

23rd October 2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a long and busy half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. This term has been filled with successes, challenges, learning opportunities and memorable experiences, and our students have represented Moorside with pride on so many occasions. We know that the last few weeks have been demanding for both students and families, so over the half-term break we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time together. We want our students to return refreshed, positive and ready for another successful half term. All students return to school on **Monday 2 November 2026** and should be on site by **8:25am** each day.

As we look ahead to Half Term 2, I would be grateful if you could take a few moments over the break to revisit our expectations with your child. Strong partnerships between home and school are one of the most important factors in ensuring students achieve their very best.

Proud to Be Team Moorside

At Moorside, we want every student to feel proud of themselves, proud of their achievements and proud to be part of Team Moorside. The way students conduct themselves, both in school and in the community, says a great deal about who they are and the values they hold. We encourage all students to represent the school positively, showing respect to others and behaving in a socially responsible manner on their journey to and from school. These habits and expectations help prepare young people for adulthood, employment and future success.

Attendance and Punctuality Matter

Excellent attendance and punctuality are essential for academic success and personal development.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time each morning. Students should be on site by **8:25am**, ready for the start of the school day. Arriving late to school can have a significant impact on learning and attendance records. Any student arriving after **9:00am** receives a late mark that can have a substantial effect on overall attendance and may contribute towards Local Authority action, including the potential issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices where attendance concerns meet the relevant thresholds. Starting the day positively and on time helps students feel settled, organised and ready to learn.

High Standards of Uniform and Presentation

We believe that high standards of appearance help foster a sense of pride, belonging and professionalism. Please support us by ensuring students return after the break in full school uniform and ready for learning. In particular:

- Skirts should be of an appropriate professional length and should not be rolled up.
- Shoes should be plain black school shoes and not trainers.
- Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- Blazers and ties should be worn correctly.
- Makeup, if worn, should be discreet and natural-looking.
- One small stud earring in each earlobe is permitted.
- Other jewellery should not be worn.
- Hair should be neat, sensibly styled and of a natural colour.

These expectations are about much more than uniform alone. They help students develop pride in themselves, self-discipline and the professional habits that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Prepared for Learning Every Day

Being ready to learn is just as important as being present.

All Key Stage 3 students have been provided with:

- A zip folder
- A planner
- A knowledge organiser
- A reading ruler

These resources are used regularly in lessons and should be brought into school every day.

Our pastoral teams greet students each morning and will continue to complete equipment and uniform checks. Where students need support, we will always work with them to ensure they have what they need to be successful in school.

A Message for Year 11

For our Year 11 students, the upcoming half term marks the beginning of an important period as they approach their first set of mock examinations.

The mock exams are a valuable opportunity to identify strengths and areas for development, helping us direct intervention and support where it is needed most. They also form an important starting point when considering predicted grades for references, college applications and future pathways.

While we encourage students to use some of the break for revision and preparation, we also want them to enjoy a healthy balance. Rest, wellbeing and family time remain incredibly important, and students perform at their best when they return feeling refreshed and motivated.

Support Is Available

We understand that there are times when families may need a little extra support. If you require assistance with school uniform or equipment, we have a pre-loved uniform collection available at no cost. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to help. You can contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com, and a member of the team will be happy to support you.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. By working together, we can ensure that every student returns after the break ready to learn, ready to succeed and ready to make the most of every opportunity ahead.

I wish you and your family a restful, enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 2 November 2026 at 08:25.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ryles-Dean

Principal

