

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 24

Friday 15th March 2019



Message from the Headteacher

Mossley Hollins prides itself as a school that focuses on academic rigour. We value strong academic outcomes as we know the positive effect this has on the lives and futures of our young people. However, we are also acutely aware of the positive learning experiences that young people can gain through participation in the wider curriculum and the value that participation in the Arts, sports and learning about the wider world around us can have on their development. Things may be returning to normal after the wonderful Wizard of Oz production last week but the students of Mossley Hollins and the Mossley and Carrbrook Schools Partnership have once again been busy this week in a number of such events.

On Monday, four of our Year 9 pupils took part in the UKMT maths challenge competing against twenty schools from across Greater Manchester in a challenging mathematics competition. They certainly showed their mathematical talent and I was delighted to hear that they achieved third place just behind Manchester and Altrincham Grammar schools. Thank you to Mr Frost for organising and supporting the event and well done to Ewan Macdonald, Noah Cooke, Hannah Collier and Kiah Lees.

Our Year 11 students were treated to a dramatic production of *Jekyll and Hyde* on Monday afternoon as part of their preparation for the forthcoming examinations. Many of the students I asked were excited about the performance commenting on how helpful it was in 'bringing the novel to life' for them. We wish them luck with their revision for the GCSEs, which are now only a few short weeks away.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Year 6 students from across the MCSP to our inter-school quiz, led by our Library manager Mrs Godrich. Congratulations to St Joseph's who were the deserved winners.

On Wednesday, we were pleased to host the Mossley and Carrbrook Schools Partnership Science Fair where young scientists from across our partnership showed off their imaginative and skilful science projects. Thank you to Mr Fenton and everyone involved in making the event such a success. You can read more about the Science Fair later in next week's newsflash.

On Thursday 14th March, we held our annual 'Big Sing', which brought together young vocalists from across the MCSP. It was great to see the wealth of vocal talent from across the partnership and I would like to extend my appreciation to my colleague Headteachers at St Georges, Micklehurst, Milton St John, Livingstone and St Joseph's Schools whose pupils have been rehearsing hard for this wonderful event. Thank you to Mr Beardmore and Mrs Webster for organising the event and to Mrs Ratcliffe, Miss Booth and Mr Mather for their encouragement and musical direction. We look forward to many more of these wonderful singing extravaganzas in the future.

I am delighted to support these events, as I understand what benefits such experiences have upon the personal development of our young people in terms of their character and culture, and how such experiences support and enhance their academic progress.

Mr Marshall

Wizard of Oz- A Resounding Success!

Thank you one and all for helping to make our school production of The Wizard of Oz a resounding success. Every element, from the backstage support, the lively audience, to Scamp the dog worked incredibly hard to ensure that the students involved had a positive and memorable experience.

I would like to congratulate Alex Beswick on her hugely successful portrayal of Dorothy Gale. Alex has worked incredibly hard to balance the commitment to the show, as well as continuing to study for the fast approaching GCSE exams. Alex also supported her younger peers who often looked to her for guidance in their first school production.

A special thank you has to go to Elena Burrows (another of our year 11 cohort) who choreographed all of the superb dance routines and led the incredibly talented and creative dancers. Elena also supported with the overall direction of the performance and demonstrated maturity, creativity and patience whilst keeping a watchful eye over the younger students backstage.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to the countless members of staff who supported on the evenings of the show and in the preparation for it. Without volunteers, we wouldn't be able to run a school production of this scale. Thanks again!

Mr Wane
Curriculum Leader – Drama



Turing (Year 11): Compulsory Lesson 7 Sessions

We now only have three school weeks until the Easter break and it is pleasing to see the positive engagement at our after school sessions where students are working on key knowledge and exam skills to prepare them for the written exams which begin on Monday 13th May.



6 weeks
to go

Next week it will be red week for Lesson 7.

