

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting week in school. As part of National Careers Week, students have taken part in a wide range of activities and guidance sessions to help them explore future pathways and develop their aspirations.

A real highlight for me personally was the privilege of accompanying our Head Students, Daisy and Poppy, to the Youth Mayor Inauguration at Swinton Civic Centre on Tuesday. They represented our school brilliantly.

Also, this week, 35 students enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Hallé Orchestra on Thursday, and we celebrated World Book Day. There have been several events running throughout the week, and one of the stand-out moments was seeing staff arrive on Friday dressed as their favourite book characters. I must admit, I quite enjoyed being the Queen of Hearts for the day... although I'm still undecided about Mr Thompson as Superman!

We work closely with Salford Libraries, and it is fantastic to see our local libraries helping children and young people discover what they enjoy reading by offering such a wide range of books.

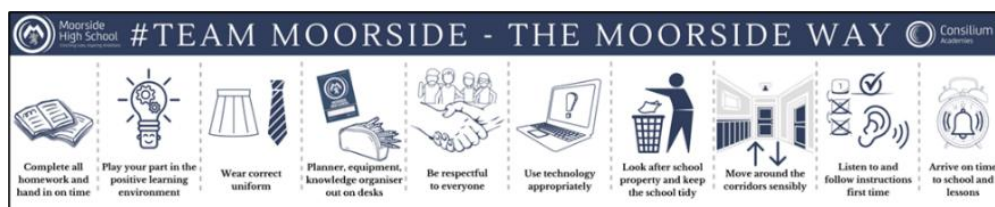
Finally, it was lovely to welcome our Year 9 parents and carers to last night's parent/carer evening, as students begin the process of choosing their GCSE subjects for their final two years with us.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you need any support or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at MHInfo@consilium-at.com.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H Ryles-Dean

Principal



Parent meetings/phone calls

As you are aware, all teaching staff have full days in school, and it is not always possible for them to meet with parents if they turn up to school unannounced or want to speak to them when they initially phone. If you need to speak to a teacher or meet with them, this can be done by arranging a meeting via reception or by emailing MHInfo@consilium-at.com. We appreciate that sometimes your concern or query cannot wait for a set meeting time. If this is the case, then you are able to email the Heads of Year direct or ask reception for them to request they call you back as soon as they are available. In a non-urgent situation, we would always aim to contact you back within two school days, if the situation is more urgent, then reception will always do their best to get a member of the pastoral team to contact you to offer some support the same day, if not immediately. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Exciting Science Week Plans

We are excited to celebrate Science Week with our students!

This year, our theme for British Science Week 2026 (6–15 March) is "Curiosity: What's your question?".

This theme highlights curiosity as the foundation of scientific discovery, encouraging people of all ages to explore the world, ask questions, and engage in STEM. Science Week is a fantastic opportunity to spark curiosity, encourage critical thinking, and inspire a love for learning.

In addition to the activities planned, students in Years 7-9 will also be completing special projects during their science lessons to deepen their understanding and engagement with the theme.

Here is what is in store for all students:

- **Monday** - Tsunamis, Storms & Debris Movement. Focus: How debris moves in natural disasters
- **Tuesday** - Material Properties. Focus: Understanding the properties of materials (metal, wood, plastic)
- **Wednesday** - Students encouraged to display their work during WOW Wednesday
- **Thursday** - STEM Stories. Focus: Learning that scientists and engineers start with curiosity
- **Friday** - Engineering, environmental solutions, and persuasive communication. Students will have a virtual assembly to wrap Science week up and will have an opportunity to engage in more house competitions.

At the end of the week, we will be awarding a "Scientist of the Year" prize to the student who demonstrates the best work and engagement throughout Science Week. We will also be rewarding House Points from the House Challenges that are happening across the week, watch this space for an update next week.

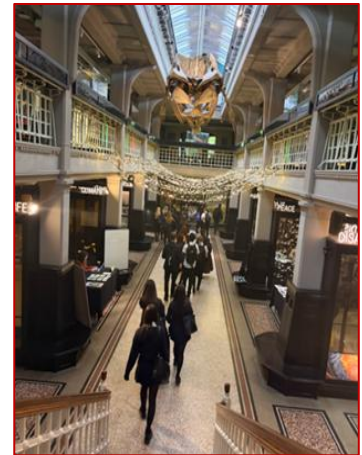
We are really looking forward to highlight Science both within the curriculum and the wider world.

