

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! As we start this important term, our assemblies on the first day back focused on one clear message: every student has the power to succeed and every choice matters.

Together, we can make this term the best yet, but we have to all work together.

We talked about January and the start of Term 2 being a fresh start, the opportunity to 'Be the Best You, this term' We challenged students to think: "What will you do this half term to be the best version of yourself?" This is a time for positive habits, strong routines, and determination.

We reminded students around the importance of Attendance and Punctuality, and that this is the Foundation of Success, everyday counts. High attendance is the single biggest factor in achievement. On time, every time. Arriving by 8:25am sets the tone for the day. Just 5 minutes late each day adds up to over 3 days of lost learning a year!

We highlighted the importance around being 'Ready to Learn'. Having the correct uniform, full equipment, and a positive attitude allows lessons to start smoothly and learning time is maximised. These small details make a big difference. We know the best schools have positive behaviour and if our students follow 'The Moorside Way', we are reinforcing respect, focus, and engagement in every lesson. Disruptions affect everyone, so we are committed to creating a calm, consistent environment where every child can thrive. We will continue to reward effort and achievement through initiatives like the attendance 'Beat the Bands', Wonderful Work Wednesday, and positive praise. Every student has the chance to shine.

For our Year 11 students, this is the final push. This term is crucial for Year 11, the next set of Mock Exams begin from January 26th. It was lovely to welcome our Year 11 parents/carers yesterday to discuss their child's progress and we know that encouraging students to have a clear revision timetable and 2-3 hours of study daily will transform outcomes. As we always say... "The best GCSE grades don't always go to the cleverest students – they go to those who worked hardest and were prepared."

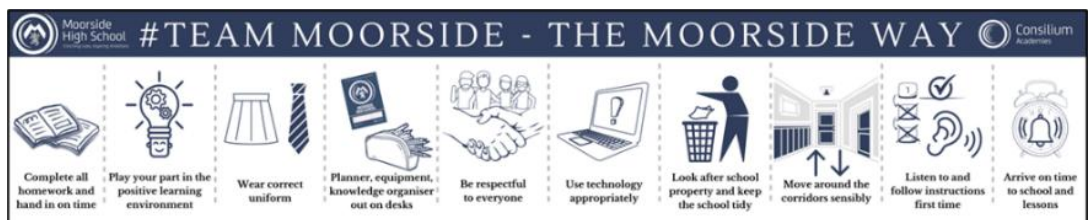
So how can you help your child:

- **Encourage routines:** Early nights, organised mornings, and time for homework.
- **Check equipment:** Planner, knowledge organiser, and correct uniform.
- **Support learning outside the classroom:** Help your find a quiet space to work and encourage them to attend the wider curricular clubs.
- **Talk positively:** Remind them that effort and perseverance lead to success.

Together, we are confident that we can continue to move the school forward and make this term a turning point for every student. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep Moorside a school where every child can achieve their best.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs H Ryles-Dean

Principal



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.

Trip to the Lowry

A group of students involved in our upcoming school production, A Night at the Musicals!, enjoyed a special reward trip to The Lowry Theatre on Wednesday 17th December. They had the fantastic opportunity to watch The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe—a celebration of their commitment, teamwork, and dedication throughout the production process. We were incredibly proud of their exemplary behaviour during the visit; they were a true credit to Moorside High School.



Experiencing live theatre provides invaluable educational benefits. It helps students develop an appreciation for drama and stagecraft, while enhancing creativity, concentration, and cultural awareness. Watching a live performance allows them to see how lighting, sound, acting, and set design work together, inspiring confidence, aspiration, and a deeper enjoyment of the performing arts. These experiences will undoubtedly enrich their own performances.

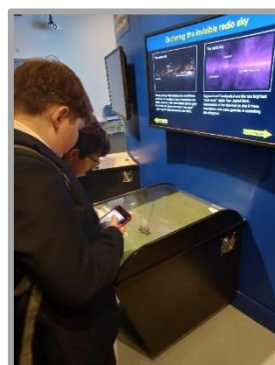
We hope you will join us to see the culmination of all their hard work when Moorside High School presents A Night at the Musicals! on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April. It promises to be a spectacular event!

