

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 5

Friday 2nd October 2020



Message from Mr Marshall

Year 11 New Timetable and Additional Learning Time.

Thank you for the many messages we have received in appreciation of our new timetable for Year 11 students, which begins on Monday. We are pleased and proud to do our bit in support of our senior year group who have missed almost 20% of the Key Stage 4 curriculum time. Given that the pre public examinations are just weeks away it is crucial that 'we hit the ground running' with the new timetable and teachers have been working tirelessly to plan highly focussed, engaging sessions for the learners. Please support us by spending some time discussing with your son/ daughter the importance of fully engaging with the learning from the very first lesson.

Just a reminder that the new timetable applies to all students in Year 11, it is not optional nor targeted but represents a change to the school day for every student in our senior year. **Attendance is compulsory, just as it is for every other lesson during the week and registers will be taken.** In the unlikely event that a student does not attend, this will be regarded as truancy and dealt with appropriately, however I must also say that the response from the students I have spoken to has been incredibly positive and appreciative of what the school is doing to support them. Every student now has their new two-week timetable in their planner for reference.

Change to the School Day from Next Week

Just a reminder that we will revert to the original finish time of 3.00pm for all other year groups from Monday. This is because we have found that there is no longer a need to lengthen the lunch break. School buses have been informed and have adjusted pick up times accordingly.

Virtual Open Evening

Our virtual tour and presentation went live last week and we have received many messages from prospective new parents thanking us for the opportunity to find out more about our school, its values and ethos. Thank you to the wonderful, enthusiastic students who helped us to make the film; you are such wonderful ambassadors for Mossley Hollins High School and your enthusiasm shone through.

Congratulation to a Former Pupil

I was delighted to receive news of ex MHHS pupil Brodie Oldham who took part in his Army passing out ceremony earlier in September. Brodie, who will now join his REME regiment for specialist training, was a pupil from September 2014-June 2019. Brodie's passing out parade, attended by proud parents and sister Eadie, a pupil in Year 9, was also attended by Captain Sir Tom Moore. Captain Tom is Honorary Colonel of the Army Foundation College, Harrogate and his first official duty in this role was to inspect the junior soldiers including Brodie. I am sure he was as impressed as we are and we wish this remarkable young man every success with his future career.



We did it!

We are pleased to announce that we raised the fantastic amount of **£178.65** from our cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you so much to all staff and pupils at Mossley Hollins High School for supporting people affected by cancer

Well done!



Photograph courtesy of The Tameside Reporter

Uniform Expectations

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that their sons and daughters uphold our high expectations for uniform. The vast majority of our students arrive in school everyday wearing the correct uniform and on the days when they have PE, they are wearing suitable clothing in line with our expectations.

In line with our school risk assessment, please may we remind parents that students must wear a clean plain black mask to school each day, as well as their coloured lanyard. This will help us to ensure that we can manage our bubble system and help to keep students and staff safe.

At the start of the year, we ordered enough lanyards and face masks for all students to be issued one of each, paid from our existing school budget. Schools have not been provided with additional funds for these measures. Some students have already lost or damaged their lanyard, so if they do need a replacement, we will have to charge a nominal amount of 50p to replace lanyards. This can be done at the end of the day or before school starts. Any student who comes to the office hatch prior to 8.45am missing either a lanyard or a mask, has the option to buy one without receiving a NUHOPE sanction (Masks - £3, Lanyards – 50 pence). Any student who comes to the office after 8.45am will be issued with a NUHOPE sanction and they will be charged for a replacement lanyard, given a disposable mask or have the option to buy a replacement mask.

School Drop Off

If you are bringing your child to school by car please drop them off in the bus lanes, do not go into the visitor's car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 11 New Timetable

We are excited to be writing to you about the new timetable for students in their final year at Mossley Hollins High School. From Monday 5th October 2020, there will be a compulsory longer day for students in Year 11. This will provide students with an excellent opportunity for further study, support and preparation for the upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs), which is vital given the time missed during lockdown. The following lessons have been added to the Year 11 timetable.

