



Moorside
High School

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#Team Moorside Update



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Mrs Ryles-Dean - Principal

Welcome Back to the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome all students and families back to Moorside High School for the 2026-2027 academic year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break and have had the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends.

As we begin a new school year, I would also like to reflect on the fantastic celebrations we shared with our Class of 2026 following their GCSE results. This was our largest Year 11 cohort to date, with 262 students, and we saw some truly outstanding achievements. We are incredibly proud of every student and all that they accomplished during their time at Moorside High School. Their success is a testament to their hard work, determination, and the support provided by families and staff throughout their journey.

The year ahead promises to be another exciting one for our school community. We have much to look forward to and many opportunities for our students to flourish both academically and personally.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child enjoys a successful, rewarding and memorable year at Moorside High School.

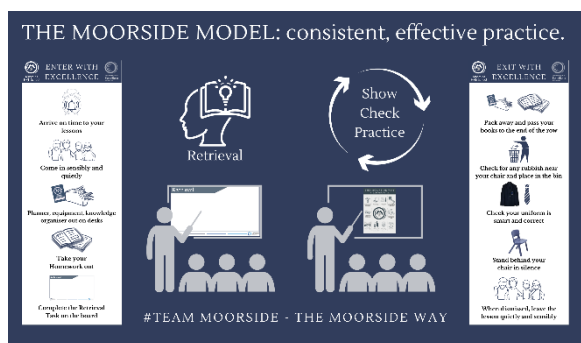
I look forward to seeing all of our students continue to develop, grow, and achieve throughout the 2026-2027 academic year. This is going to be a great year.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H. Ryles-Dean
Principal



Keeping It Simple and Executing It Brilliantly



One of our key messages this year is straightforward: we are not introducing lots of new initiatives.

Instead, we will continue to focus on the things that we know make the biggest difference to students' success. Our aim is to keep it simple and execute it brilliantly. By ensuring consistency in our teaching, behaviour, attendance, and personal development provision, we can continue to provide the very best educational experience for all students.

Parent Communication

Over the past three years, Moorside High School has grown significantly, and with that growth comes an increasing number of achievements, opportunities, and events to share.

Following feedback from parents and carers through our stakeholder voice activities, we have reviewed how we communicate with families. As a result, our Parent Update will now be issued fortnightly rather than weekly.

The fortnightly update will focus on key messages, important reminders, and highlights from across the school. Our larger success stories, student achievements, and wider school developments will be shared through our termly Moorside News publication.

We hope this approach provides families with clear, concise communication while still celebrating the many fantastic things happening across our school community.

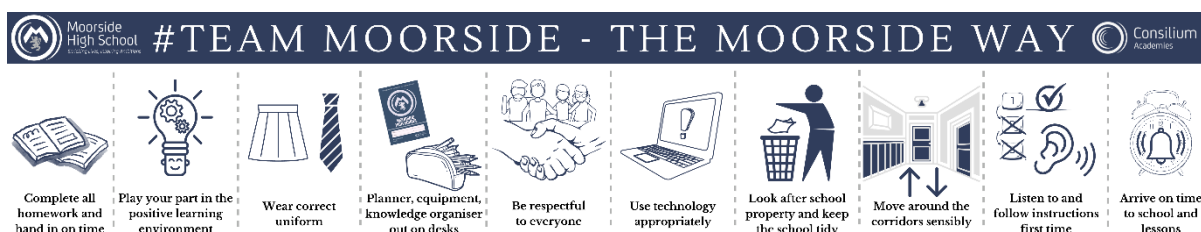


The Moorside Way: High Standards, Great Success

One of our major priorities this year will be maintaining the highest standards across all aspects of school life. Students should arrive at school every day ready to learn, dressed correctly in full school uniform and equipped with a sensible school bag containing the resources they need for the day.

Over the summer, families should have received our Get Ready for September Guide, which contains all the information needed to ensure students are fully prepared for the new academic year. If you have not yet done so, I would strongly encourage you to read this carefully.

