

#TEAM MOORSIDE PARENT UPDATE



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our final Parent Update of the 2025–2026 academic year. First and foremost, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout the year.

We know that we do not always get everything right and, as we often say, *we don't know what we don't know until you tell us*. Your feedback through our Heads of Year, and everyday conversations has been invaluable in helping us reflect, improve and continue moving Moorside forward.

It has been another busy week in school. Students have enjoyed our Drama Showcase assemblies, represented Moorside at the Salford Schools Athletics Competition, taken part in Geography fieldwork visits, attended Winstanley and Loreto Taster Days, and participated in the More Than Words trip. We have also welcomed Trustees into school.

Although this is our final parent update of the year, we still have an exciting final week ahead with Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Blackpool reward trips, an Engineering Competition, the Pride of Moorside Awards Evening, Rewards Day and our end-of-year Celebration Assemblies. A reminder that school will close for the summer break on Friday 17th July at 2:55pm.

With the hot weather set to continue, please encourage your child to stay hydrated, wear appropriate sun protection and take care when outdoors. As we approach the summer holidays, I would also ask parents and carers to continue to discuss the dangers of open water with their children. Rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals can present significant risks, and we want all our students to enjoy a safe summer break.

As we look ahead to September, we will contact families towards the end of the holiday with further information. In the meantime, please note the following reminders:

- **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September:** Year 7 and Year 11 students only attend school from **8:25am**.
- **Monday 7th September:** All students return to school from **8:25am**.
- All students must wear **plain black school shoes**.
- Every student will require a **school bag suitable for carrying an A4 Knowledge Organiser and Planner**.

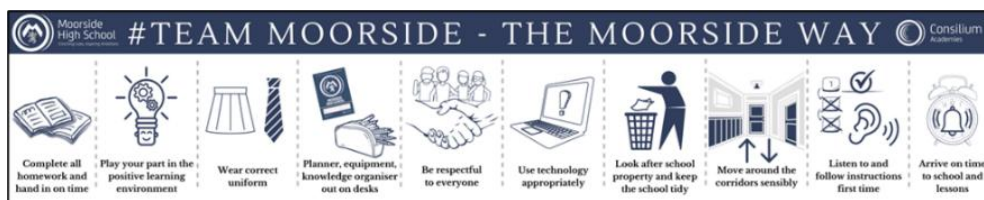
Next year, our focus will be on embedding and refining the systems we have in place, particularly the Moorside Model, rather than introducing significant new initiatives. We will also continue our strong focus on attendance and will work closely with families to support every child to attend school regularly and successfully.

As always at this time of year, we will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities. We thank them sincerely for their dedication and service to Moorside and wish them every success for the future.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. I would also like to congratulate our students for their effort, positivity and achievements. They continue to make us proud and truly embody the spirit of Moorside.

Wishing all our students, families and staff a safe, happy and restful summer break. Next Friday you will receive our summer edition of the Moorside News.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs H Ryles-Dean
Principal



Free School Meal Update

Important information –

To ensure continued eligibility and access to free school meals moving forward, all parents and carers are now **required to add their National Insurance number to the Arbor Parent App**. This information enables us to carry out the necessary eligibility checks quickly and securely.

What you need to do:

- Log in to your Arbor Parent App
- Navigate to your profile or student details section
- Add your National Insurance number where prompted and your date of birth
- Ensure your details are up to date

Providing this information is essential to ensure that your child receives any support they are entitled to without interruption. If you experience any difficulties accessing Arbor or updating your information, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com

Salford Schools Athletics Competition

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils recently represented the school at the annual Salford Schools Athletics Competition held at Cleavley's Athletics Track.

Throughout the day, our pupils demonstrated an excellent attitude, showing determination, resilience and a commitment to doing their very best in every event. Their behaviour and sportsmanship were exceptional, and they represented the school with pride.

We are delighted to report that many of our pupils achieved success, bringing home a number of gold, silver and bronze medals across a range of events. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work and dedication they have shown both in lessons and during training.

At the time of writing, the overall team results have not yet been finalised, and we look forward to sharing these with you once they are confirmed.

Well done to all pupils who took part and thank you for being such excellent ambassadors for the school. We are incredibly proud of your achievements.



Year 10 Work Experience

Last week, our Year 10 students completed two days of work experience across a wide range of industries. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, providing students with valuable insight into the world of work and helping them develop important employability skills such as communication, teamwork, confidence and professionalism.

