



#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it has been cold and wet outside this week, it has been warm and vibrant in school. The Christmas Tree is shining in the Atrium and as ever, our students continue to work hard and engage positively with their learning. With the end of the first full term in sight, we are all looking forward to celebrating their achievements at the Celebration Assemblies on the last day of term, Thursday 18th December. Please note that school will close for Christmas at 14:55.

During our Celebration Assemblies, we will have plenty to celebrate, especially those students who consistently do the right thing, at the right time, in the right place. Please do encourage your child to continue working hard and attend every day. We have the '12 Days of Attendance' in full swing and it is lovely to hear at the end of the day the tannoy announcing who is the lucky winner and seeing the students leave the building to the sound of festive music.



This week also saw the arrival of the Top Tip Revision Advent, the launch of our 12 Quotes of Christmas on Twitter, and the return of the Moorside Elves! Please do follow us on Twitter and Instagram to keep up to date with all the activities and latest news from Team Moorside.

Moorside High School @MoorsideHigh · 1h
The Elves have been working hard to ensure we have enough 'Great Uniform' tickets to go round!



Moorside High School @MoorsideHigh · 1h
Mix things up and make it more interesting. Practice past papers, make posters or mind maps.



Moorside High School @MoorsideHigh · 1h
Our 12 Quotes of Christmas quote today is:



Next week, we will be getting even more festive with Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform. On the same day, everyone will enjoy a traditional Christmas Lunch.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, if you have anything you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs H Ryles-Dean
Principal



Mission Christmas

Throughout the month of December, we will be supporting Mission Christmas- Cash for Kids. Mission Christmas aims to help Santa reach all children and supports children from birth to 18, with the greatest need typically being gifts for babies and teenagers (especially boys).

Last year, your generosity was incredible, and we remain truly grateful for any donation- no matter how small.

We will be running Mission Christmas as a House competition this year, with each house focusing on a specific age range. Please see the breakdown below- but as always, we are grateful for any donation, for any age.

If you are able to contribute, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at our main reception by Friday 12th December. Please ensure the gift is clearly labelled with your child's House.

- Pankhurst House- 0-4 years (e.g. Dolls/colouring books)
- Lowry- 5-9 years (e.g. Games/ puzzles)
- Egerton- 10-12 years (Stationary/games)
- Joule- 13-16 years (Makeup/toiletries)



Christmas Jumper Charity Drive

As a massive Christmas fan and proud member of the Pankhurst Team, Mrs Settle is taking on a jolly challenge. She'll be wearing a different Christmas jumper every single day in December to raise money for the Mission Christmas appeal! Want to spread some festive magic?

✦ Please sponsor her and help make a difference, all funds go straight to the appeal.

✦ Got a spare Christmas jumper? Lend it to her for a day and join in the fun!

Let's make December sparkle with kindness and Christmas spirit! 🎅 🎁

If you would like to sponsor Mrs Settle, please [click here](#) to access the GoFund me page.



Message from Miss Hindley – Year 7 Maths

Year 7 students will be completing their end-of-Term 1 assessment on Friday 12th December. This assessment will cover the topics studied this term, including number sense, adding and subtracting, multiplying, dividing, calculating with negative numbers, order of operations, expressions, substitution, solving equations, and work on time and measures. Students have been given a revision list, including the relevant Sparx codes, to support their independent revision at home.

Team Moorside's 'Great Christmas Jumper Exchange'



This year, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th December. For a small donation to our food bank trolleys, students will be invited to attend school wearing a Christmas Jumper.

To support sustainability, we are encouraging students to bring in their old Christmas Jumper and potentially swap with a pre-loved one if they no longer fit. I am sure you will agree, it has probably only been worn once, last Christmas Jumper Day!

Students can bring in their jumpers during the week commencing the 1st December 2025. The big exchange will then take place on Monday 8th December, to enable students to wear them on the 11th December.

Elevate mentoring

Our Year 11 students completed their final session of the Elevate mentoring scheme last week with the brilliant team at Squire Patton Boggs Manchester. Over the past year, students have explored goal-setting, CV writing, interview preparation, and post-16 pathways; all of which have had a truly meaningful impact on their confidence and future readiness.

