



Moorside
High School

2ND OCTOBER 2026

#Team Moorside Update



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Mrs Ryles-Dean - Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the autumn term, school life is already in full swing, and it has been wonderful to see our students embracing every opportunity available to them.

Our charity and awareness events have got off to a fantastic start, with our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning and cake sale raising an incredible £303.35. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked and supported such a worthwhile cause.

Last week, we welcomed a number of visitors from other schools and across the Consilium Academies Trust. They spent time looking at the work taking place across the school and, without exception, commented on how smart, respectful and welcoming our students were. As always, our young people were excellent ambassadors for the Moorside community.

We were also pleased to welcome Salford Youth Zone, who delivered assemblies to students in Years 7-10. Meanwhile, our Year 11 students have been focusing on their future success through assemblies on the importance of intervention, making the most of additional support opportunities and understanding their targets so they know exactly what they are working towards.

On Wednesday, we carried out our termly fire drill. Students were fantastic throughout, demonstrating maturity and following procedures carefully. Next week we will undertake our termly lockdown drill practice. Further information about this can be found later in this update.

We also said a fond farewell to long-serving member of staff, Mrs Kirk, who completed her final day at Moorside after an extraordinary 45 years of service. Her contribution to generations of students, families and colleagues has been immense, and we wish her a long and happy retirement.

The next two weeks promise to be just as busy. We look forward to welcoming our Year 5 and Year 6 families to our Open Evening, hosting the No More Knives Roadshow on Monday 12th October, and taking part in a live-streamed learning event from the British Museum on the Bayeux Tapestry with Year 7 on 14th October.

On Wednesday 14th October, we will also be hosting our annual Careers Fair for students in Years 9-11 and their families. The evening will begin with a SEND Post-16 Information Presentation for parents and carers of students with any additional needs from 4:00pm to 4:20pm. SEND students/parents/carers will then be able to visit the Careers Fair when it is quieter between 4:20pm to 4:45pm. The Careers Fair will then be open to all families of Years 9-11 from 4:45pm until 6:00pm, providing an excellent opportunity to speak with colleges, training providers, employers and other organisations about future pathways and opportunities.

Finally, our SEND football teams will be proudly representing the school in competition on Friday 16th October, and we wish them every success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at MHsinfo@consilium-at.com if you have any concerns or ideas to continue to move the school forward.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H. Ryles-Dean
Principal



#TEAM MOORSIDE - THE MOORSIDE WAY



Complete all
homework and
hand in on time



Play your part in the
positive learning
environment



Wear correct
uniform



Planner, equipment,
knowledge organiser
out on desks



Be respectful
to everyone



Use technology
appropriately



Look after school
property and keep
the school tidy



Move around the
corridors scusily



Listen to and
follow instructions
first time



Arrive on time
to school and
lessons

Mrs Kirk Congas Out of Moorside After 45 Years

On Tuesday 29th September, Mrs Kirk completed her final day at Moorside High School, an extraordinary 45-year career dedicated to our students, staff and wider school community.

To mark this remarkable milestone, the whole school joined Mrs Kirk for one final Moorside conga as she led students and staff around the school grounds in celebration of her time with us. The atmosphere was filled with gratitude, memories and appreciation for someone who has played such a significant role in the life of the school for generations.

Following the conga, staff gathered together to say a final farewell and reflect on the lasting impact Mrs Kirk has had throughout her career. As a teacher, Head of Year, trip leader and champion of school culture, she has inspired thousands of young people and created countless memories that will live on long after her retirement.

Mrs Kirk leaves behind an incredible legacy of dedication, care and commitment to the Moorside community. We thank her for her 45 years of service and wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement. She will always be a part of the Moorside family.



Student Leadership Team

A huge congratulations to all the students who applied for a role within our Student Leadership Team this year. We were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, effort and commitment shown in the applications.

We are delighted to welcome 65 students from Years 7-10 into our Student Leadership Team across our five leadership areas. A special thank you also goes to our Year 11 Student Leaders, who dedicated their time to reviewing applications and helping to allocate roles. Their professionalism and thoughtful consideration were greatly appreciated.

We are excited to see our new student leaders begin their journey, sharing ideas, representing the views of their peers and helping to make a positive impact across our school community. There are many exciting opportunities ahead, and we look forward to seeing the leadership, creativity and dedication they bring to their roles.

The first Student Leadership Team meetings will take place over the coming weeks, giving students the opportunity to meet their teams, discuss priorities and start planning their first projects. We can't wait to see what they achieve together.

