

Mossley Hollins High School

# Newsflash 1

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## Headteacher's Message

I am delighted to welcome everyone back for what I hope will be another fruitful and happy year at Mossley Hollins. I hope our students are well rested and ready for learning after their long summer break.

We are especially pleased to welcome our new year 7 cohort, the class of 2024, to Mossley Hollins and I look forward to getting to know our new students during the next few weeks and months. Having spoken to Miss Allwood and Mr Beardmore I am reassured that they are settling quickly into our school routines and are quickly gaining confidence in their lessons and around school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns about the transition from Primary School.

I am proud to welcome back our year 11 students, the class of 2020, who as our senior students in school are now working hard towards their final examinations. Having spoken to them in assembly and class, I can see that they are up for the challenge, although, as always, there is much work to do. As I say every year, **success in year 11 can only be guaranteed if students quickly adopt the work ethic and commitment to learning required in the final few months before the examinations.** We will support them every step of the way. In order to help families to support their son/ daughter during the final few months we will be holding a Parent Partnership evening on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> where teachers will explain the examination requirements and share revision techniques and resources in our key subjects. More details will follow soon.

Over the summer holidays, we have been working hard to enhance further our facilities and to provide the very best learning environment for our pupils. We are extremely grateful to our partners at Tameside Local Authority who have supported us in providing a brand new science laboratory and Food Technology room on the fourth floor. These state of the art spaces will enhance the excellent learning taking place in these popular subjects.

We have also created a new multi-media space in the library, which will benefit all students but will be for the sole use of year 11 students every Tuesday and Wednesday at break, lunchtime and after school. We hope our senior students will make good use of this provision to help with their studies and revision.

Finally, we have made significant alterations to the PE changing rooms to make them more spacious, and we have created a large additional recreation and seating area outside the front of school for pupils to enjoy during break and lunchtime.

We are determined to provide every pupil with a warm, welcoming learning environment where they can flourish and as always, we welcome any feedback that will help us further.

I hope everyone has a fantastic autumn term 2019.

## Nightingale College (Year 11) – Lesson 7

Next week, beginning Monday, 9th September, our Lesson 7 schedule begins. The purpose of Lesson 7 sessions is to enable teachers to work with smaller groups of Year 11 students and to focus on the knowledge and skills that students may be struggling with. We do expect that students will attend these sessions and fully participate in them.

To ensure that students have the opportunity to access a wide range of support we are operating a fortnightly schedule as shown below.

Teachers will be speaking to students about their need to attend and they will be planning some excellent quality support sessions. Students who have been specifically invited will be receiving letters, which provide details of the sessions they will be expected to attend. Any students who have not been invited by letter but wish to attend must speak to their subject teacher.

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September will be a Red Week.**

**Please note the following:**

- Intervention for Maths and English will begin from the week commencing **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.**
- Intervention for all other subjects will begin from the week commencing **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

<b>RED</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
	Geography History RS	Spanish and Technology subjects	Maths/Science	English*	Arts and Sports
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
	Technology subjects	Technology subjects and Spanish	Maths/Science	English*	Geography History RS

\*all students

**Nightingale College (Year 11)  
Parent Partnership Evening- Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

The event will last from 5.45pm until 7.40pm. Please arrive to the drum for refreshments. You will then have a 20 minute session in the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, Humanities and MFL, where subject specialists will tell you how your child should be revising for their subject and the best ways to support them. Resources will be given out on the evening and you will have opportunities to ask any questions you may have.

**This Week in Life Skills**

This week our students have started a new ‘Life Skills’ programme which will take place in form time each week. A letter has been sent home to all students regarding the exciting changes to our Life Skills curriculum. Please do take the time to read this and if there are any enquiries do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harrison in school.

The content for Life Skills during form time next week will be;

- Year 7 - Setting goals for Year 7
- Year 8 – The influence of negative role models
- Year 9 – Characterising unhealthy coping strategies
- Year 10 – Identifying extremist groups
- Year 11 – Applying for college

Mrs Harrison  
Head of RS and Life Skills

## Nightingale College (Year 11) - Geography Field Trip

This is to remind all Year 11 GCSE Geography students that their 'Rivers' fieldwork visit will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Miss Jones 11A class (surnames A-N)

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Miss Jones class (surnames M-Z) and Miss Hodgkins 11B2 class

Students need to meet in the drum in non-school uniform and trainers, with a change of shoes (wellies or old trainers to get wet) and a packed lunch by 8:45am. Students will be out of school for the whole day and return by the latest at 3:30pm.

Please can any final payments and consent forms be submitted to the office before the trip. Any questions can be directed to Miss Jones, Head of Humanities.

## Expectations of Equipment

We realise that many parents and carers use the summer holidays as an opportunity to purchase new stationery and equipment. As we start the new academic year, we would like to remind students of the compulsory equipment which must be brought to school each day. As a minimum, students should bring...

- two pens (black or blue)
- a pencil
- a rubber
- a ruler (30cm rigid type is the best)
- a DEAR book
- their student planner
- their exercise books required for the lessons that day
- Scientific Calculator- CASIO fx-83GT PLUS is highly recommended.