Students were placed in a variety of sectors including education, beauty, engineering, and many others, giving them the opportunity to explore potential future career paths and gain first-hand experience in real workplace environments.

The feedback from employers was extremely positive, with many commenting on the students' enthusiasm, positive attitudes, willingness to learn and professional conduct throughout their placements. Students returned with increased confidence, a greater understanding of workplace expectations and a renewed motivation to consider their future career ambitions.

Some standout feedback for students included:

'Please pass onto Lola our thanks for her work experience at our Swinton site, all the teachers and teaching assistants spoke highly of Lola and said she would make an excellent TA/teacher/ speech and language therapist. I hope Lola enjoyed her placement and gained some valuable experience in a variety of classes. If you ever need further support, please let me know.'

Springwood Primary School

'The student demonstrated good attention to detail, a positive attitude, and willingness to learn. She completed assigned tasks accurately and on time.'

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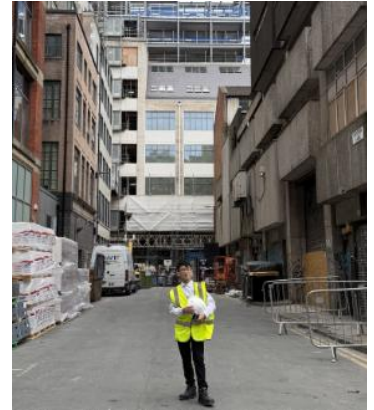
'We took Nathan on site, and showed him a short but sweet, introduction into working as a structural engineer. He was a pleasure to have in the office with us!'

Woolgar Hunter

We were equally delighted with the positive feedback received from our mock interviews last week, with many employers commenting on our students' enthusiasm, preparation, confidence, and maturity throughout the process. We look forward to sharing each student's individual feedback, along with their certificate of participation, during next week.

Year 10 College Taster Days

This week, some of our Year 10 students enjoyed two fantastic college taster days at Loreto and Winstanley College on Tuesday and Wednesday. The visits gave students the opportunity to experience college life first-hand by taking part in taster lessons in subjects they are considering for the future, exploring the campuses independently, and enjoying the freedom and responsibility that comes with college life. They also had the chance to meet new people, make friends, and gain a real insight into what life at college is like. At Winstanley College, students were treated to some extra entertainment, including refreshing mocktails and a live performance from a band!





GET CAUGHT READING THIS SUMMER



Moorside High School
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This summer, encourage your child to embrace the joy of getting caught with a good book in hand as they explore new worlds and ideas. Whether they are lounging by the pool, relaxing in a hammock, or finding shade under a tree, summer is the perfect season to dive into a captivating novel or delve into a thought-provoking non-fiction piece.

So, go ahead and get caught reading this summer, please encourage your children to share what they are reading this summer.

Some ideas on how to do this are below, all suggested by our Student Literacy Ambassador team:

- Take a 'shelfie' of your favourite books on the shelf
- Take a photo of you/your book
- Take a photo of you/your book in your favourite reading spot.



All photographs should be sent to: MHSwellbeing@consilium-at.com
Please state if you would rather it was not shown on social media.

All students will be able to 'cash in' their photographs for a sweet treat in the new school year and be entered into a prize draw for a book prize.

#TEAMMOORSIDE #WECARE



Uniform Ready – Dress Smart, Think Smart

A reminder to all parents and carers that students are expected to wear full school uniform in line with our policy. This helps promote pride, equality and allows staff to focus on teaching and learning. We have kept the costs down by accepting plain navy PE kits and offering free pre-loved uniform items. If you require any support with uniform, please do contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com Students not in correct uniform will receive a consequence, so please check before the term begins. We are just waiting on the uniform suppliers to send some samples for students to look at for a summer uniform. As soon as we have some, we will share with parents/carers.



Equipment Essentials for Success

Being equipped is the first step to being successful. Every student should bring a fully stocked pencil case, scientific calculator, water bottle, planner, and their Knowledge Organiser each day. Don't forget PE kit and ingredients if needed. Planners will be monitored weekly, so students need to make sure they are kept tidy and presentable, used effectively, and signed at home. Let's all start the year organised and ready!



Current Conversations- Real Talk, Real time events



Summer of Sport 2026

Building on a previous R Time session for World Wellbeing Week, pupils explored how staying active is an important part of maintaining both physical and mental wellbeing. This week, they focused on the exciting sporting events taking place over the summer and discussed how everyone can enjoy being active in different ways.