A huge thank you to the team at SPB for their commitment, insight, and the fantastic work they do with our young people. We're excited to welcome the next cohort of Year 10 students as we begin the new year!

Alex Villers, who led on the scheme, said the following *"It was a pleasure to have the students with us for the four sessions. Their participation has been excellent, and we are hoping that we have passed on a lot of transferable skills ranging from managing finance to interview preparation. We are hoping this has set the students up for the next steps with their career plans"*.



University of Manchester Campus visit

Year 10 students recently enjoyed their first real experience of higher education during an inspiring visit to the University of Manchester.

Throughout the day, they took part in a presentation on student life, study options and student finance, followed by a guided campus tour that gave them a genuine insight into the environment and opportunities a university setting offers.

They also worked collaboratively in a creative workshop, designing their own societies- from fashion and photography to travel and sport- which encouraged teamwork and broadened their understanding of university life.

The visit concluded with a Q&A session led by student ambassadors, who spoke openly about their own journeys, why they chose Manchester and the challenges they faced when planning their futures.

This experience has helped our students build a clearer picture of the pathways available to them after GCSEs and has raised their aspirations for what they can achieve.



Duke of Edinburgh Update

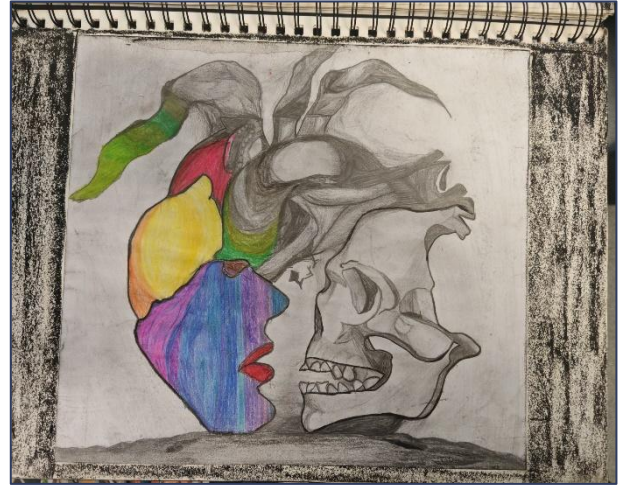
Students that have signed up to the Duke of Edinburgh Award have taken part in several DofE meetings over the past few weeks, focusing on uploading and submitting their evidence. As a reminder, each section (Volunteering, Physical, Skills) must include an assessor report from the assessor nominated when they first enrolled- this may be a coach, teacher or instructor. Miss Aitken has completed all assessor reports for the Expedition section. Students are also strongly encouraged to upload any additional evidence such as photos, log sheets or short videos. Log sheets are particularly useful for activities such as sports teams, gym sessions, dance or music classes, and charity shop work. The deadline for all evidence submissions is Christmas. Looking ahead, we will be rolling out the DofE programme to the current Year 10 cohort in January, and again, we hope to see lots of students sign up and take advantage of the fantastic benefits the award offers.



WoW Wednesday

Ding-Ding-Ding: What a WOW Wednesday!

Another week, another brilliant WOW Wednesday. Mr. Joyson hosted students in the Atrium, who proudly showcased a range of brilliant work; there was a steady stream of proud students and their fabulous pieces of work flowing in Mr Joyson's direction, with House-tokens seemingly dropping continuously. Some excellent extended writing pieces were presented from English and some brilliant pieces of work from Maths; the Arts were well represented again with some incredible creations brought to the table. Students proudly presented their work, explaining what they'd done, collecting a postcard and a prize, and dropping the all-important token for their House.



