

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers

The weeks really are flying now, and it is hard to believe that we are over halfway through November. Year 11 have finished their mock exams and are now back focused on learning.

This week, our school community came together to mark Remembrance Day through a series of meaningful activities and reflections. Our peer mentors ran a poppy stall, giving students the opportunity to make donations, while members of our crochet club created a range of handmade poppies- all of which sold out by the end of the day. Years 7 -10 took part in a special assembly led by Mr Day, Head of History, exploring the importance of remembrance and key historical moments such as VE Day and VJ Day. On Tuesday, as a school, we observed a two-minute silence, followed by The Last Post played over the tannoy, this really did create a powerful moment of reflection, and it was lovely to see students being so respectful.

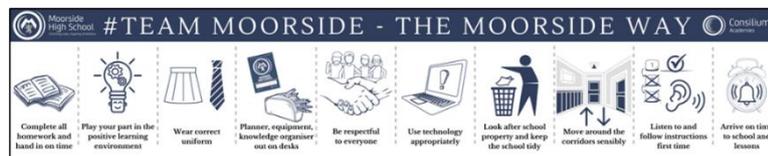
In addition, last week, a group of Year 10 students visited Peel Green Cemetery to take part in an Armistice Service. A huge well done to Emmeline, who delivered a thoughtful reading in honour of those who served. Students also had the opportunity to meet the Mayoress of Salford, Heather Fletcher, during the service. They really did represent Moorside well, they were a credit to not only us as a school but also you as their families.



As always this is a very busy parent update with lots of news to share with you, so I will keep it short this week. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing 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 weekend.

Mrs H Ryles-Dean
Principal



Beat the Bell – Punctuality Matters!

We have launched our Beat the Bell campaign to ensure every student starts the day ready for learning. Staff have been welcoming students into school each morning and supporting them to arrive on time, ensuring they are fully prepared. A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have encouraged their child to be punctual, your support makes a real difference.

Polite reminder: Students must be on site by 08:25 so they are ready to begin their first lesson promptly at 08:30. If a child arrives late without a valid reason, they will receive a same-day break detention.

Why is punctuality so important? It sets a positive tone for the day and reduces stress, Students don't miss vital learning at the start of lessons, it builds good habits for life beyond school.

Top Tips for Parents to Support Punctuality

Plan ahead: Encourage your child to pack their bag and prepare uniform the night before.

Set a consistent bedtime: A good night's sleep makes mornings easier.

Use alarms wisely: Get them to set two alarms – one for waking up and one as a "time to leave" reminder.

Allow extra time: Encourage them to leave home 10 minutes earlier than needed to avoid last-minute rush.

Talk about the benefits: Remind your child how being on time helps them feel calm and ready to learn.

Children In Need

On Friday, students and staff came together to support Children in Need 2025 with a lively cake sale at breaktime. Each house ran its own stall, making it a friendly house competition as well as a fundraising opportunity. House points were awarded for the most cake donations and for the highest amount of money raised, encouraging teamwork and generosity. The event also gave students the chance to reflect on the importance of Children in Need, raising awareness of how the charity helps improve the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK. It was fantastic to see students getting involved, enjoying treats, and contributing to such a meaningful cause.

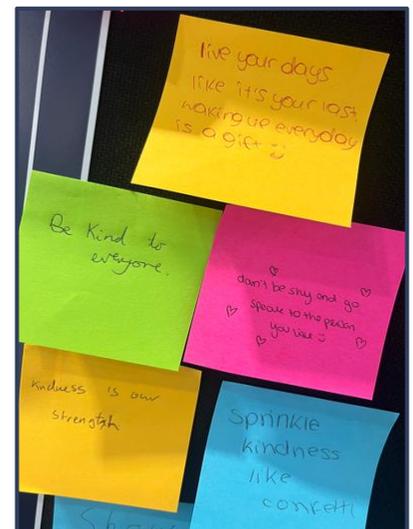


Anti-Bullying week

This week, in celebration of Anti-Bullying Week, students have been taking part in activities that encourage kindness, respect, and inclusion for all."