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Year 10 Manchester Museum

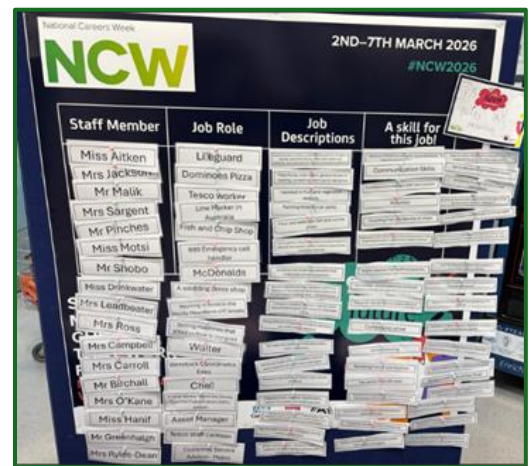
Careers Takeover Day

On Monday, a group of Year 10 GCSE History students visited Manchester Museum for a special Careers Takeover Day. The museum opened exclusively for students, giving them the opportunity to explore the wide range of roles involved in running a large cultural organisation. During the event, students met professionals from different departments, including curators and conservators, marketing and social media teams, education and fundraising staff, and visitor services, learning more about their career journeys and the skills needed for their roles. Students particularly enjoyed exploring the Fossils and Dinosaurs gallery and the Living World gallery, and some even had the chance to dress up which proved to be a highlight of the visit!



Guess the staff job competition

At lunchtime on Wednesday, students took part in a fun and engaging “Guess the Staff Job” competition. They were given descriptions of different jobs along with the key skills needed for each role and had to match them to members of staff by guessing what jobs they had done before working at the school. Students also had to link fun facts to both the job and the staff member, which added an extra challenge. The activity was a great way to highlight the wide range of career pathways our staff have experienced and to encourage students to think about the different skills and opportunities that exist in the world of work.



Salford Youth Major Inauguration Event



Last week, our students took part in the Salford Youth Mayor and Member of Parliament elections during R Time, reading each candidate's manifesto and casting their votes in two categories. The activity encouraged discussion, reflection, and an understanding of democratic processes, with all votes placed securely in a ballot box. Following this, on Tuesday this week, our Head Students attended the official inauguration of the Youth Mayor of Salford at Salford Council Chambers, proudly representing Moorside and taking part in this meaningful civic event celebrating young people in our local community.



It was a valuable experience that allowed students to see democracy in action and appreciate the importance of having their voices heard.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

What is the DofE?

The DofE is a life-changing adventure.

You make it: The DofE is as unique as you are

Millions of young people in the UK have already done their DofE.

Now it's your turn.

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Today, the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) programme was launched to our Year 10 students during an assembly. The Bronze Award offers an excellent opportunity for students to develop new skills, take on challenges, and gain valuable experiences outside the classroom. A sign-up session will be held in the coming weeks, and further information will be shared with students and parents to support participation in this exciting programme. A welcome pack will also be sent out via post to any students that sign up.

Uni4U - Year 10 University Summer School Opportunities!

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YEAR 10 SUMMER SCHOOLS

Greater Manchester Higher

Building Tomorrow:
Construction, Engineering & Technology
Stockport College
23 - 25 June
Non-residential

From Page to Stage
University of Salford
8 - 10 July
Non-residential

Wise Up
University of Manchester
7 - 9 July
Residential

Scientific You
Manchester Met University
20 - 22 July
Residential

TO APPLY VISIT
gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u
(Applications close 6 April)

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE PART?

Our summer school programmes will give you the chance to:

- Scope out university life.
- Meet like-minded students from Greater Manchester.
- Level up your skills and boost your confidence.
- Take a deep dive into various courses and fields of study.
- Learn about different industries and the careers they can open up for you.
- Get crucial advice on making big moves post Year 11 and beyond.

Everything is free, including food and travel to and from school and we promise it's way more fun than your typical school day!

Find out more
gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u

Do you have a child in Year 10 considering university in the future?

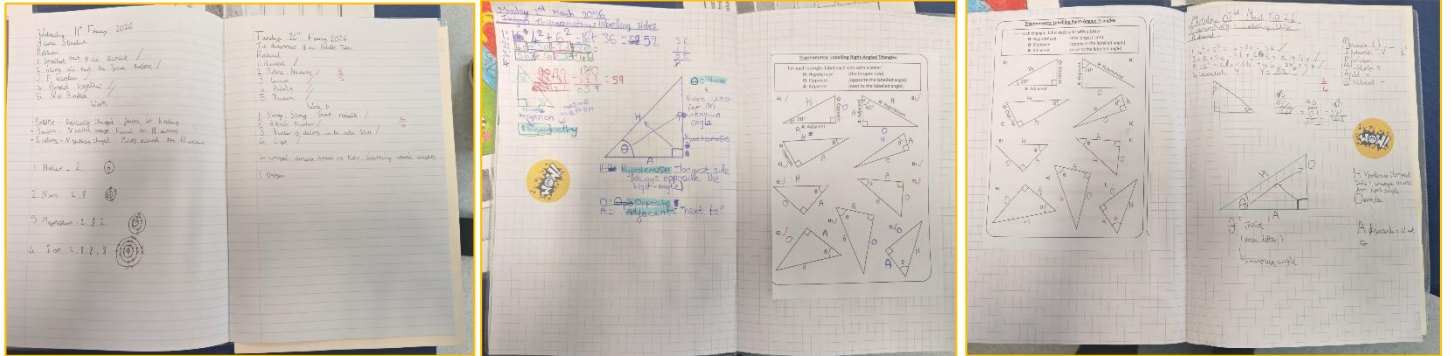
GM Higher are currently promoting their "Uni4U" University Summer Schools, taking place this Summer - applications are now open - closing date is 6th April 2026.