I would also encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with our Behaviour Policy. This document clearly outlines our expectations and explains how situations will be dealt with should students choose not to follow school rules and routines. Consistency is important for all students, and our behaviour systems are designed to ensure every child can learn in a calm, safe, and purposeful environment.



Looking Beyond the Classroom

There is so much for students to look forward to this year.

Our programme of Personal Development Awareness Weeks will continue to provide opportunities for students to learn about important issues and develop the skills they need for life beyond school.

Next week, students will also take part in our Enrichment Fair, where they can explore and sign up for a wide range of extracurricular activities, clubs, teams, leadership opportunities and enrichment experiences.

We strongly encourage all students to become actively involved in school life beyond the classroom and to make the most of the opportunities available through the Consilium Passport.

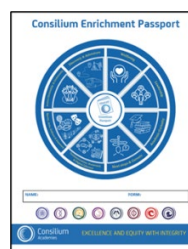


Learning Beyond the Curriculum: The Consilium Passport

The Consilium Enrichment Passport highlights the many opportunities available to students to enrich their education and develop beyond the academic curriculum.

Students can use the Passport to challenge themselves, set personal goals and record their achievements throughout the year. Participation can:

- Support wellbeing
- Stretch talents and interests
- Provide new experiences
- Improve future prospects
- Encourage new friendships and relationships



Students can use their Passport as evidence of their achievements when writing personal statements, applying for future opportunities and discussing progress with their Form Tutor.

What is Enrichment?

Enrichment includes any activity that extends learning beyond the classroom and helps students realise their potential in a variety of settings.

Opportunities available include:

- Sports, music, STEM, arts and library clubs
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- House competitions and events
- School Council and student leadership roles
- Wellbeing Ambassadors and student groups
- Volunteering, charity and community projects
- Academic mentoring and peer support
- Work experience opportunities
- Educational visits and workshops
- National competitions and challenges
- Revision sessions and intervention programmes



Every student can benefit from enrichment, and we encourage all young people to get involved and make the most of the many opportunities available to them throughout the year.

Mobile Phones

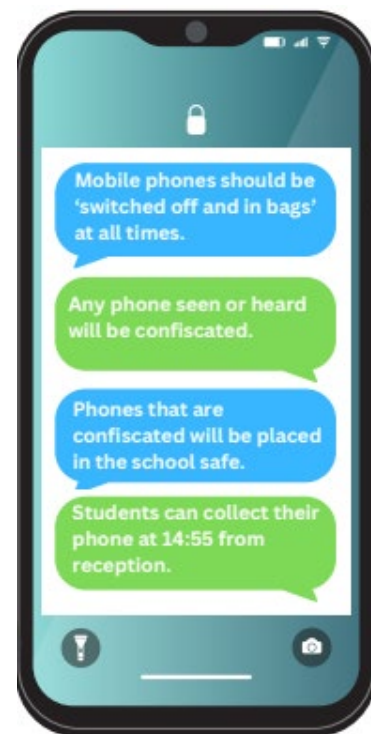
A reminder that Moorside High School operates a mobile-free environment during the school day.

What the law says:

The **Department for Education's updated statutory guidance requires all schools in England to operate as mobile-free environments by default.** Phones are prohibited throughout the entire school day, including lessons, breaktimes, and lunchtimes, with exceptions permitted only for specific medical or individual needs.

If a student breaches the mobile-free policy, the school will:

- **First or second offence:** The device will be confiscated and can be collected by the student from Reception at the end of the school day.
- **Following the second offence:** A letter will be sent home reminding parents and carers of the school's expectations regarding mobile phone use and advising that any further breaches will result in additional consequences.
- **Third offence:** The device will be confiscated, and a parent or responsible adult will be required to collect it from school. **The device will not be returned directly to the student.**



We appreciate the support of parents and carers in reinforcing this expectation, which allows students to focus fully on learning and social interaction throughout the school day.

