

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head into the final week of this half term, it has been wonderful to see our students engaging so positively in our *Feel Good February* campaign, which highlights the importance of supporting positive mental health across the school community.

This week, we marked Time to Talk Day, an annual national event encouraging open conversations about mental health. Students were invited to the Atrium at lunchtime for cake, connection, and conversation, and throughout Children's Mental Health Week they took part in activities designed to promote wellbeing and open dialogue.



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026

Looking ahead, next week is National Apprenticeship Week. During assemblies, students in Years 7–10 will hear from guest speakers and will take part in follow-up activities during lessons and 'R' Time.

Year 11 students who have expressed interest in the apprenticeship route will be invited to a workshop with Mr Farmer after half term (following their mock exams). This session will help them understand the expectations of apprenticeships and support them with registering for vacancies, which can be highly competitive. You'll find further details about National Apprenticeship Week in this update, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Farmer.

With one week to go until the half term break, please do continue to encourage your child to be attending school every day and arriving for 08:25, we know how importance is and we are grateful that you are supporting us with this.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs H Ryles-Dean
Principal



Year 9 Parent/Carer Evening

Our Year 9 Parent/Carer evening is taking place on Thursday 5th March.

Bookings are now open via the Arbor App. If you have any problems with the booking system, please contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com.

Key Dates:

- **W/C 2nd February 2026** - Year 9 Choices consultation meetings (SFA and JGI)
- **13th February 2026** - Student Leadership Team visit Year 9 form groups
- **5th March 2026** - Year 9 Parent's Evening
- **9th March 2026** - **Deadline for the return of the Option Choices Form**

Term Dates & Inset Day Friday 20th March

In order to ensure that all Consilium schools finish on the same day in summer, we made some slight changes to the school calendar. These were communicated in September but as a reminder, please see below for the dates for this academic year. There is also an Inset Day on Friday 20th March when students will not be in school, however on this day, we will be inviting our Year 11 students into school in the morning to complete another practice of the very long English Lit exam, more information will be shared nearer the time.

All term dates for 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#).

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2025/26

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026

School Re-Opens 08:25

Friday 13th February 2026

School Closes 14:55 - Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026

School Re-Opens 08:25

Friday 20th March 2026

Inset Day (staff only)

Thursday 2nd April 2026

School Closes 14:55 - Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2026

Monday 20th April 2026

School Re-Opens 08:25

Friday 22nd May 2026

School Closes 14:55 - Half Term

Monday 1st June 2026

School Re-Opens 08:25

Friday 17th July 2026

School Closes 14:55 - Summer Holidays



Supply Company Fundraiser.

A member of the Teaching Personnel team, Jack, who previously worked across both Moorside and Ellesmere is taking on the Rome Marathon, as well as the Manchester Half Marathon!

Inspired by his challenge, three more members of the team, Megan, Darcy, and Eleanor have decided to join in with a collective running goal. Together, they'll be aiming to complete 250 miles between January and March. As part of this challenge, they have chosen to fundraise specifically for Moorside and Ellesmere Park. The team are really keen to give something back to the schools they've worked closely with over the years and would love for any money raised to support areas such as the SEN Department, uniforms, school supplies, or anything else that would make a difference to our students. If you'd like to support, please click here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/teachingpersonnel-ellesmere-moorside?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

We're incredibly grateful for their generosity and ongoing connection with our school communities. More updates to follow as their training gets underway!



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Children's Mental Health Week

As part of Children's Mental Health Week this week, students took part in a range of activities designed to promote wellbeing, kindness and positive mental health. Kooth delivered assemblies that included a spoken-word performance known as *Puffer Jacket Poetry* - a creative and reflective piece that uses expressive language to explore emotions and help young people think about how they feel and how they can talk about their thoughts in a safe, meaningful way.



Feel Good February House Heroes challenge

Complete the below 'feel good' activities to earn points for your house!

Category	Activity	Completed	Signed
Kindness & community	Hold the door open for someone.		
	Say hello to 3 people you don't know.		
	Pick up some litter.		
	Pay someone a compliment.		
Healthy Habits	Drink 1L of water.		
	Complete 10,000 steps in one day.		
Mental	Write down 3 things you are grateful for.		
Wellbeing	Do something that helps you feel calm.		

Students also took part in a Wellbeing House Heroes competition, celebrating simple but powerful acts of kindness such as paying a stranger a compliment or picking up litter around the school.