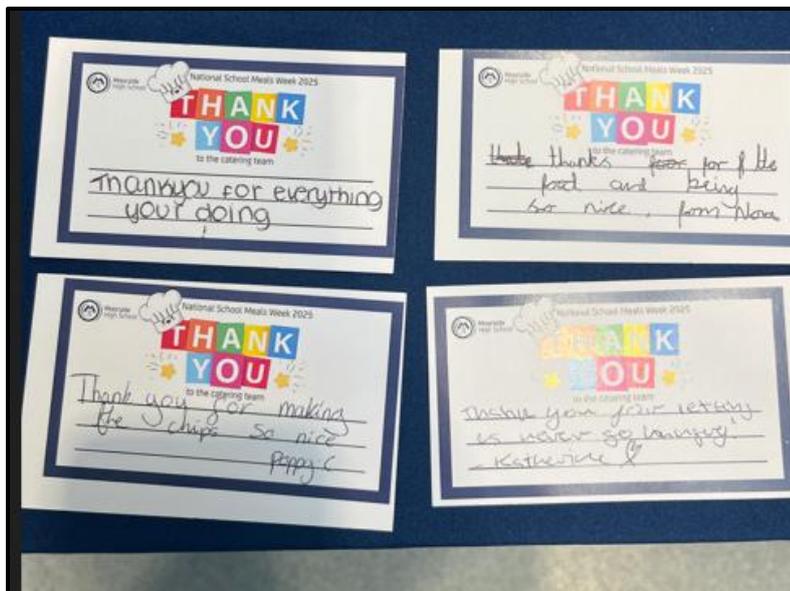


On World Kindness Day (Thursday), students took part in our Kindness Pledge Wall and Shout-Out Board, recognising classmates and staff who have used their "Power for Good." They were also challenged to take part in Thank You Thursday, showing gratitude to three people- a friend, teacher, or loved one. In addition, our EDI champions are launching their new "Be What You See" project and delivering a powerful Anti-Racism Workshop to further promote equality and understanding. Assemblies next week will continue this theme, focusing on the EDI Champions' work and the importance of being an Active Bystander. Finally, today we marked the end of Anti-bullying week with an Odd Socks Day, where staff and students came together to celebrate individuality and self-expression.



National School Meals Week

As part of National School Meals Week, our students took time to celebrate and show appreciation for the fantastic work of our catering team and kitchen staff. During Thank You Thursday, students also wrote thoughtful cards to express their appreciation for the dedication of the catering team who work hard every day to ensure everyone is well-fed. In addition, R Time focused on learning about different food groups and healthy portion sizes, helping students understand the importance of balanced meals. It was wonderful to see students reflecting on the important role of school meals and taking a moment to say thank you to the team behind the scenes.



GM Higher Parent/Carer Workshop – Supporting Year 9 GCSE Choices.

We are pleased to share an opportunity for parents and carers to gain valuable insight into supporting young people as they make informed decisions about their GCSE options.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 19th November
- **Time:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- **Format:** Online via Microsoft Teams (link will be shared ahead of the session)

This presentation, hosted by GM Higher, will explore:

- How to best support your child in making informed GCSE choices.
- The impact GCSE options can have on future pathways, including higher education opportunities.

Click here to register: <https://gmhigher.ac.uk/events/supporting-gcse-choices-parent-carer-session/>

GCSE choices lay the foundation for future academic and career opportunities. The subjects your child selects can influence the qualifications they can pursue later, such as A-levels or vocational courses, and may even affect university course eligibility. Making informed decisions now ensures that students keep as many doors open as possible for their future aspirations.

Following Christmas, we will share a timeline of events designed to support Year 9 students in choosing their Key Stage 4 subjects. This will begin with a 'Choices Evening' for Parents/Carers on Thursday 15th January, where we will outline the process and the support available. Further details will be communicated closer to the date.



Moorside ERP Football Team – Salford League

Debut Report

We are thrilled to share that the newly formed Moorside ERP football team made an unforgettable entrance into the Salford Football League, marking the school's first-ever involvement. With another 16 schools in the league, we are really excited to watch how the season unfolds. This week, the team demonstrated incredible determination, skill, and true sportsmanship across three exciting matches – and won all three games without conceding a single goal!

Well done 'Team Moorside'

Match Highlights

Game 1: Moorside 5–0 Brookhaven

After a slow start, Moorside found their confidence and dominated the game. Goals came from Lewis, Kaleb (twice), Rhyley Jo, and a stunning volley from Austin Lark. A brilliant team performance to kick off the season!

Game 2: Moorside 1–0 Droylsden Academy

This was a tough battle where Moorside had to dig deep. Defensive resilience from Rhyley Jo, Riley, Lewis, and Evan kept us in the game. The winning goal came after a clever move involving Lewis and Kaleb, sealing a hard-earned victory.

Game 3: Moorside 2–0 Bridge House

Moorside controlled the game throughout, but credit to the Bridge House goalkeeper for some outstanding saves. Goals from Rhyley Jo and a spectacular solo effort from Lewis secured another win.

Three matches, three wins, and zero goals conceded – what an incredible achievement for our first outing in the league! The team showed not only talent but also fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts and look forward to seeing what they achieve next.

This success is a reminder that when we work together, stay determined, and support one another, we can achieve amazing things. Whether on the pitch, in the classroom, or in everyday life, teamwork and perseverance make all the difference. Keep aiming high, keep believing in yourselves, and let's continue to make Moorside proud!



