

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 25

Friday 20th March 2020



Message from Mr Marshall

Please see the latest letters, with my update attached. Here at school we are thinking of you all and hope each and every one of our fabulous community can remain healthy and can support, with kindness and time, those of us in need.

FROM MONDAY (this is open to review after Easter)

YEARS 8 AND 9

We have missed you so much. Please care for your family. Do your bit around the home. Keep on top of your learning. Please let us know if you have any problems. Please make sure you use INSIGHT well (see below). Ask any questions. For Year 9, two of your subjects help with your GCSE so work particularly hard at them so you don't fall behind. Make sure you submit your work before you get the next piece. **You will receive 1 piece of significant work (and learning activities to go with it) per week in each of English, maths, science, history, geography and Spanish.** In all your other subjects you will get a task or project work or research work to do every two weeks. You will also have exercises to do for PE.

YEAR 7

We hope you feel we have looked after you this week and taught you properly. If you have been in school you have had another demonstration on how to use INSIGHT for your learning. If you have been at home and you are feeling well enough, please practise how to use it at home this weekend (see the guidance below). Make sure you keep in touch with all your learning. Make sure you submit your work on time. Make sure you care for your family and help around the home. **You will receive 1 piece of significant work (and learning activities to go with it) per week in each of English, maths, science, history, geography and Spanish.** In all your other subjects, you will get a task or project work or research work to do every two weeks. You will also have exercises to do for PE.

YEAR 10

All of this is such a shame for you. Your teachers are setting just the right teaching and learning so that you can still thrive in your GCSEs. Don't be tempted to put work off or it will pile up and you will fall behind. Get into a routine. You don't need to put on your uniform (!) **unless you are coming to school.** Depending on the subjects you study, you will receive the following significant pieces of work which you will have to think about and prepare around:-

- Monday:** 2 for **Science** and **2 for Technology Subjects and Art:** they must be handed in by Friday.
- Tuesday:** 2 for **Spanish** and **2 for Sport:** they must be handed in by Monday of the following week.
- Wednesday:** 2 for **English/Literature** and **2 for RS:** they must be handed in by Tuesday of the following week.
- Thursday:** 2 for **History** and **2 for Performing Arts:** they must be handed in by Wednesday.
- Friday:** 2 for **Mathematics** and **2 for Geography:** they must be handed in by Thursday.

CORE PE: will suggest exercises to do at home each week. Part of staying healthy from this virus will be staying fit.

If you do not receive the learning pieces, let us know. One of the pieces will be checked and the other in each subject will be marked/you will receive feedback. There is no other way of keeping on top of your GCSE. Let your teacher know of any concerns.

YEAR 11

We are missing you so much already! You have been amazing this week and will make great College-ready/Work-ready young adults. We are so proud to know you. We are setting you work, too. You and your parents will judge the best use of your time but definitely keep on top of those subjects now that will help next year. As the young adults, why not help your siblings with their work? Please ensure you help around the home, especially if your parents or carers are KEY WORKERS who are out helping the whole nation to cope.

We have been promised that we will hear more today from the government about how your recommended grades will be arrived at. We will tell you as soon as we know from Monday onwards. **As you know, our value is honesty.** We are LIKELY to be asked to moderate and standardise an accurate assessment of where you are NOW in each subject, based on assessments, classwork and recent predictions. As soon as we find out what we are being asked to do we will do it really carefully and thoroughly. There will be no favourites – just accurate assessment based on the grade criteria. A few years ago, this is how we used to have to do it anyway in some subjects. We are all ready to go.

Depending on the subjects you have been studying you will receive:

Monday: useful work in Science, Technology and Art
Tuesday: useful work in Spanish, PE & Sport
Wednesday: useful work in English, Literature and RS.
Thursday: useful work in History and Performing Arts.
Friday: useful work in Mathematics and Geography.

You and your parents will decide how best to use your time to prepare for next year. If you submit work, let your teacher know so that they can have a look and give you feedback.

ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS/CARERS

Please read the guidance below on how to use INSIGHT and practise over the weekend, if you don't know already. There are other learning platforms nationally available to use in addition to this and some of your teachers will stay in touch with you on Microsoft Teams, too, if they need to.

Please read Mr Marshall's other letters from today on the website. One covers Free School Meals and learning at home. The other covers key workers and their children.

Please remember that the parents and carers of children who may need us more than this (those looked after and in care, those with an Education & Health Care Plan and those with an appointed social worker) have already been contacted and plans are being agreed between the school and home.

We are getting ready for the 'new normal' and are determined to make most of the things we do in school carry on as best we can. If your child has been accepted to attend school they will be in uniform.

Information to Students Working from Home

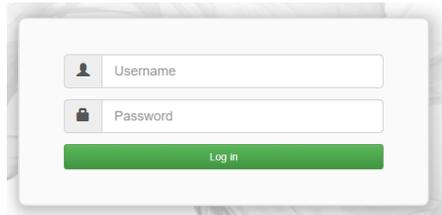
Instructions on how to view homework tasks, upload completed work and view feedback from your teacher on Insight. If you are unsure of your Insight login, you should contact r.judge@mossleyhollins.com.

1. Log on to the internet and go to the school website.

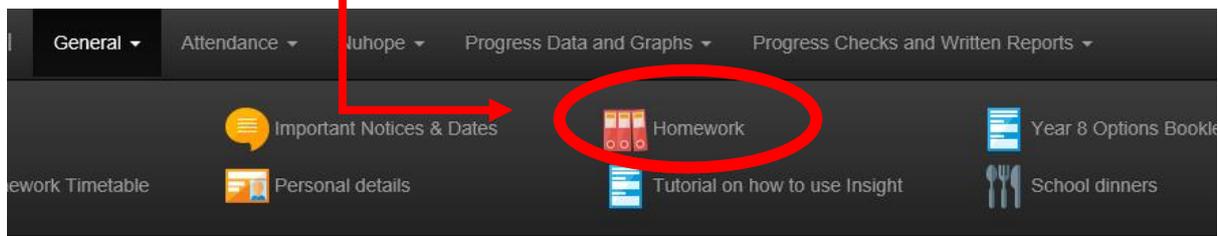
2. Click on students and then Insight.



3. Use your school login details to login to Insight.



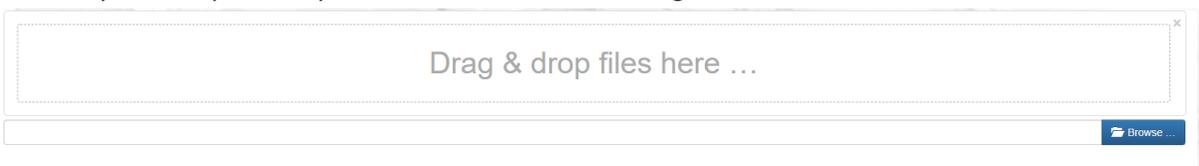
4. Click on the general tab and then select homework



5. You will see a list of the tasks you have been set by your teacher. Beside each task you will see an icon which when clicked, allows you to upload your completed homework.

English La						
GCSE Pod activities on Lord of the Flies	09/03/2020	16/03/2020	1h	10X/En3	Mr G Wells	
Science						
Continue to revise for your B1 PPE tomorrow	11/03/2020	18/03/2020		10X/Sc3	Miss S Walton	 
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GCSE Pod - B1 revision	06/03/2020	13/03/2020		10X/Sc3	Miss S Walton	 
B1 revision - Watch the 4 pods and answer the questions below.						

6. When you click on the attachment icon you can either drag and drop your files from another window on your computer or you can click browse and navigate to the correct file/ folder.