Additionally, Kooth hosted a lunchtime pop-up stall in the Atrium, giving students the chance to find out more about mental health support. To round off the week, we held our popular 'Cake and Kindness' event, where students enjoyed a slice of cake while sharing positive messages and spreading kindness.

WHY DOES BELONGING MATTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

Our mental health flourishes when we feel connected and valued. When children and young people have a strong sense of belonging, they:

- **Feel more confident** to be themselves and try new things.
- **Develop resilience** to cope with challenges and setbacks.
- **Build stronger relationships** and communication skills.
- **Experience less anxiety and loneliness.**
- **Have better self-esteem** and understand their own worth.
- **Feel motivated** to contribute positively to their communities.



Year 11 Mock Examinations

As we move into the final week of the Year 11 Mock Examinations, we are incredibly proud of how positively and maturely our students have approached these assessments. Their commitment and attitude throughout the mock period have been excellent.

Once all exam papers have been marked and moderated, we will use the results to identify any remaining learning gaps and plan the support needed in the lead-up to the summer exams.

After the half-term break, each student will receive a personalised intervention booklet. This will outline the subjects and sessions that will benefit them the most as we enter this crucial stage.

We will then have six weeks until Easter, and during this time students will be strongly encouraged to make full use of all interventions, revision opportunities and additional sessions available to them. This support is designed to give every student the very best chance of success in their external examinations.

Pre/Post Exam Workshops

Week Three – Pre-Exam Workshops

	Monday 2 nd February	Tuesday 3 rd February	Wednesday 4 th February	Thursday 5 th February
Pre-Exam Workshop	Computer Science	Health & Social Care Classics	Business iMedia	Geography
Time	8:00am – 8:30am	8:00am – 8:30am	8:00am – 8:30am	8:00am – 8:30am

Week Three – After School Workshops

	Tuesday 3 rd February
After School Workshop	Spanish
Time	3:00pm – 4:00pm

Mock Examination Timetable – Week 3

	Monday 9 th February	Tuesday 10 th February	Wednesday 11 th February	Thursday 12 th February	Friday 13 th February
8:30 am Start	Computer Science Paper 2 1hr 30mins	Design & Technology 2hr HOSPITALITY and CATERING 1hr 20 mins CONSTRUCTION 1hr 30 mins Classics Paper 2 1hr 30mins	Business 1hr 30 mins Creative iMedia 1hr 30mins	GEOGRAPHY Paper 3 1hr 30mins	
11.00 am Start	GCSE PE Paper 1 1hr 30mins Sports Studies 1hr 15mins	GRAPHIC DESIGN 1hr 30 mins HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE 2hr	Y11 Spanish Reading Higher 1 hr Foundation 45 mins Y11 Spanish Listening Higher 45 Mins Foundation 35 mins		



“The best GCSE grades don’t always go to the cleverest students, they go to those who revised hardest and were prepared”

#ClassOf2026 #MakeYourselfProud #MakeItStick #TeamMoorside #WeCare #TheMoorsideWay

Year 10 Work Experience Reminder

A reminder that our Year 10 students will be taking part in **Work Experience on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July 2026**.

Before Christmas, students received a hard-copy work experience pack, which was also emailed to parents. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for arranging their own placement—this could be through a local employer, family contact, or an organisation linked to their interests and future career goals.

Once a placement has been agreed, the details must be submitted via Morrisby. Morrisby manages the employer approval process and will request parental consent, along with any necessary medical information.

All students have already completed a Morrisby log-on session and know their usernames and passwords. They have also taken an aspirations quiz on Morrisby to help them recognise their interests, strengths, and preferred working environments. This should support them in selecting a suitable work experience placement.

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child research and secure an appropriate placement. Work experience is a valuable opportunity for students to gain real-world insight and develop essential employability skills.

Please note that **all placements must be logged and fully confirmed on Morrisby by Monday 16th March**.

If you have any questions, concerns, or if you do not wish your child to take part in work experience, please contact the school as soon as possible.

Big Energy Saving Week House competition- The results are in!

Last week, students took part in an energy-saving competition across all Houses, focusing on raising awareness about daily habits that help save energy. Each form tutor read six statements related to simple actions such as closing down apps on phones, turning lights and switches off when not in use, and reusing water bottles. Students raised their hands if the statements applied to them and form tutors then tallied the responses to calculate each form's total energy-saving score. Congratulations to Egerton house who collectively achieved the highest energy saving score and were awarded 100 House points!