Attendance and Punctuality

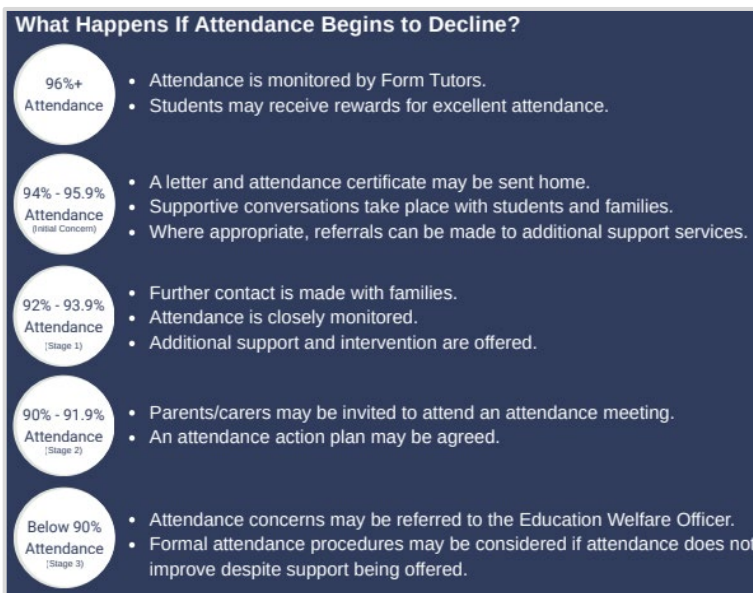
Attendance remains one of the most important factors in determining student success.

When reviewing our Class of 2026 results, we saw a very strong correlation between high attendance and strong outcomes. Students who attended school regularly gave themselves the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring students attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

Punctuality is equally important. Students go directly to Period 1 at the start of the day, meaning that any late arrival results in missed learning.

All students should be on site by 8:25am each morning so they are ready to begin learning promptly.



Together We Can Make Every Day Count
"Every lesson matters. Every day counts."

Year 10 and 11 Information and Guidance Evening

To ensure that parents are fully informed about Key Stage 4, we are holding two evenings over the next few weeks. The purpose of these evenings is to give parents further information on how they can support their child leading up to the GCSE exams and to provide them with information on the support and opportunities we have in place. The evening will cover a variety of topics including what to expect during this academic year, revision, study support tips, health & wellbeing, reporting and assessment procedures as well as some information about planning for the future. The evenings should finish no later than 18:15. Year 11 Parents and Carers should have received a letter with further information. Year 10 Parents and Carers will receive a letter next week.



- Year 11 IAG – Tuesday 8th September 17:00-18:00
- Year 10 IAG – Tuesday 15th September 17:30-18:30

Year 7 Settling In Clinics

To support our new Year 7 students and their families during the transition to secondary school, we will be holding a series of Year 7 Settling-In Clinics throughout September. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with school staff, ask questions, share any concerns, and discuss how their child is settling into life at Moorside High School.

- Thursday 10th September – SEND Evening
- Thursday 17th September – Academic Focus
- Thursday 24th September – Settling-In Focus

We know that moving to secondary school is an exciting milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels happy, supported, and successful from the very beginning. Key members of the team will be available from 15:30-16:30 on each of these Thursdays. If you would like to attend, please register your interest here:

[Year 7 Settling In Clinics](#)

Open Evening – Thursday 8th October

We are delighted to share that our **Whole School Open Evening** will take place on **Thursday 8th October**. This is always one of the highlights of our school calendar, as we welcome prospective Year 5 and Year 6 students and their families to experience life at Moorside High School.

The evening provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase our vibrant school community, celebrate the excellent learning, enrichment and personal development opportunities available to our students, and give visiting families a real insight into what it means to be part of **Team Moorside**.

