



#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the final parent update of 2025, this term has flown by. A reminder is that school will close to students at 14:55 on Thursday 18th December.

We know there are a lot of illnesses circulating at this time of year, but we would encourage students to attend wherever possible. If a child becomes more unwell during the day, we will, of course, contact home and ensure they are looked after. We have many exciting activities planned for the final week of term, and we would hate students to miss out. For guidance on whether your child is too ill for school, please see the linked document. [NHS Guidance for Parents: Is my child too ill for school?](#) – a useful resource to help parents decide when children should stay at home.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Food Bank collection during Christmas Jumper Day. The trolleys were overflowing thanks to your generosity, and we are delighted to say that our Mission Christmas Toy Appeal has also been incredibly well supported.

Students enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Thursday, and our charity candy cane sale is now underway. The '12 Days of Attendance' tannoy celebrations and festive songs continue to bring a lovely atmosphere to the end of each day, and Year 11 are fully embracing our 'T'is the Season to Study' initiative.

As we head into the final week, we want all students to enjoy the celebrations while continuing to engage fully in their lessons. This week in assemblies, Miss Drinkwater spoke to students about staying safe during the festive break, with a particular focus on water and ice safety. We also shared important reminders about road safety, personal safety, and staying safe online. We encourage parents and carers to regularly check their child's devices and discuss how they are being used.

We understand that Christmas can look different for every family. If you need support while school is closed, our website contains a range of information for both students and parents. You can access these links through the update. Additional guidance on water safety is also included at the end of this newsletter.

Before we finish for Christmas, we are delighted to celebrate one final achievement, our School Newspaper. Our Journalism Club has been working incredibly hard this term, and the December edition will be published on Friday 19th December. We hope you enjoy reading the articles, all written by our talented students. A big thank you to Mr Howson for leading the club so enthusiastically.

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



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Planner, equipment, knowledge organiser out on desks



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Christmas Card Competition

Monday marked the deadline for our Christmas Card Competition. Thank you to everyone who entered—it was wonderful to see so much creativity. A special congratulations to our top three winners, with Ava's winning design now published and sent to all schools across Salford and the Consilium Academies Trust.



1st



2nd



3rd



4th

Mission Christmas Trolley Dash

A selection of our students visited B&M Bargains yesterday to take part in a Mission Christmas Trolley Dash, helping to choose and purchase gifts for children in need. The school has raised over £900 for the appeal, thanks to Mrs Settle's festive challenge of wearing a different Christmas jumper each day!



This year, the fundraising has also formed part of our house competitions, with students collecting toys from different age ranges to support the cause. It has been fantastic to see so many get involved, and Pankhurst House are currently leading the way with the most toys collected.

A huge thank you to all the families who have donated- your generosity has made a real difference. It was heartwarming to witness our students showing genuine empathy and kindness, thinking of those less fortunate and helping to spread some Christmas cheer.



Candy Canes & Christmas Activities

This week, our Year 9 Peer Mentors have been selling candy canes to raise awareness and support for lung cancer, a charity chosen by one of our mentors in memory of her dad, who sadly passed away from the disease.



It has been wonderful to support such a meaningful cause. Sales will continue every break time next week, and students can either enjoy their candy canes or write messages on them for friends, which will be delivered by the Student Leadership Team to spread some Christmas cheer around school.

It was also lovely to see students getting into the festive spirit yesterday, enjoying Christmas Jumper Day and sharing a delicious Christmas dinner together.



Year 11 College Application Deadline

The final deadline for submitting college application forms to Mr. Farmer is Tuesday, 16th December. This deadline has been extended by one day to allow for a final drop-in support session on Tuesday from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Please ensure your child has completed and handed in their application. Students are strongly advised to apply to at least two colleges, though they may apply to more if they wish.

Exciting Opportunity: Free Audible Access for Year 9 Students

We are delighted to share that our school is taking part in an exciting six-month research project in partnership with Audible and the National Literacy Trust. The project explores how audiobooks can support learning and improve reading ages for Year 9 students. As part of this pilot, the student will receive:

- Free access to Audible Premium Plus for six months
- Six audiobook credits (one per month) to choose and keep titles even after the project ends
- Access to the Audible Plus catalogue, which includes over 14,000 titles

Our goal is to have students signed up before the Christmas holidays, so they can enjoy audiobooks over the festive break with their families.

Parents/carers of Year 9 students have been sent details of how to sign up for the audiobooks.

We hope that this exciting opportunity will inspire a love of reading in new and innovative ways.



Expressions of Interest for i-Thrive Workshops

This year, we are excited to offer a range of **i-Thrive workshops** for parents and carers, designed to support you in understanding and managing your child's emotional wellbeing. The workshops include:

- Parent Psycho education
- Engagement Coffee Mornings
- Anxiety and Worry Management
- Understanding Low Mood
- “You Go High, I Go Low” – Managing Your Child's Emotions
- Establishing Routines

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please **click the QR code** to express your interest or [click here](#). Once we have enough responses, we will share further details about dates and times. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping these opportunities—thank you for your support!