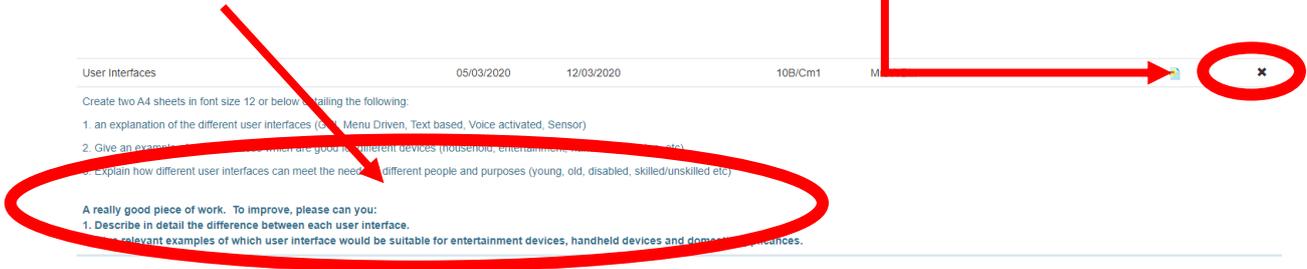


7. When the file has been added this will then appear on the screen:



When you have uploaded the work click on the X to indicate to your teacher that this is ready to be assessed. A tick will then appear.

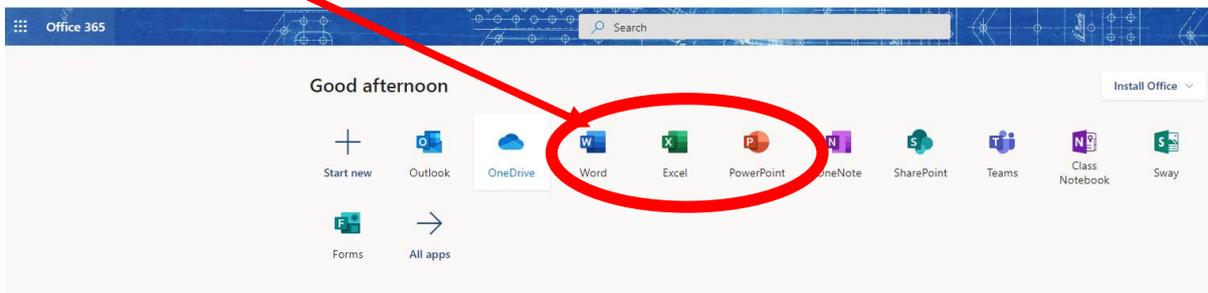
8. When your teacher has assessed your work and provided feedback, this will be shown just under the task:



9. You can use Microsoft 365 to access Microsoft Word, Powerpoint and/or Excel in order to complete tasks set. To access these apps, select Students and then Microsoft 365 from the school website.

10. Then use your school login details to login to Microsoft 365.

11. Select the relevant app



12. You can then save onto your computer to upload onto Insight when complete. Files can also be saved in OneDrive which means they can be accessed at any time from any device with an internet connection.

You may also access general revision and tasks from the following learning platforms:

1. Memrise - Spanish, Business, Computer Science
2. Quizlet - Spanish
3. BBC Bitesize - multiple subjects
4. Pearson's Activelearn - Science, ICT
5. Seneca Learning (www.illuminate.digital/aqafood. Username SHOLL3, Password STUDENT3)
6. www.teach-ICT.com (USERNAME ol59dp PASSWORD kilobyte1)
7. Quizizz - Geography, computer science and Business
8. Practice python (www.Practicepython.org) – Computer Science
9. KnowItAllNinja – ICT

Year 8 and 9 Students - WE HAVE MISSED YOU

I would like to thank our year 8 and 9 students for continuing their learning at home this week. You will know that this way of learning will now continue for the coming weeks. It is therefore important that you continue to complete work to the highest standard. The expectation on the quality of your work remains the same and we expect students to put 100% effort to ensure that work submitted to their teachers is their best work.

Your teachers will be setting you work via Insight and you must continue to upload this to allow them to assess and provide feedback. Please take this feedback on board and use it to get your work even better. Please make sure that you check Insight regularly and complete the work within the deadlines set by your teacher.

Ensure that you uphold our core values of manners when communicating with your teachers and your peers using our online systems and be supportive of each other. This way of working may feel strange for the first couple of days, but it must quickly become your normal way of working, so that we can ensure that you continue to make good progress.