Macmillan Cake Sale

We are delighted to share that our Macmillan cake sale raised an amazing **£303.35!** A huge thank you to all of our students, families and staff for their incredible generosity in donating, baking and purchasing cakes. Your support has helped us raise a fantastic amount for Macmillan Cancer Support and the vital work they do to support people living with cancer and their families.

The cake sale was also a House competition, with each House competing to raise the most money. A special well done to Pankhurst House, who came first!

- 1st – Pankhurst: £88.76 (50 House tokens)
- 2nd – Egerton: £77.63 (40 House tokens)
- 3rd – Lowry: £76.89 (30 House tokens)
- 4th – Joule: £65.07 (20 House tokens)



A special thank you to Martha, our Charity and Community Lead, who went above and beyond by hand-making beautiful green Macmillan scrunchies to sell as part of our fundraising.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed. We are incredibly proud of Team Moorside and the generosity shown by our school community.



Recycle Week



Last week, we were proud to celebrate Recycle Week, with our Year 11 Senior Prefect Eco Lead, Megan, helping to lead a range of activities across the school. Megan worked hard to create and record a virtual assembly, encouraging students to think about recycling, sustainability and the positive impact that small actions can have on our environment.

Students also took part in our Plastic Bottle House Challenge, collecting plastic bottles for recycling throughout the week, while our No Paper Usage Day encouraged staff and students to consider alternative ways of working through digital resources, discussion-based activities and other creative approaches that reduce waste.



A huge thank you to all of our staff and students for getting involved and supporting the week. We are particularly proud of Megan for the enthusiasm, commitment and leadership she has shown in promoting sustainability across our school community.

Did you know?

Our school ties are made using recycled plastic bottles, showing how everyday items can be transformed into something useful while helping to reduce waste and protect the environment.

We look forward to continuing to develop our sustainability work over the coming year, including making better use of our allotment and exploring further opportunities to reduce packaging and food waste. Together, we can all play a part in creating a greener future.

European Day of Languages

This week, we celebrated European Day of Languages, giving students the opportunity to explore different languages and cultures in a fun and engaging way.

Students took part in a Disney-themed language quiz and enjoyed a range of language-based quizzes during their Personal Development time. It was fantastic to see students getting involved, testing their knowledge and celebrating the diversity of languages spoken across Europe.



Salford Everywhere

We are delighted to share an invitation to the premiere of 'Salford Everywhere' at Peel Park, as some of our students were involved in filming the project last year.

The premiere will take place on both the 9th and 10th October, and we would love students who were involved, along with their families, to have the opportunity to attend and celebrate the film and the contribution they made to the project.



Harvest Appeal

Our next charity and community drive is our Harvest Appeal, supporting families and individuals in our local community who may be experiencing difficult circumstances. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about the importance of supporting others and the vital role that food banks and community organisations play in helping those in need.



We are asking our school community to support the appeal by donating non-perishable food items. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help us make a positive difference to those in our local community.

The appeal will also form part of our House competition, giving students the opportunity to work together to support an important cause while earning House points. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and for supporting our students in making a positive difference to our local community.

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.



Lockdown Drill

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our school community safe, we will be carrying out a lockdown drill at some point next week. This is a routine procedure that takes place each term and helps ensure that students and staff know how to respond calmly and safely in the event of an emergency.

Just like a fire drill, the lockdown drill is an opportunity to practice our procedures and make sure everyone understands what to do. Students will be supported by staff throughout the process and will receive clear instructions during the drill.

We would like to reassure parents and carers that this drill is not being carried out in response to any specific concern. It is simply part of our regular safety procedures and helps us maintain a safe and prepared school environment for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sleep Support for Families

NHS Greater Manchester, alongside Salford Locality, is developing a new sleep support offer for families who are experiencing sleep difficulties linked to neurodevelopmental needs.

To ensure the support provided meets the needs of local families, they are seeking feedback from parents and carers. Your views will help shape future services and identify the types of support that would be most beneficial.

If your child experiences sleep difficulties related to neurodevelopmental needs, we would encourage you to complete the questionnaire and share your experiences.

Thank you for taking the time to contribute to this important piece of work. Your feedback will help inform the development of support for families across Salford and Greater Manchester.

[Sleep Questionnaire – Fill out form](#)

Salford Annual SEND Survey

Parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are invited to take part in the Salford Annual SEND Survey.

[SalfordPCF Annual SEND Survey link](#)

The survey provides an important opportunity for families to share their experiences of SEND services, highlight what is working well, identify areas for improvement, and tell local services what matters most to them. The feedback collected will help shape future SEND planning, development and support across Salford, ensuring that the voices of parent carers remain at the heart of decision-making.