Red Week			
	Before School	Lunch	After School
Monday		MATHS	ENGLISH (for students not in Separate Science)
Tuesday	MFL		COMBINED & SEPARATE SCIENCE (11Y)
Wednesday		ENGLISH (for students in Separate Science)	TECHNOLOGY MEDIA STUDIES
Thursday	RS MASTERCLASS		MATHS
Friday			HUMANITIES **MUSIC DRAMA

Revision: Get Yourself Organised!

The GCSE examinations are now less than 6 school weeks away for pupils in Year 11. During the Easter holidays, pupils need to have an organised timetable for their revision to make sure they make the best use of their revision time and cover all subject areas in detail to prepare fully for all exams. All pupils have been provided with their final revision guide and information was delivered to pupils by Mrs Din. Students should bring their revision guidance booklet to school each day next week, during DEAR time students can work on their revision plans, with the support of their form mentor/head of year. Advice on revision techniques and strategies can be very important for pupils and parents. It will be very useful for pupils and parents to take look at this article from the Guardian:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2016/apr/19/students-revise-exams-revision-science>

The article provides advice about the 'golden rules' for revision and has some interesting ideas about trying different methods of revising for pupils and exploring different ways parents can support their son/ daughter as they prepare for exams.

The top tips:

1. Start revision early
2. Do small chunks of revision... and do this often
3. Make a plan – and stick to the plan
4. Get plenty of sleep and rest between revision
5. Exercise – preferably outside and then you get some fresh air, too
6. Eat healthily – a banana will sustain you for longer than a biscuit!

There will be some revision sessions available in some subjects over the Easter Holidays as well as during the Whit Half Term holidays. Further details will be sent to students in due course.

Revision Tips: Don't CHEAT your revision

With exams approaching, avoid these common mistakes to get the best out of yourself and your revision.

Confused

If you don't know WHAT you should be revising, ask for help.

Hungry

Teenagers who eat breakfast have better concentration than those who don't. Fact.

Emotional

Use stress management techniques and ask for help if you need it.

Absent minded

Students who have their phones with them whilst revising are less productive than those who don't. Fact.

Tired

You need at least 8 hours sleep to take in all that information and perform at your best.



Adapted from innerdrive.co.uk

Jekyll & Hyde



On Monday this week, students in Year 11 watched a stage production of the nineteenth century novel they are studying as part of the GCSE in English Literature. The production explored the central moments in the novella, including a rather frightening portrayal of Mr Hyde. With examinations fast-approaching, we would like to remind students and parents that copies of past papers and other revision material for Edexcel English Literature can now be found on the school website.



Preparing our students for leadership at Mossley Hollins

Mrs Din spoke to all students in Nightingale College (Year 10) about Pupil Leadership in their assembly last week. Students were then invited to attend a Q&A session with our current head students during DEAR time on Wednesday this week, to allow them to find out more about the different leadership roles, the recruitment process and the benefits of student leadership. There are some important dates coming up and Year 10 pupils are encouraged to think carefully about putting themselves forward for roles in pupil leadership.



There will be a 'Pre-Prefect Training' event at 3:00pm on Thursday, 21st March. This event is for ANY Year 10 pupils who are interested in applying for roles as Peer Reader, Peer Tutor, Prefect or Head Student Team. Please note that **all Year 10** pupils are welcome to attend. The session will include some team-building activities and opportunities for pupils to show assertiveness and leadership skills. Pupils should be prepared to get involved, work with a variety of people – and enjoy themselves!

Application forms will be available to all students for each of the leadership roles. Mrs Din, Mr Wilson, Mr Stevens, and the Nightingale College Form Tutor team are all able to support pupils with their applications. Existing prefects and/or head students will also be able to offer guidance.

The deadline for application forms will be Thursday, 28th March at 3:15pm.

Nightingale College (Year 10): Pre-Public Examinations

Preparing for PPEs (Year 10): Wednesday 24th April to Tuesday, 7th May

The second round of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) will take place between Wednesday, 24th April and Tuesday, 7th May. Please see the timetable below.