The students learned about major events such as the Men's Football World Cup, the European Athletics Championships and Wimbledon, alongside some unique UK competitions, including the World Bog Snorkelling Championships in Wales and the annual race against a heritage train in Lancashire. These examples helped show that sport comes in many different forms and offers something for everyone.

Pupils also explored how communities can make physical activity more accessible, looking at a Scottish community that transformed a former primary school into a sports hub for climbing, cycling, skateboarding and other activities. They shared simple ways to stay active over the holidays, including walking the dog, swimming, gardening, playing games in the park and spending more time outdoors.

How you can support at home

- Watch or talk about summer sporting events together.
- Encourage your child to try new ways of being active, whether through sport or outdoor activities.
- Visit local parks, leisure centres or community activities.
- Enjoy family walks, bike rides or active games together.

By building on previous week's focus on wellbeing, this session reminded pupils that staying active over the summer, when routines often change, is a simple and enjoyable way to support both physical and mental health.

Questions to discuss at home

- Which summer sporting event would you most like to watch or try, and why?
- Who do you think will win this year's World Cup?
- How does being active make you feel, both physically and mentally?
- What places or activities in our local community help people stay active, and is there anything new we could try together?

Further Reading

For more ideas and advice on helping your family stay active this summer, you may find these resources helpful:

[NHS Better Health](#) – Information and tips on physical activity and healthy lifestyles.

[Sport England – Join the Movement](#) – Inspiration and ideas to help children and families enjoy being active.

[BBC Sport](#) – Coverage of this summer's major sporting events, including Wimbledon and the European Athletics Championships.

Food Bank Donations



As we approach the long summer break, we appreciate that for some families this can often be a challenging time. So, for this reason over the next three weeks, we will be having a real drive on collecting food items for our local food bank. Every time Moorside High School engages in this initiative, we are always overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone. At the moment, the foodbank is running low on tinned fruit, biscuits, jam, and rice pudding. Other items that are also welcome are breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, and tea or coffee. Our local food bank relies on our goodwill and support, and we always appreciate your donations of food. All donations can be left at reception

Safeguarding Update –

In the lead up to the summer holidays, we want to wish all of our families a safe, happy and enjoyable break. With more free time and independence, it's a great opportunity to have regular, open conversations with your child about staying safe, including:

 **Open water safety:** Rivers, lakes, reservoirs and canals can be extremely dangerous, even for strong swimmers. Encourage your child to swim only at supervised locations and never enter open water alone. Find out more at: www.rnli.org



 **Online safety:** Check in about who they're speaking to online, privacy settings and what to do if something doesn't feel right.

 **Socialising:** Encourage them to let someone know where they're going, who they're with and when they'll be home.

 **Wellbeing:** Keep conversations open and remind your child they can always talk to you or another safe adult if they're worried.

Need to report a safeguarding concern over the summer period?

Although school is closed, safeguarding continues over the summer. If you have a concern about one of our students, you can report it via the 'Report a Safeguarding Concern' form on our school website – <https://www.moorsidehigh.co.uk/>

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, always call 999.

Wider Curricular, Intervention and Exam Dates

Please [click here](#) to access the Wider Curriculum Timetable for Years 7-10.

All term dates for the academic year, 26/27 can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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A screenshot of a timetable titled 'Team Moorside After School Clubs & Activities'. It shows a grid of activities for different years and times.

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY

SILENT REMINDER - WATER SAFETY

Summer
WATER SAFETY



We know it's tempting to head for rivers, lakes or Salford Quays to cool off in the water in hot weather. Even on the hottest day any open water is cold.

As soon as you go into cold water, your body goes into shock. It's a natural, automatic reaction and you can't avoid it. Children and young people are particularly vulnerable.

- Cold water shock makes you gasp – you could get water in your lungs, particularly if you've jumped in
- Cold water shock can make you panic – you could swallow water and drown.
- Cold water shock can cause heart failure - even in young people
- Cold water numbs your muscles - making it harder to swim and rescue yourself



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

If you fall in or become tired, stay calm, float on your back, and call for help. If you see somebody who has fallen in, throw something that floats to them.

4 WEEKS OF SUMMER FUN!
AT DEANS YOUTH CENTRE SWINTON.
TUES-FRI 4-8PM 28TH JULY TIL 21ST AUGUST 2026
FOR ANY YOUNG PERSON FINISHING YEAR 6 AND OLDER.
THE WHOLE PROGRAMME IS FREE.
PLACES NEED TO BE BOOKED VIA LINKS BELOW.
IF YOU RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS
IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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