Here is an example below of how Year 7 got on with the challenge:

Daily Habits												
Year 7												
Form	How many students are present in your form today?	1 I walked, cycled or got public transport to school today.	2 On average, my showers last 5 minutes or less.	3 I unplugged or switched something off at the plug before leaving home today.	4 I have turned a light off today.	5 I have closed an app on my phone rather than leaving it running in the background at least once today.	6 I brought a reusable water bottle to school today.	Form energy saving score	Student Average	HOUSE AVERAGE		
7EM	22	20	10	16	22	21	17	128	5.8182	5.6948052		
7EH	21	17	3	17	21	17	21	117	5.5714			
7JM	21	18	5	13	18	19	12	106	5.0476	4.9038095		
7JH	25	21	3	17	20	22	11	119	4.76			
7LM										4.1304348		
7LH	23	21	6	17	19	17	15	95	4.1304			
7PM	25	14	0	16	16	15	20	106	4.24	4.8315385		
7PH	26	25	2	22	24	24	18	141	5.4231			

Transport Hierarchy

- active travel: walking and cycling
- public transport
- electric and ultra low emission vehicles
- petrol and diesel vehicles
- air travel

Low carbon transport

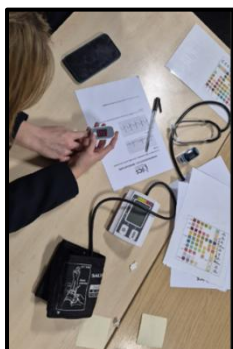
9:41 Power Mode

Adaptive Power

Adaptive Power Notifications

When your battery usage is higher than usual, iPhone can extend your battery life by making performance adjustments, such as lowering display brightness, allowing some activities to take longer, or turning on Low Power Mode at 20%.

Year 10 Medical Day



On Wednesday, seven Year 10 students took part in a Medical Careers Awareness Day after expressing an interest in studying medicine.

Students participated in sessions on Emergency Medical Assistance, Diagnostics, Medical Ethics and Anatomy, all led by current medical students. They also received valuable advice from a practising first-year doctor, giving them real insight into the journey into medicine. This opportunity encouraged our students to be ambitious and confident in pursuing their goals. At Moorside, we actively promote high aspirations and are committed to supporting students as they work towards their future ambitions.



National Apprenticeship Week

Apprenticeships are available for students after Year 11 and involve **work-based learning**; paid employment with a company whilst training towards accredited qualifications that are related to the job role. Apprenticeships can present an exciting alternative to full-time college or university study, with some apprenticeships being available right up to degree or postgraduate level!

The week also presents a fantastic opportunity for both students and parents **in all year groups** to explore apprenticeship options Post-16. Please see below for some further resources.

Amazing Apprenticeships – Parent Zone <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/parent-zone/>

There is a wealth of resources on this website for parents wanting to know more about apprenticeships – including both reading material and podcasts.

BBC Bitesize Careers – Apprenticeship Week resources - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/careers>

Some fantastic resources for students to explore the different types of apprenticeships, including video reels from real life apprentices and podcasts for advice! (Lots of other careers information too!)

[Online Event – Navigate: National Apprenticeship Week Parent and Carer Webinar](#)

Mon 9th February 2026 6.30-7.30pm An online session aimed at parents for further information on apprenticeships. Please book your free place via the [registration link](#).

Click here to find out more about National Apprenticeship Week 9th – 15th February 2026

[National Apprenticeship Week!](#)

Click to access an [Online Event – Apprenticeships Explained Webinar](#)

Wed 11th February 2026, 6-7pm (Scan the QR code to register!)

APPRENTICESHIPS EXPLAINED WEBINAR

Options, Opportunities
and Real Experiences

*An information session for
parents and young people*

📅 Weds 11th Feb 2026

🕒 6pm-7pm

🌐 Online

This interactive session is designed for parents, carers and young people who want to better understand what apprenticeships are really like! The webinar will include a clear overview of apprenticeships, followed by a live apprentice panel, where current and former apprentices will share their real experiences, answer questions and bust common myths.

Whether you're exploring next steps after school or supporting someone else to make informed choices, this event offers practical insights, honest conversations and the chance to hear directly from those who've been there.

[Book your place by clicking here](#), or scan the QR code.

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25 YEARS OF COLLABORATION & IMPACT

**NATIONAL
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WEEK 2026**

Struggling to book, or got a question? Get in touch: info@gmlpn.co.uk

Salford LA, Consultation on Post 16 SEND Home to School Transport

Salford City Council is consulting about proposed changes to Post 16 SEND Home to School Transport. We want to make sure you are aware of what this means and how you can share your views. The consultation will run for 30 days, from: 05 February 2026 to 07 March 2026. Please click [here](#) to access a letter with more information in.