We are incredibly proud of our students and would love as many of them as possible to play a role in the event, whether as student guides, department ambassadors or by supporting activities and demonstrations throughout the evening. Further information will be shared with students in the coming weeks, but we encourage parents and carers to discuss the opportunity with their children and consider how they might get involved. Their enthusiasm, confidence and pride in our school help make our Open Evening such a memorable and successful event each year.

The poster for Moorside High School's Open Evening features the school's logo and the text 'Moorside High School' and 'Proud to be part of Consilium Academies'. The main title is 'OPEN EVENING' in large, bold letters. Below this, it states 'Thursday 8th October 2026 | 4:30pm - 7:00pm'. A paragraph of text reads: 'Staff and students at Moorside High School are thrilled to invite you to our 2026 Open Evening. On the evening, prospective parents and students can get a real feel for what the school offers and 'The Moorside Way'.' The poster includes a grid of nine small images showing students in various school activities, such as in a library, in a classroom, and in a sports hall. At the bottom, it mentions 'Principal's Talk in the Sports Hall: 5:00pm & 6:00pm' and provides parking information: 'Parking available off the East Lancashire Road, 57 Deans Road | Swinton | Salford | M27 OAP'.

Safeguarding Update:

Medication on site

No child under the age of 16 should be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without Parent/Carer written consent. School should obtain written Parental/Carer consent for each medicine that is to be administered in school.

Reminders:

- Please keep medications in their original containers. Never send medication to school in envelopes, foil, plastic bags or unlabelled bottles.
- Please inform a member of staff if your child is in possession of medication. We recommend this is left at reception and a form signed to consent to this being consumed on site – this includes paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines.
- Please remind your child that they are not to provide or share any medication with their peers. This includes paracetamol.
- If your child has prescription medication to be administered in school, please inform a member of the Pastoral Team/Office staff and the student will be able to self-administer this, supervised by staff following written consent.



Key Dates:

Tuesday 8 th September	Year 11 Information Evening
Friday 11 th September	School Photographs – Year 7 & 11
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 10 Information Evening
Thursday 17 th September	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 th October	Open Evening
Wednesday 14 th October	Careers Fair
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term 14:55

All term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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School Calendar 2026-2027

Term & Half Term	Dates	Notes
Autumn Term – HT1	1 st September – 23 rd October 2026	
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day	No students in school
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET Day	No students in school
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of Term	ONLY Years 7 & 11 in school
Monday 7 th September	Continued Start of Term	All students in school
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term	14:55
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term Break	No students in school
Autumn Term – HT2	2 nd November – 18 th December 2026	
Monday 2 nd November	All students return	On site for 08:25
Friday 27 th November	INSET Day	No students in school
Friday 18 th December	School Closes for Half Term	14:55
21 st December – 1 st January	Christmas Holidays	No students in school
Spring Term – HT3	4 th January – 12 th February 2027	
Monday 4 th January	All students return	On site for 08:25
Friday 12 th February	INSET Day	No students in school
Friday 12 th February	School Closes for Half Term	14:55
15 th – 19 th February	Half Term Break	No students in school
Spring Term – HT4	22 nd February – 2 nd April 2027	
Monday 22 nd February	All students return	On site for 08:25
Friday 26 th March	Good Friday (Bank Holiday)	School closed
Monday 29 th March	Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)	School closed
Friday 2 nd April	School Closes for Half Term	14:55
7 th – 16 th April	Easter Holidays	No students in school
Summer Term – HT5	19 th April – 28 th May 2027	
Monday 19 th April	All students return	On site for 08:25
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 28 th May	School Closes for Half Term	14:55
31 st – 4 th June	Half Term Break	No students in school
Summer Term – HT6	7 th June – 23 rd July 2027	
Monday 7 th June	All students return	On site for 08:25
Friday 16 th July	School Closes for Summer	14:55
Mon 19 th – 22 nd July	INSET Days	No students in school