Moorside High School

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Ref: Year 11 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Positive Start to Year 11

It is hard to believe that Year 11 have now been back in school for 12 weeks. During this time, students have embraced the opportunities available to them and have made a positive start to this important year.

Alongside their GCSE studies, many students are now preparing for college applications, apprenticeships and other post-16 opportunities. We are proud of the mature approach they are showing as they begin to plan for their future.

Reflecting on the Mock Examinations

We would like to congratulate students on the way they approached their recent mock examinations. It was particularly pleasing to see so many students attending the pre- and post-exam workshops, demonstrating a real commitment to achieving their potential.

Following the examinations, staff have been carrying out detailed analysis of students' responses. This allows us to identify specific strengths and areas for development so that teaching, interventions and revision can be targeted where they will have the greatest impact.

Mock Results Day

On Tuesday 1 December, students will take part in a dedicated Mock Results Session.

Students will receive their results in the Sports Hall, in envelopes, mirroring the experience they will have on GCSE Results Day in the summer. Prior to this, they will attend an assembly focused on:

- Understanding and reflecting on their results
- Celebrating successes
- Identifying areas for improvement
- Planning their next steps

Students will then be supported to create an eight-week plan to help them either maintain their current grades or continue making progress ahead of the next mock examinations.

Looking Ahead

The next set of mock examinations will take place during the week commencing 25 January 2027.
While January may seem some way off, there are only nine school weeks, including the Christmas period, between now and these examinations. Every lesson, intervention session and revision opportunity will count.

Intervention and Support

All intervention sessions are now fully up and running. These sessions are designed to provide focused support and help students address any gaps identified through the mock examinations.
We strongly encourage all students to attend the sessions recommended by their teachers and to make full use of the support available. Further information about intervention sessions and revision resources can be found on the school website.

T'is the Season to Study

We are also excited to launch our "T'is the Season to Study" initiative.

This programme will provide a range of incentives and rewards for students who engage fully with intervention sessions and independent study throughout the lead-up to Christmas.
The initiative will culminate in a bespoke Year 11 Winter Wonderland Afternoon on Tuesday 15 December, recognising students' commitment and hard work.

Year 11 Parents' and Carers' Evening

Our Year 11 Parents' and Carers' Evening will take place on Thursday 3 December.
This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, review their mock examination outcomes and identify the steps needed to continue moving forward. Bookings are now open, and we strongly encourage all families to attend. We are aware that for some staff, especially those that have multiple groups, slots may be filled up quickly. We are looking at this and trying to find an opportunity for additional time for conversations to take place should parents not be able to secure a slot with a member of staff.

Attendance and Standards Matter

As we move through this crucial stage of Year 11, excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour remain more important than ever. Our focus should be on securing the very best outcomes for every student. We do not want valuable learning time lost through absence, lateness or poor standards. Success at GCSE is built on consistent effort over time, and every lesson really does count.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together over the coming weeks and months, we can ensure that every Year 11 student is in the strongest possible position heading into their next round of mock examinations and, ultimately, their GCSEs.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com where your email will be forwarded to the best member of staff to support.

Kind Regards



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