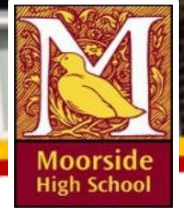




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From the Head Teacher

It has been fantastic to see students arrive this week in such a positive frame of mind and ready for a new year. Year 11 made a strong start on their first GCSE preparation day and have really set the bar high this year. We are extremely excited to see what this cohort can achieve. Year 7 completed a team building day on Tuesday and already feel part of the Moorside family.

Years 8, 9, and 10 all started on Wednesday and made a brilliant start to their year.

Thank you to all students for the standards shown in uniform and the effort they have made in making the start of the year so positive.

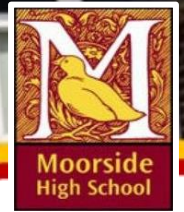
Assemblies this week have focused on how **'hard work puts you where the good luck can find you'**. I was immensely proud to share some of the successes we had at GCSE last year with many subjects finishing above national averages in key measures and initial signs suggesting we have moved back to a positive Progress 8 score. This was due to the hard work and effort of last year's Year 11s, whom I wish every success to as they start the next step in their own journeys.

Special Mentions

Past Student Destinations

Former pupils have continued from their strong basis to now progress from our associated sixth form (SFC) with phenomenal success. Abbie L has gone on to study German and Spanish at St Andrews University, Jade G has secured her place to study History at Oxford University, Harrison D will be enrolling on a Product and Furniture Design course at the University of the Arts in London and Emily D will be joining the prestigious LIPA, doing Theatre and Performance Design. Congratulations to them all.

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School News

Mr Morley's Message

I hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement as we kick-start another amazing school year at Moorside High School. After a relaxing and enjoyable summer break, it is time to get back to our studies and embrace new learning experiences. Keep in mind as we begin this school year:

- **New Beginnings:** Each school year is a fresh start, filled with new opportunities, friendships, and knowledge. We hope your child will embrace this with enthusiasm and an open mind.
- **Reconnecting:** Your child will be able to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Pupils in our school community are encouraged to support each other like a second family.
- **Set Goals:** We will encourage your child to take a moment to think about their academic and personal goals for this year. Setting clear objectives can help them stay motivated and focused.
- **Stay Organised:** Helping your child to organise themselves with school equipment, a reading book and homework will help them flourish. A well-organised student is a successful student.
- **Reach Out:** Do not hesitate to reach out to your child's form tutor if you have questions or need assistance. We are here to help your child thrive.
- **Make Memories:** High school is not just about academics; it is also about creating lasting memories. Participating in extracurricular activities, clubs, and events will help to make your child's school experience unforgettable.

We are excited to see the progress all our pupils make academically and pastorally throughout this year, and we would like to wish you all a fantastic school year ahead.

House

Our School House System is more than just a structure within our school; it is a family that fosters camaraderie, competition, and personal growth. Each house represents a unique set of values and traditions, and we encourage all students to fully embrace the spirit of their house. Throughout the year, there will be house events, competitions, and challenges that will allow our students to highlight their talents, make new friends, and earn house points. We will keep you posted!



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Garden

The Dylan Day Memorial Garden is looking fantastic as we return for a new school year. There are still some vegetables that need harvesting, there is a beautiful wildflower patch, and the herbs are still producing fragrant produce. New additions to the garden this year are a purpose-built compost area, and four chickens are now living in the chicken coop, which was designed and built by Archie H and Fin W. Mrs Fower will be running a competition in conjunction with the Gardening Club to name them.



Punctuality

We have had new gates installed at school, as part of the ongoing works to improve our school site. All gates will be locked at 8:45am, and any students who arrive after this time will have to press the intercom buzzer at the main gate to enter the site.