RAF: Road to RIAT- STEM Day

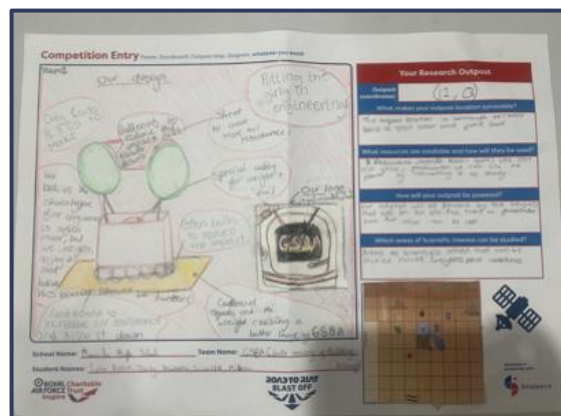
This week, a group of our Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in an exciting STEM workshop delivered by The Smallpeice Trust, in partnership with the Royal Air Force and the RAF Charitable Trust. This forms part of the national Road to RIAT: Blast Off programme, designed to inspire Key Stage 3 students to explore the future of space exploration.



Throughout the day, students worked through a series of STEM challenges linked to real-world aerospace innovation, encouraging them to think like engineers, designers, and future space explorers. Students learnt about the RAF's role in space before embarking on a series of challenges including: analysing a map of a fictional planet to decide the best landing site, exploring the science behind different planetary landers, and designing and testing several prototypes. They then created a final lander design and concluded the session by preparing a presentation to pitch their concept and convince “investors” to support their space exploration company.

As part of the national competition, schools have the chance to win prizes including LEGO® Education robotics kits, £100 for their school, and tickets to the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT), one of the world's biggest air shows. Winning schools will be invited to attend RIAT in 2026, with six students and accompanying staff or parents able to take part in exclusive STEM activities at the event.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day, and it was a fantastic opportunity to engage with innovative STEM learning and aerospace technology. Here's to hoping their hard work and creativity leads to success in the competition



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.



Looking Ahead to a Positive Start in January 2026

As we approach the end of term, we want to remind everyone that the New Year is a fantastic opportunity for a fresh start. In the final days of term, we'll be encouraging students to return in January with a positive attitude and ready to learn.

It is essential that all students come back in full school uniform, including the correct shoes (not trainers), and bring a suitable school bag containing their equipment, knowledge organiser, and planner. Students will continue to be supported upon arrival to school to ensure they are ready for learning.

If you need any support in ensuring your child is fully prepared with the correct uniform and equipment, please do contact their Head of Year.

On the first day back in January, we will be having 'Welcome Back Assemblies' for all year groups, and again, we will be ensuring that students are fully aware of the expectations and our 'Moorside Way'.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Cost of Living

We are fully aware that for all families, this time of year can be particularly challenging, especially financially. We want our families to know that we are here to help, should you be struggling. If you need any support, or we can help in any way, please do reach out to us by emailing, MHSInfo@consilium-at.com

Year 9 Vaccinations

The DTP and MenACWY vaccines are offered to boys and girls in Year 9, however, this is not routinely offered at GP practices. DTP is given to boost protection against 3 separate diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio. MenACWY vaccine protects against 4 strains of the meningococcal bacteria - A,C,W, and Y which cause meningitis and blood poisoning. The school Immunisation team will be in school on the 23rd January, and Year 9 parents will receive a letter regarding this to allow them to consent.

Safeguarding Update – Staying Safe Online

Talking to your children about Life Online...

FREE [Leaflet for parents](#):

- Understanding **risk**
- Using **tech for good**
- **Healthy habits** and tips
- **When best** to get a phone



Find conversation starters, story time ideas and top tips to reinforce key safety messages at parentsafe.lgfl.net



PARENTSAFE

Keeping your children safe: online & beyond

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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.

Reminder –

**All students need to be on site for
08:25 – Monday 5th January 2026**



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](#).

Parent Feedback

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



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

TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY

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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 thank you, 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

Everyone's 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 a long 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.



WORD OF THE WEEK ITERATION



Antonyms:

Irreversible process

Synonyms:

Version

Connected Words:

Progress

British Values link:

Democracy

Noun:

An iteration is a new version of a piece of computer hardware or software.

Moorside focus:

Aspiration



How do I say this in Spanish? Iteración

Spanish phrase: I am interested to see how the second iteration turns out.

Me interesa ver cómo resulta la segunda iteración.

Apples fourth iteration of the iPhone changed the landscape of smart phones.

Winter water safety

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

Keep back from slippery banks.

Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.

Never go onto the ice.



KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

Teach children not to go onto ice.

Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.



IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Wait for help and keep as still as possible.

Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



CALL 999

Do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.



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