See website for further details and either scan the QR code or [click here to apply!](https://gmhigher.ac.uk/uni4u)

WOW-STEM-Wednesday

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This week's iteration of WOW Wednesday was a STEM masterclass, with all the fabulous content coming from the STEM subjects. Mr Joynson was treated to some delightful work from Science and Maths, with students collecting a prize, postcard and some valuable tokens as a reward for their efforts.



Pankhurst, Pankhurst, Pankhurst

We have recently celebrated the Chinese New Year at Moorside, with this year being the year of the Fire Horse. Well, this week was definitely the week of Pankhurst. Team Pankhurst incredibly dropped 100% of the tokens in the House competition, a feat never achieved before in the history of WOW Wednesday. Fabulous work from Pankhurst, keep it going.

Term Dates & Inset Day Friday 20th March

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



Safeguarding Update - Ivison Trust Webinars

The Ivison Trust is offering a series of webinars, taking place throughout March 2026.



protecting
children, supporting
families

There are two webinars: 'Child Exploitation' and 'Missing from Home' both of which are free to attend. When a child goes missing, parents can be left traumatised and scared. Knowing what to do in these stressful circumstances, and where to go for support is vital. These sessions will raise awareness about grooming and child exploitation. There will be discussions surrounding what 'going missing' looks like. It is not always for days or even hours; sometimes a parent/carer may not even realise their child is going missing, and this is all as a result of the exploiters tactics to keep their activities under the radar.

Learning outcomes

- Increased understanding of child exploitation and missing from home
- Learn the indicators of child exploitation and going missing
- Understand how exploitation impacts the whole family
- Understand where parents can get further support and information.

<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/child-exploitation-and-missing-from-home-webinars-for-parents-and-carers/>

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](#)

A detailed timetable for after-school clubs and activities. The title is '#TeamMoorside After School Clubs & Activities'. The table lists various activities such as Football, Netball, Basketball, and Chess, along with their respective dates and times. There are also icons for different activities like a soccer ball, a netball, a basketball, and a chess piece.

The Growth Company (Trafford Park) are holding an open event below for Y11 students and parents:

Thursday 26 February 2026: 4pm - 6pm. This would suit any Year 11 students interested in:

- Construction trades, Engineering, Motor Vehicle

To secure a place, call the centre on 0161 876 3300 or email Kyle.Bygrave@gceducationandskills.ac.uk

MHSYear7@consilium-at.com, MHSYear8@consilium-at.com, MHSYear9@consilium-at.com,

MHSYear10@consilium-at.com, MHSYear11@consilium-at.com, MHSabsence@consilium-at.com

Email: MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Twitter - [@moorsidehigh](https://twitter.com/moorsidehigh)

Instagram – [moorsidehighofficial](https://www.instagram.com/moorsidehighofficial)

CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



WORD OF THE WEEK

CREDENCE



Antonyms:

Discredit; disbelief

Synonyms:

Belief; faith; trust

Connected Words:

Credit

British Values link:

Individual Liberty

Noun:

Credence is the belief or acceptance that something is true.

Moorside focus:

Resilience



How do I say this in Spanish? crédito

Spanish phrase: Puedo decir con seguridad que el Día Mundial del Libro es el mejor día del año. I can safely say that the World Book Day is the best day of the year.

They all accepted with credence that the rules were there to protect them.



SILENT REMINDER - SCIENCE WEEK



Why do we study Science?

SCIENCE IS EVERYWHERE; IT'S IN THE TECHNOLOGY WE USE, THE MEDICINE WE RELY ON, THE FOOD WE EAT, AND EVEN IN THE WAY WE UNDERSTAND OUR PLANET AND BEYOND.

But most importantly:

- Science is the key to shaping the future.
- Science is a tool to probe and understand what happens in our world.
- It allows us to adapt, innovate, and change the world for the better.
- Knowledge is power, the power to change the world.
- Learning Science gives us that power.