Blue Week	Subject	Red Week	Subject
Monday	SCIENCE	Monday	SCIENCE
Tuesday	OPTION A Art, Craft and Design DIT Geography History Spanish	Tuesday	OPTION C Business Studies Dance Food & Nutrition Media Studies Music PE Statistics
Wednesday	MATHS	Wednesday	MATHS
Thursday	ENGLISH	Thursday	ENGLISH
Friday	OPTION B Creative IMedia Geography History Health and Social Care Spanish	Friday	OPTION D Computer Science Art Business Studies Drama Design and Technology Food & Nutrition Sport

Should you have any questions or concerns about the changes to the timetable, please contact Mr Wells (g.wells@mossleyhollins.com).

Thank you for the positive messages we have received from parents regarding this provision.

- “We would like to thank the teachers at Mossley Hollins for running the extra sessions to support year 11. As teachers ourselves, we recognise the significant contribution of all of the staff in the school.”
- “Thank you for offering this extra support. We really appreciate it!”

Year 9 French Club

Miss Owen is very keen to start up a lunchtime club for those students who studied French last year. We would invite any interested students to express their interest before Friday, 9th October via Teams or alternatively students can email their Spanish teacher or Form Mentor.

Life Skills Next Week

Our assembly next week will be delivered by Mr. Duncan and will focus on the importance of Black History Month, which takes place in October. This will link to an activity during form time surrounding equality and the Black Lives Matter movement. The activity will examine the 'Black Lives Matter' political movement and the importance of being anti-racist.



During Life Skills in form time, students will address the concept of grief for the first time and will provide students with strategies for coping with grief. This is a particularly relevant topic, which will be dealt with sensitively by all form tutors. If you would like further information on the content of this activity, please email Mrs. Harrison.

If you have any queries regarding our Life Skills curriculum or our Pastoral Programme, please contact Mrs. R Harrison at r.harrison@mossleyhollins.com

Post 16 Information from Ashton Sixth Form College

A dedicated website has been set up for Year 11 pupils here <https://nextlevel.asfc.ac.uk/>, which will give all students access to Ashton Sixth Form's virtual events, course videos and frequently asked questions. By visiting this website, students will also be able to receive guidance on making an application and will have the opportunity to take a virtual campus tour.

Ashton Sixth Form will be hosting their autumn open events virtually, the first on the **20th October**. Students can sign up to be part of the event here: <https://nextlevel.asfc.ac.uk/#events>



Any interviews this term (November & December) will take place by phone. The deadline for applications is Friday 29th January 2021.

Congratulations to our Year 10 Leaders

This week has seen some of our Year 10 students begin their roles in student leadership. Congratulations to the following students.

	Year 10 Student Leaders		Year 10 Student Voice	
10M	Luca James	Oskar Malejczyk	Delianne Tsapayi	Joy Gombe
10O	Evan Brownlow	Ben Holdaway	Louis McNulty	Lewis Byers
10S	Talia Clays – Jones	Tilly McGlashan	Matt Patterson	Kiah Lees
10L	Amber Guy	Chloe Illingworth	Isabelle Tootell	Tamsin Daly
10E	Lucy McCormick Mathew Taylor	Lucy Morris	Jess Wilson	Erin Allport
10Y	Heidi Brown	Zak Moreland	Amy Latchford	Morgan Earthrowl

Also, congratulations to our Year 10 Council Leaders

Cassidy Clarke and Alex Dyke



MCSP Spanish Primary Day

Our MCSP Spanish Primary Day on Monday, 28th September was a HUGE success! Thank you to all our primary colleagues for helping to deliver the sessions put together by the MFL department at Mossley Hollins. Sadly, this year, we did not get the opportunity to host our wonderful primary partnership schools; nevertheless, all involved enjoyed a successful day. We are thankful for the following feedback:

“Can I just say how good the virtual Spanish morning was - the children had a great time”

Rebecca Willard, Headteacher, Livingstone Primary School

We look forward to hopefully hosting Year 3 next year. Muchas gracias!