Class of 2020 - Year 10 - PPE2 Timetable

Date	P1	P2	Dear	P4	P5	P6
Wednesday, 24th April	Spanish Writing and Listening Beginning at 08:45				Dance (1 hour 30 minutes) PE (1 hour 30 minutes) Beginning at 11:45	Spanish Reading (45 minutes / 1 hour) Beginning at 13:50
Thursday, 25th April	History - Western Front and Early Elizabethan England (1 hr 20 minutes) Beginning at 08:45				Physics Paper One (70 minutes or 105 minutes) Beginning at 11:15	
Friday, 26th April	Geography Unit 1: Our Natural World (1 hour) Music Appointments (Period 1 ONLY) Beginning at 08:45				Maths Paper One- Non-Calculator (1hr 30 minutes) Beginning at 11:45	
Monday 29th April	Design and Technology(1hr 30minutes) Music Appointments (Period 1 ONLY) Beginning at 08:45				Maths Paper Two - Calculator (1 hr 30minutes) Beginning at 11.45	Statistics Paper One (1 hour) RE: Paper One & Paper Three (1 hour) Beginning at 13:50
Tuesday, 30th April	Geography Unit 2: Geographical Exploration (1 hour) Beginning at 08:45				English Literature -Lord of the Flies (1 hour) Beginning at 11.15	Statistics Paper Two (1 hour)
						Food Practical, by invitation
Wednesday, 1st May	Computer Science : Paper Two (1 hr 30 minutes) Beginning at 08:45				Business: Paper One (1hr 45 minutes) Beginning at 11:15	
Tuesday, 7th May						Food Practical, by invitation

Scientist of the Week



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Sabrina Ryan Yr. 9

We have been working on how the body responds to its environment and Sabrina has put in a great deal of effort to complete all the tasks set. Her knowledge of the nervous system, including neurones and synapses, has really improved. Well done Sabrina.

Mr. Fenton

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club

This week our scientists were continuing with research into what 5p,10p,20p and 50p coins were made from. They were using their improved practical method to calculate the volume and mass of these coins and work out their densities. They were then comparing these results to the density of pure silver, proving they were not actually made of silver! Some pupils have been trying to find other way of measuring purity of coins other than using density and have come up with some excellent ideas, which they will be testing out next week. They will be finalising any practical investigations in their next session ready for their big write up of what they have discovered throughout their project. Their findings will be presented before Easter.

St Joseph's take home the prize!

Tuesday saw the second Mossley Carrbrook School Partnership Inter-school Quiz take place in the MMRC. Five Year 6 teams from our partnership primaries faced a series of difficult Harry Potter questions alongside a Year 7 team from Mossley Hollins. The teams answered a number of tricky questions set by Mrs Godrich, the Librarian and Literacy Adviser. The students were very enthusiastic and their knowledge of Harry Potter was incredible. The quiz was tightly fought with only three marks between the first and last place. There was a tiebreak situation between St. Joseph's and Livingstone, who both got 15 marks out of 16. After a question about the number times the word Voldemort appeared in all seven books, St. Josephs emerged victorious. They take back to school the Inter-School Quiz Challenge Cup. They enjoyed some refreshments before they headed off back to school. Micklehurst brought a number of Harry Potter related mascots including a Sorting Hat, a Hufflepuff cloak and a crystal ball.

Can you answer the NEWT Questions?

1. Who was the professor of History of Magic?
2. Which football team does Dean Thomas support?
3. What is Percy Weasley's middle name?
4. Hermione formed the society S.P.E.W. What does S.P.E.W stand for?
5. What is Dolores Umbridge's job before becoming a Hogwarts professor?

The Mossley Hollins Team consisted of: Joseph Atkinson, Sam Baines, Emma Hopwood and Pearl Owen with Mr Frost as special adviser. Tasha Godrich, Olivia Maher and Maisy Saxon from Year 10 helped as technical assistants.