You are still Mossley Hollins students even when you are not in the building and we expect you to continue to represent our school in the very best possible way, whether this is when you are out in the community or when you are online.

Look after yourselves, your family and your friends and take particular care to look after your relatives who may be more vulnerable. Keep in touch regularly over the phone or via Facetime etc. Keep active, ensuring that you get some exercise each day, Mrs Dodd will be giving you some ideas in our Newsflash each week on how to do this.

If there is anything that you need, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your form mentor or your head of year.

Positive Steps – Careers, Information and Guidance

Ms Senior, our advisor in school from Positive Steps will not be coming into school until further notice. Whilst she is working remotely from home, Ms Senior will be conducting telephone consultations with students that have been selected by staff in school. Any students wishing to self-refer will need to contact the school office via admin@mossleyhollins.com in the first instance and details will be passed on.

Life Skills

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The content for Life Skills in form time next week is...

Year 7 – Work/life balance

Year 8 – Recognising unhealthy behaviours

Year 9 – County lines gangs

Year 10 – Strategies for promoting good mental health



We are keen for students to continue to work on the Life Skills curriculum while working at home. The resources for form time have been uploaded to Insight and I would ask that parents, carers and family members carry out the activities with their child in a 15 minute slot once a week. There are instructions under each slide to assist with the delivery of the session if necessary. The Life Skills curriculum is designed to equip each student with the skills and knowledge to prepare for, and succeed in, life in modern Britain. Continuing with the delivery of the curriculum at home will provide an excellent opportunity for families to discuss issues which they may not ordinarily get a chance to in their busy lives and I thank all families in advance for their support in assisting us with the personal development of each student.

For any queries regarding the Life Skills curriculum, please email Mrs Harrison at r.harrison@mossleyhollins.com

Scientist of the Week

Stuart Macleod- Year 10

Stuart was able to effectively demonstrate a core practical to the rest of the class, followed by a clear description of how a Geiger-muller tube works and was able to demonstrate this with radioactive to the rest of the class. Well done Stuart!

Keep up the good work!

Miss Tierney

A Physically Active Child is a Healthy Child

Physical activity strengthens a child's muscles and bones, prevents excessive weight gain, and reduces the risk of diabetes, cancer, and other conditions.

However, physical activity is also beneficial to the mental health of a child.

Experts say physical activity allows children to have a better outlook on life by building confidence, managing anxiety and depression, increasing self-esteem and cognitive skills. Physical activity plays an important role in the management of mental health, especially and anxiety. Anxiety symptoms and panic disorder also improve with regular exercise, and beneficial effects appear to equal meditation or relaxation.

Introducing "P.E. With Joe"
Daily Live Workouts for Kids 😊



Turing College (Year 8) - Ceramic Project

In recent Art lessons Year 8 have made two pinch pots out of clay and used the three S's – score, slip, stick technique.

They applied relief and scoring techniques to create individual designs, they were then Bisque fired to 1000 degrees in the kiln. Once cooled they applied glazes to add to the quality outcomes. All students were very proud of their unique personal outcomes.

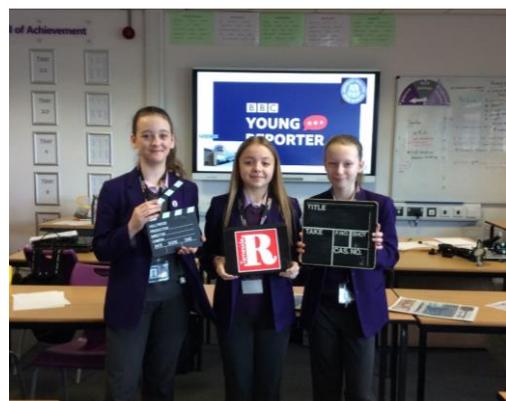


Mossley Hollins Students are Journalists for the Day

On Friday, 13th March, a keen group of 25 Mossley Hollins students participated in the BBC Young Reporters' Day and tried their hand at being journalists for the day. Supported by Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Armfield, they decided which stories would take centre stage and took responsibility for researching issues including the coronavirus, Brexit, social media wellbeing, climate change, a school visit from the Royal Exchange Theatre, sport and the weather. In addition to this they also interviewed representatives from two local charities, The Anthony Seddon Trust and Reuben's Retreat, on the fantastic work that they do in the region. From this, they compiled a range of newspaper articles (to be published in our school News Flash) and videoed individual news reports – soon to be available on the BBC Young Reporters' page of the Mossley Hollins website.