MCSP News

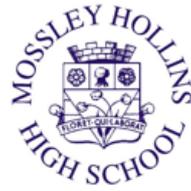
On Friday 25th September, we welcomed St George's Primary School Governor, Amanda Partington & PTA Chairperson, and Claire Batty to our school. They came to collect some un-used workbooks from our Technology & Art department for their students to use in their classes.

We have also recently donated some rolls of yarn that we no longer use to Castletop Nursery.



Scientist of the Week

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Congratulations to Heather Ryan (Year 8)

Heather wrote a scientific and creative story to explain the journey of an oxygen molecule that was breathed in through the nose and ventured on a journey through the lungs and into the blood to ultimately be used in the process of respiration.

Fantastic work Heather, keep up your hard work.

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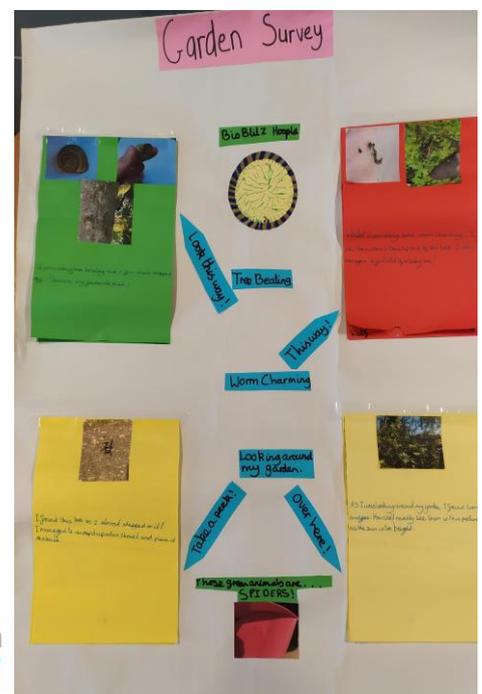
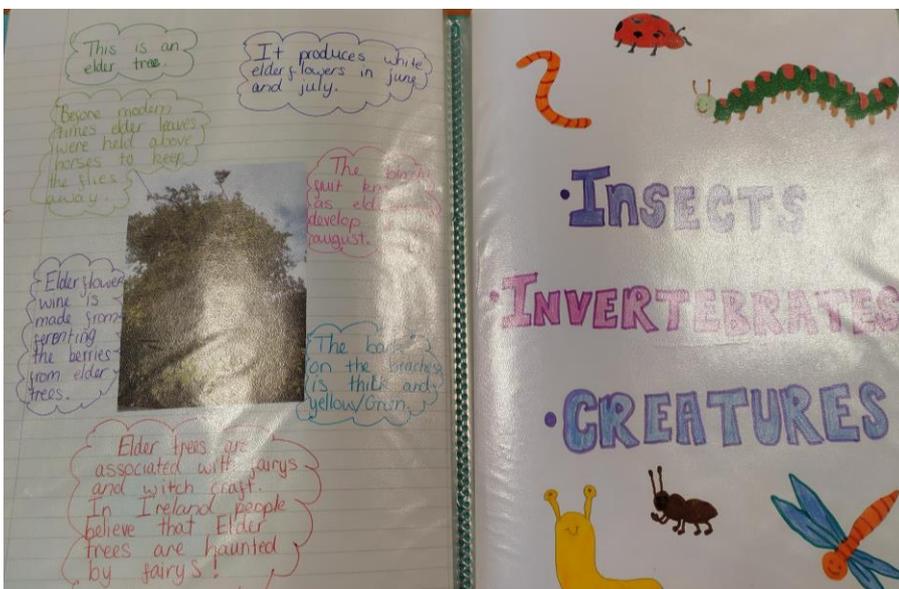
Science Summer Project

During the summer holiday, our Year 7 students were asked to complete a number of tasks to develop their understanding of Science and the skills they will need to succeed during their time at Mossley Hollins.

Firstly, pupils were asked to complete a selection of experiments using materials found around the home, for example creating a tornado in a bottle, measuring the speed of light using chocolate and a microwave oven and observing dancing raisins!

Second was completion of a bioblitz, detailing some of the amazing plant and animal life to be found in their garden or local area. Students were encouraged to try tree-beating, worm charming and good old-fashioned bird watching! It is clear they had a lot of fun completing the activities and experiments and the quality of all the work submitted was outstanding, it was well presented, very detailed and informative.