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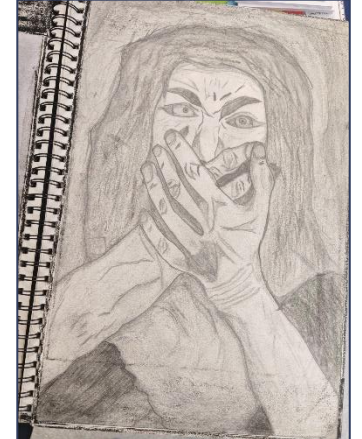
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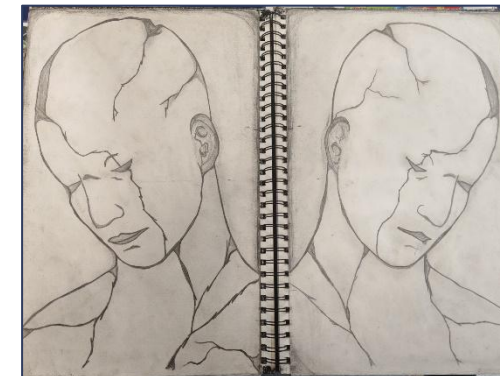


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House Competition Update

Egerton had another outstanding week, 2-in-a-row, with the team making huge grounds on the current leader Lowry; Egerton managed to drop their entire cup of tokens, leaving Mr Joynson in a panic during the refill! Joule House also had another strong showing, and it is almost too close to call as we head round the final bend before heading up the Christmas straight. "Tremendously tense" is how one passer-by described the current state of play.



PSHE Autumn 2

PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education is an essential part of our curriculum. It equips students with the knowledge, skills and values they need to stay safe, make informed choices and thrive beyond the classroom. Topics include mental and physical wellbeing, healthy relationships, online safety, financial awareness and understanding life in modern society. PSHE not only supports academic success but also prepares students for adulthood, helping them to become confident, responsible and resilient young people.

Students in KS3 will receive their PSHE education through their scheduled R Time sessions biweekly. These sessions will be discussion-led, giving pupils the opportunity to explore important topics in a safe and supportive environment while developing their communication, empathy and decision-making skills. Over this term, students have covered the following topics:

Year 7	These topics help our students confidently adjust to secondary school and develop independence both academically and socially. They build the foundations for positive friendships, responsibility and successful learning habits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition to Team Moorside• Becoming independent at School• Becoming independent outside of School• Making New Friends
Year 8	These lessons support our students' emotional wellbeing and help them think critically about the digital world. They teach essential skills to stay safe online and build a healthy self-image.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellbeing• Fake News and Echo Chambers• Online Safety: Grooming• Media Influence on Body Image
Year 9	These sessions prepare our students to start thinking seriously about their futures. They encourage ambition, financial awareness and the skills needed to set and achieve meaningful goals ahead of choosing their options later on in the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aspirations and money• Pathways to your future• Setting high expectations for the future• Achieving your goals

KS4 students receive a dedicated 60-minute PSHE lesson each week. In addition, Year 10 will also have a scheduled R Time session focused on PSHE. This will be a discussion led session, giving students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of key topics and develop their confidence in expressing their views.

Year 10	Year 11
<p>By Year 10, our students have reached a level of emotional and intellectual maturity where they are ready to tackle nuanced and potentially sensitive topics. These lessons are not only informative but preventative as they help our students to make safer choices, recognise warning signs, understand their rights, and become more responsible members of society.</p>	<p>In Year 11 focus shifts from mental health to physical health, body awareness, and responsible decision-making as students mature into young adults. Lessons cover vital topics such as cancer awareness (including testicular, prostate, breast, cervical, and ovarian cancer), the importance of giving blood and organ donation, and accessing health services like vaccines and clinics. As students begin to travel more independently and take greater responsibility for their wellbeing, this unit empowers them with the knowledge to make informed, healthy choices.</p>
<p>Staying Safe Online and Offline - Violence, Crimes and Seeking Safety</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How would you describe the term 'honour'? 2. What is Honour Based Violence? 3. Why are people forced to marry? 4. Modern Day Slavery 5. What is gambling? 6. What are the causes of knife crime? 7. Extended Writing: Letter to your local MP advocating for further measures to prevent knife crime 	<p>Health and Wellbeing - Adult health looking after yourself</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organ and Blood Donation 2. What is Testicular Cancer? (Part 1) 3. What is Testicular Cancer? (Part 2) 4. Breast and Cervical Cancer 5. Making Healthy Choices: Vaccines and Immunisations 6. Personal Safety: Travelling in the UK and abroad 7. Extended Writing: Narrative from the perspective of a teen organ donor or recipient
<p>Awareness link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 25/11 • Human Rights Day 10/12 	<p>Awareness link:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Mental Health Month November • International Men's Day 19/11/25 • Ahead of Breast Cancer Awareness 18/10 • International Volunteer Day 4/12