We encourage all families of children with SEND to complete the survey and share their views. Your feedback can make a real difference in helping to improve services for children, young people and their families.

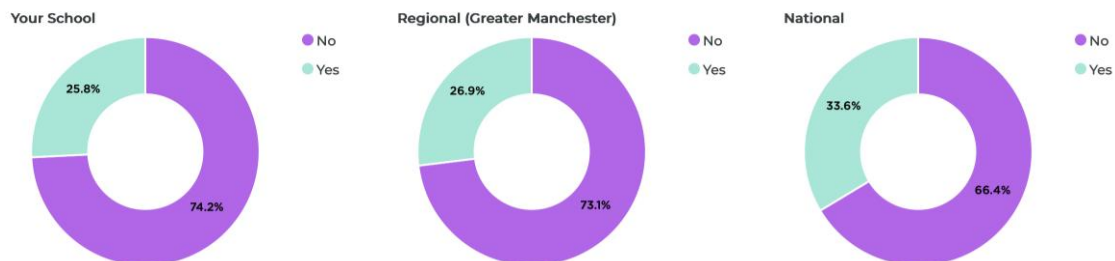


Each week, students have the opportunity to share their views and cast their vote on topical issues affecting young people and wider society through our Votes for Schools programme. Here's a look at the questions students have been considering and voting on over the past two weeks.

Does canteen food need to change?

Last week, students explored the question “Does canteen food need to change?” as part of their weekly Votes for Schools activity. They considered the Government’s announced changes to school food in England, including new rules that will affect food served in schools and attached sixth forms from 2027. This was particularly relevant to students as the changes could directly affect the food choices available to them in school and, for older students, in sixth form. Students discussed the potential impact of the changes on young people before sharing their views and casting their votes.

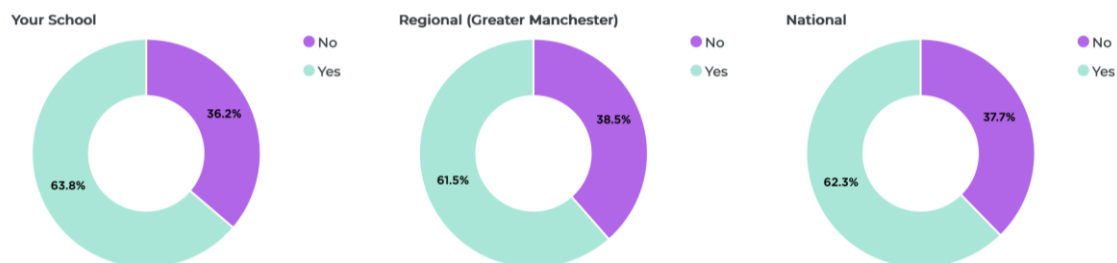
School vs National results



Should e-scooters be legalised on the roads?

This week, students explored whether e-scooters should be legalised on UK roads through their Votes for Schools activity. They learned that, although e-scooters are increasingly common, riding a privately owned e-scooter in public spaces, including roads, pavements and cycle lanes is currently illegal in the UK. Students considered why e-scooters have become so widespread, alongside the potential benefits and safety concerns of changing the law. They then shared their views and voted on the issue.

School vs National results



[VotesforSchools](#) – Find out more about the weekly programmes and how it gives young people opportunities to discuss current issues and have their say.

Safeguarding Update:

Reporting Concerns

We understand that parents and carers may sometimes have concerns regarding incidents, behaviour or interactions involving students. We ask that any concerns are shared **directly with school** so that they can be appropriately investigated and responded to, rather than being raised or discussed through social media, Parent/Carer group chats or other informal channels.

How to report a concern

If you see, hear or become aware of anything concerning involving other students, please **contact the school directly** using the appropriate communication channels, sharing any relevant information or evidence that may help us to understand and investigate the concern. This can be actioned by:

- Using the **"Report a Concern"** form on our school website.
- Contact a member of the **Safeguarding Team** directly.
- Contact a member of the **Pastoral Team** who can ensure the concern is passed to the appropriate person.

We kindly ask that you do not attempt to resolve concerns directly with other students, parents/carers or families, or discuss individual students on social media or group chats. Raising concerns directly with school allows us to assess the situation, establish the facts, maintain appropriate confidentiality and provide support where needed.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful school community.



NAVIGATING HIGHER EDUCATION:

A parent & Carers Series 2026-2027



Our range of online talks aim to empower you by providing the knowledge you need to guide your young person when navigating higher education.