The next quiz will be in July 2019. The teams are already buzzing and looking forward to revising hard for their next test. The competition heats up. Who will take the cup home next time?

Corpus Christi College Oxford Seminar

On Thursday, 7th March, 120 of our students from years 7 and 10 attended a seminar delivered by a guest speaker from Corpus Christi College Oxford on why they should be aspiring to attend the top Universities. The students discussed the reasons why people attend university, found out about the courses on offer at university, what university life is like, the employment opportunities for university graduates, how university is financed and why this shouldn't be a barrier. Perhaps most importantly, it was made very clear that Oxford and Cambridge are very accessible universities for students at Mossley Hollins who are willing to work hard, with passion and dedication. This point was really brought home when students were told about a former Mossley Hollins student who has started a degree this year at Oxford University. Our students were engaged, enthusiastic and keen to discover all they could about university life; with hard work and dedication they can be the students starting degree courses at Oxford or Cambridge in the future!

Mossley Hollins Young Reporters



On Wednesday 6th March, Miss Farmer's BBC Young Reporter club were broadcast journalists for the day. The group were working on various projects, which ranged from sports journalism, breaking news, weather reports and local news. Our local news saw us interviewing the cast and director of this week's school production, *Wizard of Oz*. We interviewed Mr Marshall on his thoughts around a recent Instagram craze which saw 180,000 students, including some of our own Mossley Hollins students, voting for a later school start. We were also fortunate to have an interview with Shirley Howard, of Mossley Heritage centre, who gave our students an insight into life in Mossley in the mid 1900's and

how our town has changed over the years.

Well done to all students involved who worked professionally throughout the day to produce excellent broadcast journalism!

Each week the Newsflash will publish an article written by our students; this week our article features the recent success, *The Wizard Oz*.

We're off to see the Wizard!

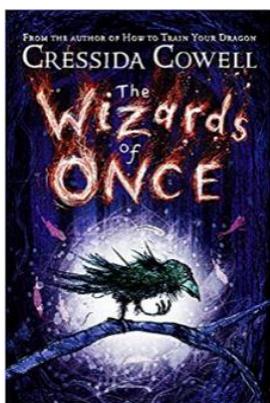
The Wizard of Oz is Mossley Hollins' 2019 performance, which took place on the 6th until the 8th of March. On opening night the butterflies arrived. As cast, staff, dancers and the choir got ready for the show, the audience could not wait for the curtains to rise. The large cast of about 50 had worked non-stop to perfect the show so that the audience would be amazed.

Alexandra Beswick had taken the role of Dorothy and her first lead role in her whole time at Mossley Hollins. Elena Burrows had choreographed the dancers as well as playing the role of Glinda the witch. When asked which her favourite dance was, she replied: "Definitely the jitterbug because it is very upbeat and I think it is the dancers' favourite as well."

We also spoke with Mr Wane, the director of the production, about his experience. He said that this had been his favourite production as, "I get to work with amazing cast and staff."

By Isabelle Tootell (Y8)

Book of the Week



Following on from the Wizarding World of Harry Potter of last week this week's selection is one of our New for March books. It is also a story of magic and adventure. *The Wizards of Once* by Cressida Cowell (author of the multi-million seller series *How To Train Your Dragon*).

Once there was Magic, and the Magic lived in the dark forests. Until the Warriors came... Xar is a Wizard boy who has no Magic, and will do anything to get it. Wish is a Warrior girl, but she owns a banned Magical Object, and she will do anything to conceal it. In this whirlwind adventure, Xar and Wish must forget their differences if they're going to make it to the dungeons at Warrior Fort. Where something that has been sleeping for hundreds of years is stirring...

MCSP Talent Show 2019

The MCSP Student Council recently ran a ticket design competition, amongst our partner primary schools, for the upcoming MCSP Talent Show on 4th April. Many strong, colourful entries made the choice a difficult one. These are the winning designs.