Pre-Loved Uniform– Donations Welcome

At Moorside, we are proud to run a Pre-Loved Uniform service that helps ensure every student has what they need to feel confident and prepared for learning.


If your child has grown out of any school uniform items and you would like to donate them, we would be very grateful. Donations can be dropped off at reception at any time.


Thank you for helping us keep this valuable resource running—your support makes a real difference to our school community.



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.

 Moorside High School
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

 GCSE
Drama performances

You are invited to come and experience the hardwork, dedication and talent of the Year 11 GCSE Drama students!

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 5PM

 Consilium Academies

Safeguarding Update

Mental Health Awareness Week Supporting Our Young People



This week, as part of Mental Health Awareness Week, students across the school have been taking part in activities and discussions focused on understanding and supporting mental health and wellbeing.

How you can support your child at home

You may find that your child wants to talk about some of the themes covered this week or they may prefer to process things quietly. Both are completely normal. You can support them by:

- Checking in regularly and listening without judgement.
- Encouraging healthy routines around sleep, screen time, exercise, and diet.
- Reassuring them that it's okay to feel overwhelmed at times.
- Letting them know where they can get help if they need it.

Further support and advice

If you feel your child may need additional support, the following services may be helpful:

- **Kooth** – a free, confidential online mental wellbeing service for young people, offering access to self-help resources, moderated forums, and one-to-one support with qualified counsellors.
- **GP** – for advice and referrals to specialist services.
- **NHS 111** – for urgent mental health advice.
- **Samaritans** – 116 123 (24/7 listening support).
- **Shout** – text **85258** for free, confidential text support at any time.

Parent/Carer Webinar - How Kooth and Qwell meet the needs of SEND/ASN & neurodivergent people & How Kooth can support young people who are avoiding school. [\[Click here for a link\]](#)

Wider Curricular, Intervention and Exam Dates

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 Summer GCSE Exam dates/times can be found on the school website or 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

CONVICTION



Antonyms:

Doubt; hesitance; uncertainty

Synonyms:

Tenet; belief; opinion

Connected Words:

Convicted

British Values link:

Individual Liberty

Noun:

A conviction is a firmly held opinion or belief.

Moorside focus:

Aspiration, Resilience



How do I say this in Spanish? Convicción

Spanish phrase: Dije con convicción que el Real Madrid es el mejor equipo del mundo.

I said with conviction that Real Madrid are the best team in the world.

The student defended their innocence with conviction



SILENT REMINDER

STUDENTS MUST NOT RIDE THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS ON THE SCHOOL SITE



Cycling is a fantastic way to travel but cyclists are vulnerable on roads. 85 cyclists lost their lives in road accidents in the UK in 2022. The vast majority of cyclist casualties are from incidents on roads with 30mph limits. Anyone hit by a car travelling at 30mph has a 20% chance of dying.

Staying safe when travelling by bike

- At school - Student must **never ride their bike on the school ground**. Please walk with your bike until you are off the school premises and clear of crowds.
- Safety equipment – Cyclists of all ages and levels of experience should wear a helmet. Wearing a well-fitted, good quality cycle helmet does help protect your brain in some types of crashes or falls.
- Bike maintenance – Check your bike before travelling make sure the tyres and the brakes are in good working order.
- Roads/junctions – 45% of cycle accidents occur at or near road junctions. Be extra vigilant and take your time when approaching junctions and roundabouts
- Riding at night – Its illegal to cycle at night without lights. You must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back , red reflectors at the back and amber reflectors on the pedals
- Cycle training – Cycle training can help give you the skills and confidence to cycle safely on the roads. Training covers topics from balance and control to planning independent journeys on busier roads.

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2026 Songwriting Competition

Open to all songwriters aged 18 and under
living or studying in Salford.

- Any genre.
- Song length limit: 5 minutes.
- Record your song any way you wish, phone recordings are just fine!
- Explicit lyrics are not permitted.
- Entries will be judged by a professional panel selected by MAPAS with all entrants receiving feedback on their song.
- Prize: The winning entry will go on to represent Salford at the Greater Manchester with Blackburn and Darwen Music Hub songwriting competition final at Band On The Wall on Sunday 1st March 2026.
- Deadline for entries: **Friday 20th February 2026.**

Submissions should be sent as a google drive
or drop box link to: mapas@scll.co.uk