The pupils relished this opportunity to utilise their writing skills, work as part of a team and meet pressing deadlines. They were also joined by journalist Nigel Wood from the Tameside Reporter who, as well as giving lots of valuable advice, photographed the day for the local paper. The students finished the day still brimming with enthusiasm and one parent later thanked the school for "inspiring and engaging students in such a fun learning activity".

Any pupils who are interested in a career in journalism or would just like to have a go at researching and writing articles for themselves, can join the lunchtime Young Reporters Club which is starting soon. Speak to your English teacher or contact Ms O'Donnell for more details.





Pupils quiz Ms. Upton on Brexit



Tameside Reporter journalist, Nigel Wood, advises our Sports Desk.

Rain, Rain, go away!

By Shannon, Louise, Madison. Year 9

The horrific storms and continual downpours we have had in recent times has caused serious problems for the region - a school in Oldham has even been forced to close in the past month because of severe flooding. This is affecting children's education and could be particularly bad for the pupils who are coming up to their exams as it can distract them and



make them worried- this will mean that they will not be as concentrated as they should be.

Recent local flooding has greatly affected people's lives and some have been forced to leave their flooded homes in Cheshire and the Greater Manchester areas - plus as it is not safe to go outside they have had to be extremely cautious about leaving the house. This can mean they may be unable to go to get food which will then mean they have little food to live off.

As the poor weather and flood warnings continue, those children forced to be off school may not have the same advantage of learning as the year 11s who are still in school and getting a good education. Another problem about the weather at the moment is that it keeps changing and this can ruin the important activities you have planned throughout the day. Some believe all of this is a consequence of climate change and maybe the shape of things to come. Here in Mossley we are hoping that the sunshine breaks through the clouds very soon!

Fantastic Frankenstein Workshop with the Royal Exchange Theatre **By Lauren, Lauren, Giorgia and Lydia (year 9)**

On Friday, 13th March, the Royal Exchange Theatre visited Mossley Hollins High School to run a workshop for the year 9 drama students to help them prepare for their upcoming performance of Frankenstein at the Royal Exchange Theatre.

The theatre company hold many fantastic performances at their theatre, including a performance of Wuthering Heights that our drama group went to watch. As well as this, they run many workshops to help drama students improve and develop their acting skills to help them with their GCSEs.

We have interviewed some of these pupils and our drama teacher, Ms. Ryan, about this workshop and their recent Drama trip to see Wuthering Heights. See our full report on the BBC Young Reporters' page of the Mossley Hollins website.

The students reported that they are doing an adaptation of Frankenstein and are adding in their own interpretations and ideas to put their own spin on the play. They are also using some of the acting styles and techniques displayed in the performance of Wuthering Heights they attended.

During the workshop, the students participated in multiple activities working as a whole class and small groups. They created scenes of their own related to the themes and characters of Frankenstein. They were then able to use their multiple drama skills and the skills they learnt during the workshop.

The students had an amazing time and are looking forward to the amazing opportunity of performing at the Royal Exchange. It will truly be the opportunity of a lifetime.



Ever Thought About A Career In Teaching? Even at this time? Great...

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If so, why not **'Train to Teach'** with us here at **Mossley Hollins High School** through School Direct in partnership with the everyonelearning@ Teaching School Alliance and the University of Cumbria? We are currently recruiting for **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Geography, History, Maths and MFL**.

School Direct allows schools to request training places directly, select the ITE (Initial Teacher Education) provider of teacher training they want to work with and agree the content and focus of the training.

Bursaries are available!

For further information please contact d.webster@mossleyhollins.com

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options>