If you would like more information about the PSHE curriculum, please do visit our school website:

[Personal Development at Moorside High School](#)

Parent Feedback

If you have any thoughts on what's working well or areas for improvement, please share them [via this link](#)



Safeguarding Update – Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass – Information for Parents & Carers

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a national safeguarding initiative that involves early sharing of information between the police and schools when a child has been exposed to or affected by a domestic abuse incident.

How Does It Work?

- When police attend a domestic abuse incident where children are present or linked, they inform a school's Designated Safeguarding Lead before the next school day.
- This information is confidential and shared only with safeguarding staff.
- The school does not investigate the incident; it simply uses the information to ensure the child receives the right support.

How We Use This in School

Being an Operation Encompass school means we:

- Have a trained Key Adult/DSL to receive notifications.
- Put timely support in place for the child. For example, quiet time, emotional check-ins, adjustments to learning or routine.
- Work closely with families and external agencies when appropriate.
- Prioritise safety, wellbeing and early help.



If you have any questions about Operation Encompass, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Miss Drinkwater.



December Activities

With Christmas just around the corner, we're excited to share some confirmed dates and activities for the festive season:

- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December 2025**
Students are invited to swap their blazer for a Christmas jumper in exchange for a small food item donation for the local food bank. All other uniform items must still be worn.
- **Christmas Lunch – Thursday 11th December 2025**
A festive lunch will be served in the school canteen.
- **Candy Canes for Charity – From 8th December**
Our Student Leadership Team will be selling candy canes for a small donation. Students can order a candy cane to be delivered to a friend. Sales will take place at break times from 8th December, with deliveries during the week commencing 15th December.
- **Mission Christmas – Throughout December**
We're proud to support Mission Christmas again this year, helping Santa reach all children. If you're able to donate, we'll be collecting **new and unwrapped toys** at main reception until **Friday 12th December**. Gifts for babies and teenagers (especially boys) are most needed. Last year your generosity was incredible—thank you in advance for any support you can give.
- **Christmas Celebration Assemblies – Thursday 18th December**
- **End of Term – Thursday 18th December at 14:55**
- **School Reopens – Monday 5th January 2026 at 08:25**

Beat the Bell – Punctuality Matters!

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.

Thank you for your support with this.



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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WORD OF THE WEEK



CONTAMINATION

Antonyms:

Cleanse; purify

Synonyms:

Infection; pollute

Connected Words:

Contaminate, Contaminated

British Values link:

Mutual respect

Noun:

Contamination is the spread of a disease from one to another.

Moorside focus:

Consideration



How do I say this in Spanish? Contaminación

Spanish phrase: The contamination spread through the country.

La contaminación se extendió por todo el país.

The coronavirus was a deadly contamination.



SILENT REMINDER - "SPREAD THE KINDNESS AT CHRISTMAS"

Christmas is often a very busy period, the nights are dark, the shops are busy and people are stressed, frantically organising in preparation for Christmas day. In light of this, we would like to set you a challenge to be kind to each other this Christmas. Kindness cools down any heated situation, shows people you care, promotes harmony and reminds others that we are all in this together.

Be Kind to your families

Kindness can be shown in many different ways, a meaningful thankyou, the offer of a helping hand or just going that extra mile to make others feel valued. Make sure you find time this Christmas to show your family and friends you appreciate and love them.

Be kind to your friends

Everyones experience of Christmas is different. Christmas may not be busy and happy for everyone so spare some time to speak with and meet up with friends. A simple text or phone call to let someone know you are thinking of them this Christmas can go along way to making their day special.

Be Kind to yourself

Being kind to yourself is vital. Maybe Christmas is a difficult time for you for different reasons, you have reflected on a hard year, or perhaps the absence of a loved one hits you hard. During the holidays, pause what you are doing for a minute. Look around and see everything that is good, I assure you there will be lots to be positive about.





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