Congratulations to:

<p>Winner</p> <p>Freya Atkinson - Livingstone</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">MOSSLEY'S GOT TALENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors open (6:30) commence (7:00) Ticket price: Adults £4 children £3 Date: 4th April Venue: George Lawton hall Raffle Tickets: £1 Refreshments available</p>
<p>Runner Up</p> <p>Tymek Hartung - Livingstone</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Mossley's got talent!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doors open: 6:30pm commence: 7:00pm Tickets: Adults: £4.00 children: £3.00 Date: 4th of april Venue: George Lawton Hall Raffle Tickets: £1.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments Available</p>
<p>Runner Up</p> <p>Amber Earls – St Georges</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">GEORGE LAWTON HALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mossley's Got talent! Thursday 4th April Doors open at 6:30 pm - starts at 7 pm. Adult ticket - £4. Child ticket - £3 Family ticket - £13. Raffle tickets on sale! Refreshments all night!</p>

Crack the Code

Year 7 and 8 Excel Club - Alan Turing Cryptography competition

The last code was a killer, not many teams got that one in the entire country - the writers realised and made a joke about it in this week's edition. We were expecting a nicer code, but after a good half hour of work on it this week, our teams were none the wiser. We are given 2 weeks to decipher this one. If anyone has any ideas, let us know...

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3  PLAIN ← 1e30x5e 11 11 pPLAIN
4  1(x/pPLAIN) pPLAIN
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6  P VUQVU
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Year 8 and 9 Students Challenge for Top Spot

On Monday 11th March, Mr Frost took four students to Manchester Grammar School to compete in the regional final of the UKMT Team Challenge. There were 38 teams in the competition, including some of the best schools in the country - grammar schools included. Out of the 38 teams, our Maths Stars came THIRD.

What an incredible achievement by the four students; Ewan Macdonald (Year 9) Noah Cooke (Year 8) Hannah Collier (Year 9) Kiah Lees (Year 8)

The students did the school (and Mr Frost) really proud!



Student Voice

Our Student voice representatives have been researching with their peers, 'What **makes you proud to be a Mossley Hollins student?**' They have asked students in their forms and reported back to student voice meetings.

We wanted to share our findings with you.

This school is everyone's 1st choice, I am proud of that!

Mossley Hollins is part of the community.

'What makes you proud to be a Mossley Hollins student?'

<i>Great facilities</i>	<i>Great GCSE results</i>
<i>Reputation of the school</i>	<i>Reputation of school band</i>
<i>Amazing teachers and support staff</i>	<i>The smart, unique uniform</i>
<i>Such neat, clean and well-kept buildings and grounds to learn in</i>	<i>The culture of the school – Discipline, PRIDE and NUHOPE</i>
<i>Good support for students – issues are always dealt with</i>	<i>The amount of ambassador opportunities available</i>
<i>This is a safe environment to be in with positive relationships with staff</i>	

High Standards in all areas of learning and behaviour.

Amazing teaching and staff attendance is excellent!

News from our Head Student Team

Earlier this week, The Head Student Team were very impressed with the turnout of Year 10 students who showed interest in becoming next year's prefects, peer mentors, peer readers and/or head students. The meeting was held in the Lecture Theatre to provide further details on the 3 key roles of being a head student: representing the school at events, managing the day to day running of the school, and leaving a legacy.

The application process for these leadership roles begins soon, so any year 10 students who are interested should speak to their Head of Year to get further details of next steps.

Some of the existing students will also attend a training event on Thursday after school to support year 10 students in the pre-prefect training.

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Well done to our talented dancers

Sophie Whiteside and Erin Hollingsworth have both successfully completed 10 hours of dance leadership to become dance leaders. Sophie and Erin have worked patiently with the year 7 and 8 dance club every Tuesday afternoon and we look forward to seeing their performance in the dance show next week. This is a great achievement, well done!