- **Wednesday 14 October, 6 – 7pm; Online**
Navigating Higher Education
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y11 - 13
- **Wednesday 18 November, 6 – 7pm; Online**
Supporting GCSE Choices
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y9
- **Wednesday 9 December, 6 – 7pm; Online**
Discover Options After Y11
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y10 - 11
- **Wednesday 24 February, 6 – 7pm; Online**
Future Ready: Supporting your child's higher education journey
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y10 - 13
- **Tuesday 23 March, 6 – 7pm; Online**
A guide to student finance and Disabled Student Allowance
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y10 - 13
- **Tuesday 11 May, 6 – 7pm; Online**
Accessing Support in Higher Education
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Y10 - 13



**FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO BOOK YOUR PLACE,
PLEASE VISIT:**

gmhigher.ac.uk/parents-carers

Key Dates:

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

SILENT REMINDER - #TEAM MOORSIDE

Challenge yourself and others to improve the following:

- Moving around the school site sensibly and respectfully
- Clearing our own litter and plates at break and lunch
- Being in the correct locations at social times
- Walking bikes off site at the end of the day
- Not accessing mobile phones till you are outside the school building
- Walking with purpose when accessing the toilets during lesson time



NO LITTERING



We all contribute to the reputation and culture of this school.

What role will you play in helping to improve the school this half term? If we all raise our standards slightly, our team will be more effective



READY
TO
LEARN



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

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CONSIDERATION ASPIRATION RESILIENCE EQUALITY



Year 11 Update

Year 11 students have made a positive start to the academic year, with a continued focus on preparing for their GCSE examinations and planning their next steps beyond Moorside.

We have been delighted to see engagement with GCSEPod continue to grow, with over half of the Year 11 cohort now actively using the platform. We are also celebrating our weekly Top Podders, recognising students who are demonstrating excellent commitment to independent study. Parents and carers can support this progress by encouraging regular GCSEPod use at home and helping students to establish consistent revision habits.

Students have also taken part in a series of college and sixth form assemblies, hearing directly from providers including ADA National College for Digital Skills, Salford City College Group, Bolton Sixth Form College and Loreto College. Alongside support with college applications and a lunchtime event with Winstanley College, these opportunities have helped students explore the wide range of pathways available after Year 11.

Our Year 11 intervention programme is now underway. Students attended an Intervention Matters assembly, which highlighted intervention as an opportunity to access additional support and maximise progress. All students have received a copy of the intervention timetable, and the encouragement of parents and carers to attend and fully engage with any sessions they are invited to will be invaluable.

Students have also taken part in an Understanding Your Targets assembly, helping them to understand what they are working towards and how they can continue to make progress. Mock examination timetables have now been issued, with the first mock examinations beginning on 2 November.

Looking Ahead

Over the coming weeks, Year 11 students will continue to develop their revision skills and attend targeted intervention sessions as preparations for the Autumn Mock Examinations gather pace. They will also continue to receive guidance and support with their post-16 applications and future pathways, ensuring they are well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Main changes: Improved flow, removed repetition, tightened some wording, and strengthened the transition between current activities and upcoming milestones to make the update more engaging and parent-friendly.

Y11s: Information for College & Sixth Form open events

Open Events are really important to attend if you are thinking of doing further studies after your GCSEs. It is your chance to RESEARCH different places and courses and find out what options are best for **YOU**.

Even if you are not thinking of this pathway (for example if you want to do an apprenticeship instead) it is still important to consider researching colleges or sixth form as a backup plan; so still try and visit a few places!

- Before you attend an open event, it is a good idea to do some research first – check on the college or sixth form website to see if they offer the courses you are interested in – this can also help explore different options if you are not sure what courses you want to do yet
- You can attend as many open events as you like – in fact, it is a good idea to attend at least 2 or 3 different places so you can make a fair comparison
- You are welcome to bring along family members and friends (*just double check college websites in case you need to register for tickets!*)
- Make sure you ask lots of questions – for example you might have questions about different courses, about the **entry requirements** (what GCSE grades you might need) or questions on careers or university. **Don't be afraid to ask the colleges if you have any questions or worries – they will be happy to help! ☺**
- There is no commitment to apply to a college or sixth form at an open event, though you may be able to do this on the day if you wish (college application deadlines are typically around Christmas time and you can request support with this in school)



College & Sixth Form Open Events 2026-2027



Please always check college websites before events for booking details or changes.

Family & Friends are welcome to attend!