## Early Finish- Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing this short note to inform you of an early finish for pupils on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September**. As you may be aware, this evening is our **Open Night** for prospective pupils and their parents and we will be closing for pupils at 1.15 p.m. The early finish is to allow pupils and staff to prepare for the Open Night and has been agreed by the Governing Body.

Grab bag lunches will be available, to purchase (for £2.30), for those pupils who return the slip below, at 1.15 p.m.

If your child is **unable** to go home early, arrangements will be made to supervise him/her in school until 3.00 p.m. Please fill in and return the slip below to the school office.

Some of your children will be invited to help at Open Night and I hope you will allow them to support this important evening

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

S. Marshall

## STEM Club

**Do you want to take part in more science experiments?**

**Design your own experiments and take charge of your own research?**

**Then we have something for you!**



### **What is it?**

A STEM club is a club which enables students to lead in a project of their choice in STEM subjects (Science, technology, engineering and Maths). Your STEM club will enable you to take part in science outside of the classroom and allow you to think outside the box!

### **When will it be?**

One Hour each week, after school for one term (10 weeks). During which time you will complete one project and receive your CREST award at the end.

### **Why should I do it?**

Fun, inquisitive, helps you to become independent, reflective of your work, allows you to investigate science beyond the curriculum!

### **How would it benefit me?**

A report into CREST showed that pupils increased their best science GCSE by 2/3rd of a grade compared to a matched control group.

Pupils who took part in a CREST silver award were 38% more likely to take a STEM subject at AS level.

### **What is the CREST award I receive at the end of my project?**

CREST awards can count towards your Duke of Edinburgh Award Skills section at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

CREST also counts towards the children's University passport for learning at every level.

You can make the most of the skills you have gained through your CREST award to help you stand out from the crowd. When you are applying for colleges, universities or jobs you can use CREST to enhance your application – as they are highly regarded.

**If you would like to come along to STEM Club and give it a go ....**

**Sign up today!**

**See Miss Tierney at break or lunch to sign up and show your interest!**

**Numbers will be limited per term! Sign up today to ensure you do not miss out!**

## Lockers

Lockers are compulsory and provide a safe place to store books and PE kit, ensuring that students do not need to carry excess weight during the day. A £5 deposit is required for the locker; this is to ensure that keys are returned at the end of the year ready to be issued again the following year. If your child does not yet have a locker, please ensure that they speak to reception at the earliest opportunity to get one. It is not safe for lots of bags to be left around school as they cause a safety hazard, therefore if students do not have a locker they must keep their bag with them at all times. As bags are not permitted in the drum at lunchtime due to the limited space and safety risks, it is vital that students have a locker in which to place their bags whilst having their lunch. Bags cannot be left unattended at any time and may be confiscated if found.

## News from the MMRC (Library)

### Year 7 Induction to the MMRC

Over the next few weeks, Year 7 will be visiting the Library to have their induction sessions. These sessions will equip them with the ability to access library resources and to introduce them to their Reading Lists and activities. Mrs Godrich would also like to invite Year 7 to come to the library during Monday lunchtimes for some 'Getting to Know You' sessions. These sessions are a way for Mrs Godrich to get to know the new students better and for them to ask questions about reading and the library.

### Book of the Week: Jake Atlas and the Tomb of the Emerald Snake by Rob Lloyd Jones

This is one of the books on the Year 7 "On Your Marks" Reading List, which will be introduced to all Year 7 students during their English Classes and Library Inductions over the next few weeks. It is a "gripping murder mystery" involving Jake Atlas: tomb robber, treasure hunter and troublemaker. "A couple of days ago I was a schoolboy with terrible grades and even worse behaviour - a way of causing trouble that drove people nuts. Now I am a member of a super high-tech treasure hunting team searching for the lost tomb so I can save my parents from being turned into mummies by an evil cult. Things have moved pretty fast..."

### Year 11 Study Space

The library has had some works completed over the summer, which has enhanced the computer resources available. There are now 28 PCs available to help Year 11 with homework, research and revision. The library is for sole use by Year 11 on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes and every day from 3-4 pm to help them prepare for their year ahead. The resources available include past papers, revision guides, revision skills booklets plus paper to make flashcards, mind maps and other revision aids. There are also copies of the local college prospectuses and details of upcoming college open events.

### Student Library Assistants

Are you interested in reading? Are you in Year 7-9? Do you want to participate in school life? Mrs Godrich is looking for committed students to help run the library with the other Student Librarians and Senior Leaders during breaks and lunchtimes. If you are interested, please pop up to the library on a Monday or at break on a Wednesday to speak to Mrs Godrich and collect a job description and application form. The closing date for applications is Monday 30th September. Good Luck.

## Arts and Sports News

### Year 7 Boys Football Trials

This year the Year 7 football trials will be taking place on Monday after school. The trials will take place on the astro turf and will finish at 4:30pm. We would like as many year 7 pupils as possible to come along and take part in the session. They will need school PE kit and appropriate footwear and need to arrange with parents and carers how they will get home after the session.