Stars, Science & Surprises: Our Jodrell Bank Adventure



Moorside students in Years 7 to 9 enjoyed their first fully funded science trip to Jodrell Bank Observatory before Christmas, a world-class centre for astronomy and space science. The visit brought key curriculum topics to life, including the solar system, space exploration, and electromagnetic waves. Students explored interactive exhibits, took part in hands-on workshops, and engaged directly with scientific equipment, turning abstract classroom concepts into tangible experiences. This represents a

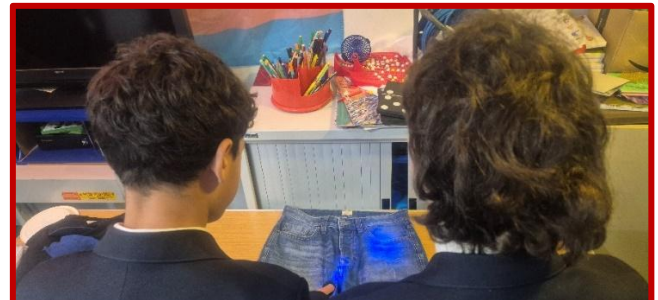
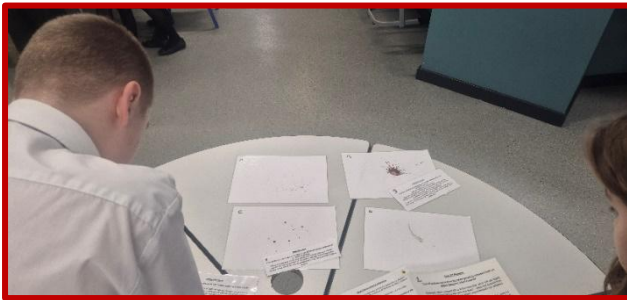
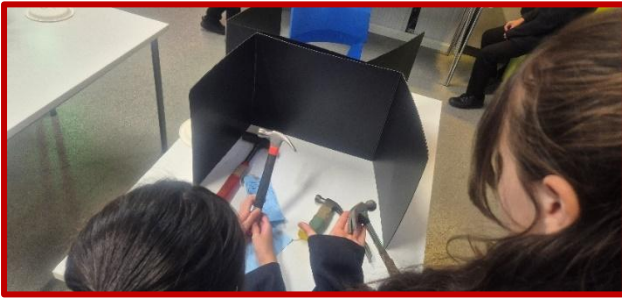
major step in enhancing the school's science and cultural capital, widening access to real scientific environments, and supporting aspirations in STEM.



Crime Scene Investigation

On the Tuesday before we broke up for the Christmas holiday, 105, Year 7 students stepped into the shoes of forensic scientists during an exciting hands-on investigation. The workshop introduced them to the skills needed in real-world crime-solving, including analysing impact impressions, testing arson reagents, and exploring many other techniques.

Students worked brilliantly in teams, applying critical thinking and problem-solving skills to uncover clues. This experience allowed them to see how science goes beyond the classroom and plays a vital role in everyday life. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect learning with real-world applications and spark curiosity about future careers in STEM. We are looking forward to the other half of the year group also getting this experience, later in the year.



Year 9 Parents – Vaccination Message

Dear Year 9 Parents/Carers

Please complete the e consent link below for Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY Immunisations. Vaccinations will take place at your child's school on **Friday 23rd January 2026**, and the link will close on the **Sunday 18th January 2026**.

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/a92b23e1>

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY Immunisations are due to take place at your school on **Friday 23rd January 2026, 9am**. These vaccines are free of charge.

Most children have been immunised against Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio, and Meningitis C as part of the childhood UK schedule. Guidance from NHS England recommends that your child now receives a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio and Meningitis ACWY.