SALFORD CITY COLLEGE (5 CENTRES ACROSS SALFORD)

Please book via college website

Pendleton Sixth Form College

Saturday 19th September 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 22nd October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

City Skills Centre

Monday 5th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 14th November 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Eccles Sixth Form College

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 12th November 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Loreto College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm
Sun 18th October 2026 - 10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm

Please book via website

Xaverian College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10:30am – 2:00pm
Sun 18th October 2026 - 10:30am – 2:00pm

Please book via website

The Sixth Form Bolton

Sat 10th October 2026 – 10.00am – 1.30pm
Sat 21st November 2026 – 10.00am – 1.30pm

Please book via website

Winstanley College

Sat 3rd October 2026 – 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wed 21st October 2026 – 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thu 12th November 2026 – 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wed 13th January 2027 – 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Please book via website

Urmston Grammar Sixth Form

Wed 11th November 2026* – 6.00pm – 8.30pm
**Provisional – Please check & book via website*

Trafford College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10.00am-2.00pm
Please book via college website.

UTC – Media City UK

Thu 22nd October 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Please book via college website.

Worsley College

Tuesday 6th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Future Skills @ MediaCityUK

Wednesday 7th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 7th November 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Access Creative College (Manchester)

Sat 17th October 2026 – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Sat 28th November 2026 – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Sat 23rd January 2027 – 11.00am – 2.00pm

Please book via college website

Bolton College

Wed 14th October 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 17th November 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Mon 11th January 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Mon 8th February 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Thu 11th March 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 11th May 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Please book via college website

The Manchester College

Tue 6th October 2026 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Sat 14th November 2026 – 10.00am - 1.00pm
Thu 5th March 2027 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Please book via college website

ADA Manchester (National College for Digital Skills)

Thu 1st October 2026 – 5.00pm-7.30pm
Tue 17th November 2026 – 5.00pm-7.00pm

Please book via college website

The Growth Company GM Skills Centre, Trafford

(Pre-Apprenticeships in Construction trades & Automotive)

Thu 22nd October 2026 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 10th December 2026 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 28th January 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 11 March 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 29 April 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 10th June 2027 - 4pm - 6pm

No booking required

Mobile Phones

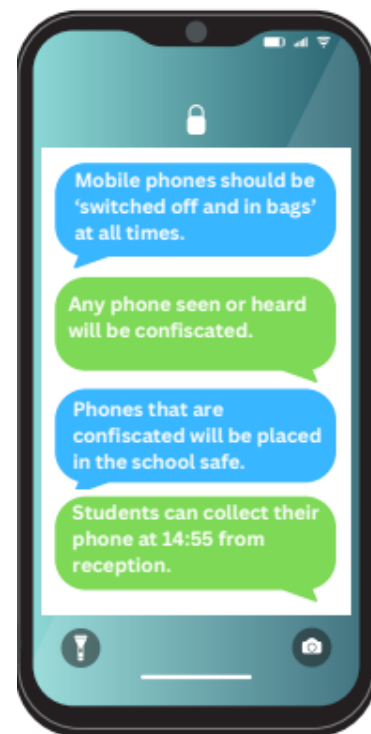
A reminder that Moorside High School operates a mobile-free environment during the school day.

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

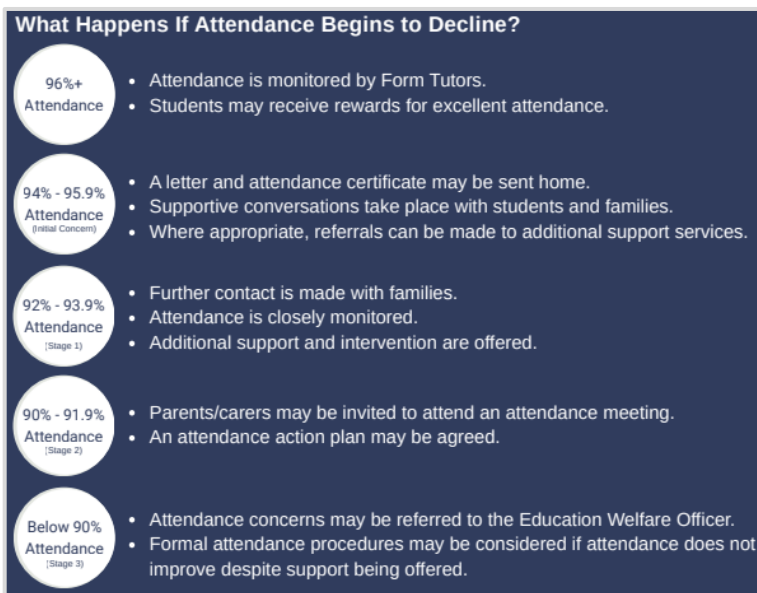
Attendance remains one of the most important factors in determining student success.

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."