Last year we had the highest number of Year 7s taking part in football ever and created 3 football teams, we would like that to continue that this year.

## Year 7 Girls Netball Trials

This year the Year 7 netball trials will be taking place on Monday after school. The trials will take place in the Sports Hall and will finish at 4:30pm. We would like as many year 7 pupils as possible to come along and take part in the session. They will need school PE kit and appropriate footwear and need to arrange with parents and carers how they will get home after the session.

Last year we had a very high number of Year 7s taking part in netball and created 2 teams, we would like that to continue that this year.

## Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls Football Training

This year the Year 7, 8 and 9 girls football training will be taking place every Wednesday after school. The training will take place on the astro turf and will finish at 4pm. We would like as many pupils as possible to come along and take part in the training. They will need school PE kit and appropriate footwear and need to arrange with parents and carers how they will get home after the session.

## Charity Football Match

**CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH**  
**SUNDAY 8TH SEPT 2019**  
**SEEL PARK, MOSSLEY**

ADULTS - £5  
UNDER 16s - FREE

 VS 

**EMMAUS  
MOSSLEY  
XI**

**GMP  
TAMESIDE  
BOROUGH**

**TURNSTILES OPEN  
12PM**  
**KICK-OFF  
2PM**

RAISING MONEY FOR THE GREATER MANCHESTER MAYOR'S HOMELESSNESS FUND

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST PLAYERS..**  
GREATER MANCHESTER MAYOR, ANDY BURNHAM  
EX MAN UTD, OLDHAM ATH & WALES INTERNATIONAL, DANIEL NARDIELLO  
EX OLDHAM ATH & LEICESTER CITY, GUY BRANSTON  
MORE TO BE CONFIRMED.....

UNDER 8's FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT  
RAFFLE PRIZES STALLS & FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS  
(INCLUDING INFLATABLES, FACE PAINTING AND MORE...)

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**Arts and Sports Extra-Curricular Timetable September 2019**

**Arts and Sport Extra-Curricular Clubs**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>Lunch Time Sessions</b> 1:15-2:00pm (Mon-Thurs) 12:55-1:35pm (Friday)	<b>After School Sessions</b> 3:00-4:00pm (Mon-Thurs) 2:30-3:30pm (Friday)
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	PE	DANCE	DRAMA	MUSIC	PE	DANCE	DRAMA	MUSIC
<b>MONDAY</b>	Duties SWN Yr 11 GCSE PE practical VDO/ADO Yr 7 Boys Football JM/JBO	Yr 11 Dance LS	Year 11 Drama intervention	Band all years	Netball Year 7/8/9 VDO	Year 11 Dance		
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Duties VDO Yr 9&10 Trampoline LS 7 Boys Basketball ADO Year 8 Fitness JM DOE JBO	Yr 7 and 8 Dance TH	Year 7 Drama Club Upstage Theatre Company	Wood Wind Drumming Group	Boys Football 7/8 Fixtures	Year 11 Dance	Production Rehearsal 3pm – 6 pm	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Duties JBO/SWN BTEC Practical ADO/VDO Yr 10 Boys Football JM	Production Rehearsal LS	Production Rehearsal		Girls Football Year 7 and 8 TH Fixtures	Year 11 Dance		
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Duties ADO/LSH/SWN Yr 9 Basketball Year 8 Boys Football JM Year 11 GCSE PE theory intervention VDO	Year 9 Dance LS	Year 11 Drama intervention	Lunch Pop Choir Year 7 Band Practice School Band Practice	Fixtures	Year 11 Dance	Production Rehearsal 3pm – 4.30 pm	Year 7 Band Practice School Band Practice 3 pm – 4.30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Duties ADO Yr 11 GCSE PE Practical VDO JB SW Year 9 Boys Football JM	Year 10 Dance LS	Year 11 Drama intervention	Chamber choir Band Practice	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention	Year 11 Intervention

**Expectations of School Shoes**

**SUITABLE SHOES**

**BOYS**



**GIRLS**



## UNSUITABLE SCHOOL SHOES



## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 7 Sponsored Hike (Year 7 only)

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September:** Open Evening

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 7 - Life Skills Day

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September:** MCSP Spanish Day

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Year 11 Parent Partnership Evening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November:** Class of 2019 Awards Evening

## 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.

As an outstanding school, we are working in partnership with other A+ trust schools in Tameside.

Bursaries are available!

For further information please contact [d.webster@mossleyhollins.com](mailto:d.webster@mossleyhollins.com)

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

## Job Vacancy

### Lead IT Officer

Pay Scale: Grade F, Points 17-22 (£23,836 – £26,317)

Contract: Full Year

Hours: 36 per week

Closing Date: 13th September 2019 – 12 noon

Interview Date: TBC

Start Date: November 2019

We are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic ICT professional to join our dual site ICT team, providing management and operational functions to support effectiveness and efficiency in the following areas:

- Education, Teaching & Learning, Administration and Curriculum, including assemblies
- Ensuring Multi-Media effectiveness and efficiency
- Multi-Media set up and support for presentations, public spaces and events

This post is based at Droylsden Academy and Mossley Hollins High School.