Information regarding these vaccines is available on the website: MenACWY vaccine - NHS ([MenACWY vaccine - NHS](#)) 3-in-1 teenage booster overview - NHS ([Td/IPV vaccine \(3-in-1 teenage booster\) - NHS](#)) If you have any questions you can contact us on the number below. Please complete and return the enclosed consent forms to the school within one week of receipt.

If you do not wish your child to have the immunisations, please indicate this on the forms.

Please be aware that each young person has the right to self-consent if deemed competent by a health care professional.

If your child is outstanding their MMR vaccination and you would like for them to receive this vaccination, please contact our office on 0333 3583 397, option 1, then option 7 for Trafford/Salford..

MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk) If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on the above number, or email TraffordImms@intrahealth.co.uk

Thank you

Yours sincerely The School Age Immunisation Service

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A Huge Round of Applause for Ollie Walton!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news! Over the Christmas break, Ollie achieved something truly extraordinary – he has been selected to compete in the World Darts Junior Championships at the end of January!

This is an incredible honor and a testament to Ollie's hard work, dedication, and talent. We couldn't be prouder of him and know the entire school community will join us in cheering him on as he takes on this exciting challenge on the world stage.

Go Ollie, we will certainly be cheering you on.



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WED 21ST JAN @ SYZ



Looking for a workplace opportunity but not sure where to start? Don't worry! We've got you. Join us for a very special Careers Fair at SYZ!

From hospitality to construction to law, stall-holders will introduce you to exciting careers you may never have heard of! You'll have the opportunity to connect with businesses, and register interest in work experience, apprenticeships and permanent roles.

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Wednesday 21st January 2026 - 5-7pm
Sports Hall



All Seniors (age 14+)



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An **onSide** Youth Zone

Safeguarding Update – Family Support into the New Year...

Supporting young people through adolescence can be challenging, and it is important for parents and carers to be aware of the signs that a teenager may be struggling. Self-harm is often a coping mechanism for overwhelming emotions, not an attempt to seek attention, and early recognition can make a significant difference. A range of useful resources, guidance, and support services is below to help you understand self-harm, start conversations, and access further help if you are worried about your child.

Emotional Wellbeing, Mental Health and Family Support

- **NSPCC Family Support & Helplines**
 - Advice for parenting challenges and support for mental wellbeing for you and your children - [NSPCC](#)
- **YoungMinds Parents Helpline**
 - Free expert advice if you're worried about a child's mental health - [GOV.UK](#)

Practical Tips for Parents & Carers following the Festive Period

1. **Check online safety settings on all new devices** — adjust parental controls and have family conversations about expectations and risks - [escb.co.uk](#)
2. **Watch for signs of stress or burnout** — children (and adults) can feel overwhelmed after high expectations and disruptions to routine.
3. **Talk regularly about feelings, online friends & hobbies** — open discussion reduces isolation and helps children share concerns early.



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



FORTITUDE

Antonyms:

Weak; faint-heartedness

Synonyms:

Courage; bravery

Connected Words:**British Values link:**

Individual liberty

Noun:

To show fortitude is to show courage in great pain

Moorside focus:

Aspiration, equality, resilience



How do I say this in Spanish? Fortaleza

Spanish phrase: I will not let this beat me.

No dejaré que esto me gane

He showed tremendous fortitude considering he really struggled in certain subjects.



SILENT REMINDER - CULTURE

- When you feel safe, supported, and respected, you are more focused and motivated.
- A positive culture reduces disruptions and encourages everyone to do their best.
- Students and staff are happier and less stressed when the environment is friendly and respectful.
- Belonging to a positive community helps reduce anxiety, bullying, and isolation.
- A culture of kindness and fairness teaches you to treat others well.
- You learn important life skills like empathy, cooperation, and problem-solving in a positive culture.
- If you are in a supportive culture you believe in yourself more.
- You are more likely to set high goals and keep trying, even when things are hard.



“Your actions shape our school culture”