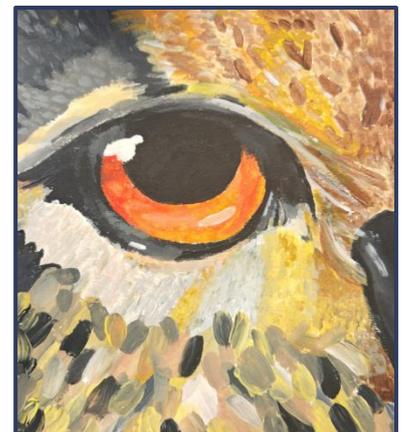
Class of 2025 Certificate Collection

We are looking forward to welcoming our Class of 2025 back to school on Tuesday 25th November between 17:00-18:00. Our ex-students will be able to catch up with each other and staff over light refreshments whilst collecting their certificates. This is an informal event just for students, they can arrive and leave anytime between 17:00-18:00. All certificates will be available in Hub area of the Atrium. Students must sign for their certificates and will not be able to collect certificates for other students. If they are unable to collect certificates on this evening, certificates can be collected from main reception after this date. We are really excited to welcome the Class of 2025 back to Moorside and hear all about what they have been up to.

WoW Wednesday

WOW Wednesday was a fantastic celebration of student achievement this week!

During lunch, Mr. Joynson hosted students in the Atrium who proudly showcased some fabulous work, including brilliant creations in Graphics and some impressive works of Art. Every student who contributed a brilliant piece of work walked away with a well-deserved postcard and prize, as well as 2 coins to boost their House's efforts!



House Competition Update

The House competition is finely balanced, with Pankhurst House enjoying the vast majority of the coins dropped this week. Lowry is still our out-right leader, marginally pipping Egerton to the lead; however, there are some major coin-boosting-opportunities waiting in the wings in the coming weeks and, as we have previously seen, all could change.

Christmas Card Competition – Extra House Points



We are running a Christmas Card competition over the next four weeks. The competition is open to all students and the winning design will be published and sent out to other schools and our local community from Team Moorside. All entries should be handed in at reception before 12noon on Monday 1st December. The design should be no bigger than A5 and should represent us as a school. We are really looking forward to seeing all the designs.

Year 11 College Application Support

Year 11 Careers Message

Reminder please:

The college application deadline for Moorside High School is:

Mon 15th December 2025

This is for all colleges - We encourage you to apply to at least 2 colleges

(but more if you wish – there is no limit!)

All applications are to be made online via college websites – with the exception of Xaverian College (paper application)

Please see Mr Farmer / Miss Farooq at break/lunch (Mon-Thurs) if you require any Xaverian College application forms, college prospectuses, or any questions regarding college!



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Year 11 Careers Message

COLLEGE APPLICATION SUPPORT

Mr Farmer will be available each Tuesday after school to support Year 11 students applying to college.

This will be based in A111/A112 (IT rooms near Science!)

- TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER: 3-4 PM
- TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER: 3-4 PM
- TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER: 3-4 PM
- TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER: 3-4 PM



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See you there!



Safeguarding Update – Anti-Bullying Week 2025

To mark Anti-Bullying Week 2025, our upcoming assemblies next week will focus on how bullying can affect others, the importance of kindness and help to educate and empower students to make positive choices in their interactions.

The theme and focus for this year is “Power for Good.”



How to get involved at home...

- **Model “Power for Good”** - Show your children the importance of kindness and respect by setting a good example in your own interactions, both online and in person.
- **Talk to Your Children** - Have open and honest conversations about bullying including what it looks like, how it makes people feel, and what to do if they experience or witness it.
- **Encourage Action** - Empower your children to use their *Power for Good* to speak up against bullying and support those who are affected.
- **Reach out for resources** - There are excellent resources available from organisations such as the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) and [BulliesOut](#), which include guides for parents/carers, tips for talking about bullying, and information on seeking support.



Support in school...

We encourage all students to speak to a trusted adult if they are experiencing or witnessing unkind behaviour so that any issues can be addressed promptly and sensitively. Parents and carers are also welcome to reach out to our Pastoral Team for guidance, support, or to raise any concerns.

Together, we can use our Power for Good to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all of our students.



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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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



WORD OF THE WEEK



AUTOCRACY

Antonyms:

Democracy

Synonyms:

Absolutism; totalitarianism;
dictatorship

Connected Words:

Autocratic

British Values link:

Democracy, The Rule of Law

Noun:

A government where one person has
absolute power.

Moorside focus:

Aspiration/Resilience



How do I say this in Spanish? Autocracia

Spanish phrase: The student chose to take complete control over the group project.

El estudiante optó por tomar el control total del proyecto grupal.

Stalin's autocracy meant that life in Russia was not pleasant for some people.



SILENT REMINDER - ROAD SAFETY

We have had some reports of students crossing the East Lancashire Road. This is an extremely busy and dangerous road so please remember the following:

- Use the Subways/Bridges when crossing
- Keep at a safe distance from the edge of the road
- Avoid distractions – using electronic devices whilst walking near a busy road can prevent you from paying attention to your surroundings





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