Countdown to the Mossley Hollins Dance Show

Mossley Hollins High School



Presents

DANCE
COLLECTIONS

Friday 22nd March

PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE 6.30pm-8pm

Concessions £2

Adults £3

Tickets on sale from 5th March at Reception



GCSE students are climbing the walls

On Monday evening six of our Year 11 GCSE PE pupils attended Manchester Climbing Centre to take part in an educational climbing course, which is designed to improve their final GCSE practical grades. Pupils have been developing climbing skills such as tying knots, belaying and ascending the rock face. The pupils showed excellent teamwork in supporting each other to complete the different challenges. All pupils are looking forward to next week's session. Well done to Josephine Kenworthy, Christina Stefani, Ryley Siddron, Charlie Galbraith, Joseph Val and William Hardman.



Arts and Sports' News

Extra-curricular activities

The PE department would like as many students as possible to be taking part in the activities on offer.

Any students wishing to attend a practice or club must report to the PE changing rooms at the beginning of lunchtime or after school to meet the PE staff.

Arts and Sport Extra-Curricular Clubs

DAY	Morning Session 8.00-8.30am	Lunch Time Sessions 1.15-2.00pm (Mon-Thurs) 12:55-1.35pm (Friday)	After School Sessions 3:00-4:00pm (Mon-Thurs) 2:30-3:30pm (Friday)
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	PE	PE	DANCE	DRAMA	MUSIC	MUSIC	SP/HALL	FITNESS Suite	D/STUDIO
 MONDAY		GCSE PE Practical Intervention VDO Boys football year 7 JM Duty ADO	Intervention Dance	Year 7 Drams Club SW	Band All Years SB		Fixtures	Book by Appointment	GCSE DANCE
 TUESDAY		GCSE PE Practical Intervention ADO Boys football year 8 JM Duty VDO /JB	Intervention Dance	School Production Rehearsal SW	Woodwind All Years Drumming Lower School	Drumming Upper Group	Football JB/DB/ADO Year 7/8	Book by Appointment	KS 3 Dance
 WEDNESDAY	GCSE PE 10 Badminton and Table Tennis (SH) 8-8.30 am	GCSE PE Practical Intervention JB Boys football year 9 JM BTEC Revision ADO Duty LS /VDO	Elite Dance	School Production Rehearsal SW			Matches & Fixtures	Book by Appointment	GCSE DANCE
 THURSDAY	GCSE PE 11 Badminton and Table Tennis (SH) 8-8.30 am	GCSE PE Theory Intervention GCSE PE Girls practical intervention ADO/VDO	Intervention Dance	Year 9 Drama Club SW	Singing All Years	School band	Basketball Year 7/8	Book by Appointment	Production Rehearsal
FRIDAY	GCSE PE 11 Badminton and Table Tennis (SH) 8-8.30 am	GCSE PE YEAR 11 VDO/AD/JM Practical and theory Duty JB0	Intervention Dance	GCSE PE practical intervention	Beginners Band SB	Rock Band	GCSE PE Intervention BTEC intervention		

Dates for your Diary

Friday, 22nd March- Dance Showcase

Wednesday 24th April - Tuesday, 7th May- Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations

Homework Clubs

To ensure students are able to complete their homework with support from a specialist teacher, we offer homework clubs during the following lunchtime each week:

Monday - Science 3:07

Tuesday - Humanities in 2:04

Wednesday - English/ MFL in 2.08

Thursday - Maths in 3:04 and Technology in 4:06

Friday - Arts and Sports in G:01

Ever Thought About A Career In Teaching?



Ever thought about a career in Teaching?

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>

Job Opportunity

Casual Invigilators for School Examinations

£9.00 per hour

We are looking for invigilators to supervise our students during exams at certain times during the course of the school year.

The main external examination period takes place during May and June with **occasional** pre-public exams scheduled at various other times in the Autumn and Spring terms.

Training will be provided and you will work under the supervision of a Senior Invigilator.

Application forms and further details are available on the school website

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Closing date for completed applications – Monday, 25th March 2019 – 12 noon

