent, fair and focused on helping students be their best.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 3rd November. Please ensure they arrive by 8:25am, in full school uniform, with the correct equipment. If you need any support with uniform or equipment, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us uphold the high standards and positive culture that define *The Moorside Way*. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Mrs H Ryles-Dean  
Principal



## Does Your Child Have a Part-Time Job or Volunteer Role? We Want to Hear from Them!

We are asking all parents and carers to encourage their children to take part in an important city-wide survey about employment and volunteering.

This quick, survey will help Salford City Council:

- Identify how many young people are working or volunteering
- Understand the types of jobs they're doing and the hours they work
- Ensure legal protections are in place, including work permits, risk assessments and safety equipment
- Build a network of safe, high-quality work experience opportunities in line with new government careers guidance

**Who can complete the survey?** All secondary school-aged pupils—whether or not they currently have a job or volunteering role. Every response helps build an accurate picture.

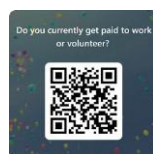
**Why this matters:** Young people's feedback will shape future employment opportunities, ensuring safe working environments and better career pathways.

**Prize Draw:** Every participant will be entered to win one of five £20 shopping vouchers.

**Survey closes on 30 November 2025**

[Click here to access the survey](#)

Or scan the QR code to complete it quickly on any device



Please encourage your child to complete the survey—your support will help create safer and more meaningful work opportunities for young people across Salford.

## Police Assembly - Year 7

**(Rescheduled for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025)**

At the beginning of each academic year, our Year 7 cohort are visited by our Police School Engagement Officer, PC Wright. The first of three visits will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November during R-Time. This session aims to help students recognise the importance of responsible online behaviour and the potential consequences of harmful interactions on social media platforms. Through this delivery, we hope students will gain a clearer understanding of how to protect themselves online, treat others with respect, and avoid situations that could have serious repercussions.

The two follow-up sessions will address key issues that many young people may encounter as they grow more independent, including Sexting and Malicious Communications, Possession of Knives or Offensive Weapons and Stop and Search Procedures.

These sessions are tailored to equip our students with the knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions, both in and out of school.

# Harvest Cereal Box Domino Collection



## Harvest appeal

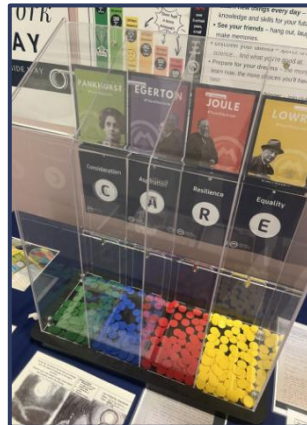
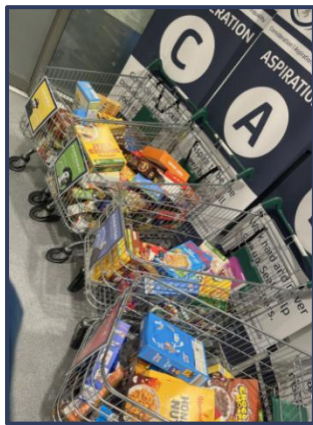
### Cereal Domino Challenge

We are taking on Salford Foodbank's Harvest challenge - to collect donations of cereal and then build a domino run through our school? Let's see how far we can go!



A huge thank you to all our parents and families for your generous contributions to this year's harvest collection. We were especially grateful for the fantastic number of cereal boxes donated- these not only supported a wonderful cause but also helped make our Domino Cereal Box Challenge a great success! This fun initiative was coordinated by Salford Harvest and the local food bank, who continue to do incredible work supporting families across the community. The more cereal boxes we received, the more fun (and impressive!) the challenge became. Keep an eye out for the video which will be shared on our social media platforms in the coming days. Your kindness and support have made a real difference- thank you.

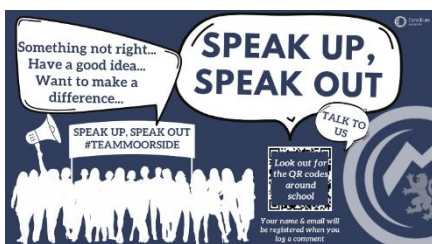
Also a huge well done to **Pankhurst House**, who collected the most cereal boxes this half-term and received 30 House tokens for this. Their fantastic effort wasn't quite enough to overtake **Lowry House**, who continue to hold onto their lead after this half-term's competitions. All forms in **Lowry House** enjoyed a well-deserved treat during R time today to celebrate their success. Congratulations to everyone in the house for their brilliant teamwork and contributions! Let's see if **Pankhurst, Joule, and Egerton** can close the gap next half-term as the competitions continue.