Very well done to all students who submitted work but a special mention must go to the following students whose exemplary work was noted by the teachers: Megan English, Ruby Dickson, Chloe Mitchell, Olivia Bruce, Ava Hanson, James Jubbs, Finlay Smith and Trudi Wild.



Food and Nutrition – Recipe Modification

Well done to year Food & Nutrition students in Year 8 who adapted an everyday chocolate chip muffin recipe to reduce the sugar and increase the fibre content and produced carrot cake muffins.



Media Studies

This week in year eleven media studies, students have been using the green screen and photography equipment to take original images for their non-examined assessment.

Students in Year 11 are reminded that their first draft of their non-examination assessment is October half-term.



School Brass Band / Year 7 Band

We are delighted to report that our school band is back up and running after not having played together for six months. Rehearsals take place after school every Thursday. To keep our players safe rehearsals take place in a large, ventilated open space and all players can be distanced, and seated according to regulations. It was great to see all our current Year 8 players join the full school band having now moved up from the Year 7 band. This means ten new players this year!

The Year 7 band is now in its second week of rehearsals. These takes place every Wednesday after school following the same guidelines as above. We are pleased that we have 14 players presently in the Year 7 band.

Adults and students who play in both groups have certainly welcomed this return to rehearsals after such a long enforced break.



Year 11 GCSEpod Opportunity

GCSE POD - Usage Summary Last week Usage 1332 Pods Watched

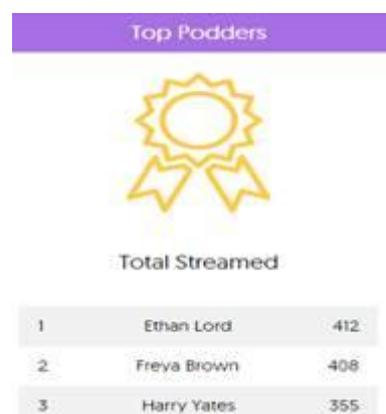
Top three subjects – last week.

These were the three most used subjects during last week.

English Literature Combined Science Religious studies



Top Podders



To help engage your students at this crucial time we have an exciting opportunity for them to take control and accelerate their learning

The team at GCSEPod are thrilled to be collaborating with Cameron Parker, a renowned motivational speaker for schools and colleges. Through this collaboration, we are recommending his free webinar to your students to inspire them to succeed. Including practical tips on how to use GCSEPod that Cameron will be incorporating into his session.

On the 6th of October 2020 for 60 minutes, your students will be transported in to a fast paced and high-energy webinar, which will coach them on:

1. How to prepare for the new school year, so that you can get the grades you deserve.
2. How to get motivated, when you really cannot be bothered.
3. How to bounce back from lockdown with confidence.
4. How to use anxiety and stress to your advantage.
5. How to use school, so that you CAN have the future you want.

Students can remain anonymous and parents can watch with them as Cameron makes goal setting, study strategies and building confidence seem easily attainable.

“Cam was great at tailoring his work with the group to suit their needs and was so relatable to the pupils and it was clear they were captivated.” Joe Sayce - Progress Leader for Key Stage Four - Acle Academy

We have already had an overwhelming response to this webinar and places are limited, so share this incredible opportunity with students today!

Students can register for the webinar via <https://www.gcsepod.com/free-resources/cameron-parker-webinar/>

Book of the Week- Toffee by Sarah Crossan

Toffee tells the story of Allison, who has run away from her abusive father. Homeless and broke, she hides in the shed of what she assumes is an abandoned house.

However, it actually belongs to Marla, a lonely old woman with dementia. Marla mistakes Allison for Toffee, a friend from the past, and invites her in, so Allison reinvents herself as Toffee and stays on.



School Gateway- Payments

Please click [here](#) for instructions on how to make a payment through our School Gateway app.