PE Clubs

Autumn Term 2023/24 Physical Education Clubs

DAY	LUNCH TIME 12.45-1:15 Club is second half of lunch – get a lunch pass if you need to for the first half (TRAINERS REQUIRED)	AFTER SCHOOL 3.30 - 4.30 (FULL PE KIT REQUIRED)
MONDAY	Y7-11 Fitness (Fitness Suite) Miss Goodfellow	No clubs – Staff meeting night
TUESDAY	Y7/8 Basketball (Gym) Mr Montifroy	Year 7-11 Boys Football Training (Grass) Y7-11 Girls football (Astro)
WEDNESDAY	Y9-11 Basketball (Gym) Mr Montifroy	Staff meeting night Y7-9 Rugby (Grass)
THURSDAY	Y7-11 Fitness (Fitness Suite) Miss Goodfellow	Y9-11 Basketball with External Coach (Gym) Y7-11 Netball (KS4 Yard)
FRIDAY		No Clubs



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Engage

Prefects

We were overwhelmed with the number of applicants for the roles of Head Student and Prefects. The applicants were interviewed, and we were really impressed. Head Students and their team of prefects will be working to develop a 'culture of kindness' in school as well as being role models to other students by demonstrating our REACH values. It is a pleasure to introduce our Student Leadership team:

Olivia H Head Student	Charlotte K Head Student	Freddie Cliffe Head Student	Sam K Deputy Head	Millie L Deputy Head
Ella C Anti-Bullying				
Lily-Grace H	Brad K	Celynna H	Logan C	Oliver R
Imogen L	Freya T	Ben B	Jack F	Tom H
Will M	Summer P	Maggie S	Alfi T	Maddie K
Maisie F	Noah M	Jamie K	Frankie G	Georgie E
Jonah G	James L-H	Kacey B	Ellie Mai S-M	Abbie R
Evie C	Nicole L	Holli W	Olivia K	Keeley H
	Esme S	Alicia-Mae B	Dylan M	

All our Student Leadership team can be identified by their badges and black and red ties. Mrs Plant was filled with pride to see our new Year 11s returning to school, helping our new Year 7 students navigate their way around school and having conversations with them at break and lunch. All these small acts of kindness accumulate and is the first step in our 'culture of kindness' vision.

Devices

Year 7 students received their Acer B3 spin and a weatherproof cover this week. The classes took part in a session looking at accessing TEAMS and Class Notebook and how to use the camera and the stylus ready for their lessons next week. Our students in other year groups will be receiving their devices and training over the next few weeks.



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Achieve

Exam Results

The cohort of 2023 at Moorside provided some excellent results this year with 64% of pupils achieving grades 9-5 in English (a strong pass) and 77% achieving grades 9-4. Impressively, 15% of pupils received grades 9-7 In Maths, 11% of pupils scored the highest grades 9-7, 46 % received the strong passes of grades 9-5 and 67% got grades 9-4. Our entry for the EBacc/Aluareate continues to remain high at 70% ensuring the pupils receive a broad and balanced curriculum.

Key achievements for the cohort were that one pupil achieved 6 grade 9s, and 3 achieved 10 grade 7s and above. Amazing academic success! We are pleased that so many pupils have now begun exciting new opportunities including A levels, T levels and other vocational courses ranging from animal care to performing arts. One pupil has now started a BTEC course in Marine Biology and Ecology in Falmouth, another an Aviation related course at the Manchester College and one doing Hospitality and Catering at the University College Birmingham. We have many who have begun apprenticeships in Business Administration, Equine and plumbing, as a multi skilled engineer at Elke's Biscuits, a teaching assistant at St. Bartholomew's Primary School which was secured after a successful work experience placement and Construction with Taylormade Construction.

Year 11 Exam Masterclass

On Tuesday, all Year 11 students were visited by Martin from Exams Made Easy. He explained how revision can be completed effectively and gave them helpful tips for exam success. All students engaged with the session; Mrs Morley was especially impressed with Riley B and Mrs Stokes thought that Keisha L was a shining example of our REACH values. This session has allowed them to hit the ground running in their final year.