Looking ahead, we're planning an exciting House Darts Tournament in December to coincide with the World Darts Championships- we're sure this will generate plenty of enthusiasm and competition amongst the students!

## Tolerance

This week in assembly and R time we have had a focus on Tolerance, one of our core British Values. Students have reflected on the importance of freedom of speech, recognising how essential it is that we listen to and understand one another. The activities this week have brought about great discussions around how disagreements are a normal part of life, and how learning to disagree with tolerance and respect helps us find common ground and build stronger, more understanding communities.



The activities have reinforced our central message: at Moorside, everyone belongs, and every voice matters.

# Salford Digital Heroes Competition – Free entry with £20,000 of Prizes to be won

We are delighted to announce that our school has been invited to take part in a competition that gives us the opportunity to win £5,000 for our school to help students access the latest technology and develop their digital skills. All students who enter have the opportunity to win a £500 voucher to buy technology for themselves.

To enter, students need to record and submit a 2 to 3 minute interview with an adult who lives or works in Salford, their Digital Hero, about their Hero's use of digital technology in their work.

The first 25 entries in each age group will also win a voucher for tickets to Supermassive Immersive Experience which is running at Mayfield Depot until 23 November 2025.

The competition in each age category will close to entries once 100 entries have been received in each age group, or at 10:00pm on 17 November 2025, so don't delay.

Simple instructions, interview questions, top tips and guides, along with the competition Terms and Conditions can be found here [Salford Everyday Digital Heroes Competition - Media City UK](#)

This is a great activity for students to complete over half term and they will have a chance to get free tickets to Supermassive immersive experience which they could visit in half term!

## SILENT REMINDER - FIREWORK SAFETY CODE

- Buy fireworks marked UKCA or CE
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box and use them one at a time
- Read and follow the instructions on each firework
- Light the fireworks at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
- Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit
- Never put fireworks in pockets or throw them
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep a bucket of water nearby at all times
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury
- Keep pets indoors

#BangOutOfOrder #BonfireNight #TeamMoorside #C.A.R.E

# Safeguarding Update –

## **Gaming, Chat & Connection: When Play Becomes Risk**

Online gaming is now one of the main ways children socialise, collaborate and relax. Games like Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft and chat platforms such as Discord allow creativity and community however, they also bring safeguarding challenges. It's important to recognise that gaming isn't "just play" anymore. It is a social space where children can build friendships, form identities, and sometimes face risk.

### Emerging Risks to Be Aware Of...

- Unmoderated chat - Private servers or voice channels can expose children to harmful language or contact from strangers.
- Grooming through gaming - Offenders may build trust over time before moving contact to another platform.
- Peer and financial pressure - Spending on skins or in-game items can become a form of social status.
- Sleep and mood disruption - Late-night gaming can affect learning, focus and wellbeing.



### Top Tips for Parents & Carers...

- Play together – ask your child to show you their favourite games and who they play with.
- Check chat settings – help your child manage who can message or friend them.
- Agree limits – set boundaries on time, spending and late-night play.
- Encourage openness – if something feels wrong, they should always tell you or a trusted adult.



# Year 11 Messages

## Year 11 Mock Exams

The Year 11 Mock Exam window starts on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

[Please click here for the mock exam timetable.](#)

[Please click here to access the Year 11 Revision Lists.](#)



## College Prospectuses

NEW college prospectuses are now available from Mr Farmer for:

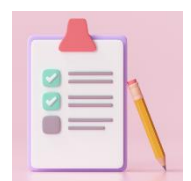
- **Salford City College** - (*City Skills, Eccles, Future Skills, Pendleton, Worsley*)
- **The Sixth Form Bolton**

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**
- All application forms are now ONLINE except for Xaverian College
- 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.



## Calling all potential medics.... Half term session

### My Journey to Become a Doctor in the UK

Name of Presenter: Dr Luqman Ali

Date: Thursday 30th October 2025

Time: 1.30- 2.30pm



Dr Luqman Ali will provide an insight into his career journey on becoming a Doctor

Suitable for learners aged 14 years and above

[To sign up to attend this virtual event, please visit My Journey to Become a Doctor Tickets, Thu, Oct 30, 2025 at 1:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Or scan the QR Code



### Key Dates:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November School reopens for Half Term 2 – 08:25
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 11 Mock Exams start



## Wider Curricular Activities Timetable

Please click [here](#) to access the Wider Curriculum Timetable for Years 7-10.

The Year 11 Intervention/Study Sessions Timetable can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

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

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