PE News

Week 4

Outstanding Athletics Performances – Boys



In Year 9 the following boys performed excellently in the 800m run: Max Whitwam, Oliver Bancroft, Jack Hartley, Ben Rudol, Kobe Bell, Keano Wassall, Charlie Holden, Sam Baines, Oliver Chadwick, Joe Robinson, Jacob Tohill, Daniel Curran, Phil Dunne, Kai Darraugh, Joe Atkinson and Logan Green. The outstanding performances came from Oliver Chadwick (1st place – 2 minutes 52), Keano Wassall (2nd place – 2 minutes 59) and Daniel Curran (3rd place 3 minutes 06).

In Year 8 the following boys also performed to an exceptional standard in the 800 metres to achieve outstanding times under 3 minutes 30: Leo Moreland (2 minutes 55), Charlie Mayall (3 minutes 13), Finlay Blenkinsop (3 minutes 07), Luke Bent (3 minutes) 21 and Joe Taylor (3 minutes 27).

Outstanding Athletics Performances – Girls

In Year 9, the girls competed in the shot putt and 800m this week. The stand out performances in the shot putt came from Millie Wright and Kiera Miles who competed against each other to throw over seven metres. Amy Starkey put in an exceptional performance in the 800m to come in first place and completed the race with a fantastic time of 3 minutes 28 seconds.

In Year 8 the girls competed in the 200m this week, Tracey Ojeaburu and Mia Griffiths Hall competed against each other to achieve the best time in the class under 34 seconds.



Year 7 Athletics

The Year 7 pupils took part in the 800m last week and four pupils stood out for their fantastic performances throughout the race; Oliver Loughman, Delilah Gregory, Evie Hewitt and Alex Schofield. These pupils showed excellent levels of endurance and resilience to complete the race in an outstanding time and finish in 1st and 2nd place.

Year 10 and 11 Athletics Achievement.

Sam Vink in Year 11 put in an outstanding performance in the 400m race last week to achieve a time of 1 minute 03 seconds. The 400m sprint is seen as the most difficult sprint event in athletics due to the need to perform to your maximum intensity for the longest time. This is an outstanding achievement from Sam, well done.

Cricket and Rounders

Over the last few weeks, pupils from Year 7-11 have been taking part in cricket and rounders in PE lessons. A number of pupils have showed excellent independence as the Lead Learners and they have organised and led games and activities for their peers. The level of maturity and creativity from the pupils is something that has impressed the PE staff.



Sport Performer of the Week

Year 9 – Ben Rudol and Kobe Bell. In athletics over the past few weeks, Ben and Kobe have been in close competition against each other. This week they competed in the 800m race and achieved outstanding times with a sprint finish resulting in a photo finish on the line with Ben coming in first place with 3 minutes 13 and Kobe in second place with 3 minutes 14.



Year 9 – Amy Starkey. This week Amy Starkey was the stand out performer in her class when she competed in the 800m race. Amy showed outstanding levels of fitness and endurance to complete the race in first position with a time of 3 minutes and 28 seconds. Well done Amy.

Year 7 – Thomas Pritchard. This week Thomas Pritchard attended Table Tennis club at lunchtime for the first time. He demonstrated an outstanding level of ability when playing in competitive games against other pupils and impressed the PE staff with his table tennis skills.

SPORTS AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS (Autumn 1)		
DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
MONDAY	YEAR 8X Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)	YEAR 8Y Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)
TUESDAY	Year 9X Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)	YEAR 9Z Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)
WEDNESDAY	Year 7Y Table tennis (10 max) Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)	Year 7X Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)
THURSDAY	Year 8Z Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)	Year 10 Exam PE groups Table tennis Volleyball
FRIDAY	Year 7Z Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)	Year 9 Y Table tennis (10 max) Badminton (10 max) Fitness (8 max)

Dates for your Diary

Please note: Some events may not go ahead as planned due to the current Covid 19 restrictions.

Monday, 5th October- Launch of the extended day for students in year eleven

Thursday 15th October- Year 7 Settling in Evening (virtual event)

Friday 23rd October- Students finish for half term

Monday 2nd November- Students return to school

Monday 2nd November- Friday 6th November- Year 10 T1 Assessments

Friday 6th November- Armistice Day – Remembrance Service

Monday 16th November – Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations begin