

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 15

Thursday 19th December 2019



End of Term Message from Mr Marshall

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of an incredibly busy autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for the work we do here at Mossley Hollins. Our students have been involved in extensive learning both inside and outside the classroom. We are proud of the way that students work in class and will always work with you to achieve the best academic outcomes for your child.

The latest data for year 11 following the recent Pre-Public Examinations (our in-school 'Mock Exams') is very promising for most of our learners and we are confident that with continued hard work the students can achieve strong results in their examinations in 2020. In an increasingly competitive world, it has never been more important for students to achieve the highest grades possible to help them secure the best college places and other post-16 opportunities.

Our school, of course, is not just about results: we are determined to provide high quality educational and character-building experiences for all our young people. We are delighted that the number of students taking part in extracurricular activities, so important to developing leadership, self-confidence and character, has never been higher. The Year 7 students, who have settled quickly into our **Mossley Hollins Way**, have been afforded many opportunities for further **Character Development** and are working towards apprentice level in each of our four character pillars: **Learning; Participation; Service; and Leadership**. We are looking forward to the first Character Awards' Ceremony next term and will write to parents of year 7 students in the next calendar year.

A Popular and Oversubscribed School

Our Open Evening in September saw over one thousand prospective children and parents visit the school. As a result of this evening and of the strong reputation that the school has in the local community, first choice applications from Year 6 parents have once again been high with 254 families applying for just 180 places. In total, there were 560 applications for places at our school. We do not take our popularity for granted and work hard every day to live up to the high expectations that people have of us. We will be carrying out some very important survey work in the spring term where we will be asking you to help us make Mossley Hollins High School even better for our young people. More details will follow soon.

A Vibrant and Exciting Place to Learn and Grow

I do hope that you have had the chance to read the weekly Newsflash each Friday. I am so proud of the achievements and efforts of so many of our students and of the time given freely by so many staff to ensure there is a rich and rewarding extra-curricular calendar. Each week, it is a delight to see the hard work of our students celebrated. Increasingly their efforts are benefitting local charities and other caring organisations in and around our town.

Other Autumn Highlights

- **Year 7-Sponsored Walk.** Over 160 students took part in the 8-mile hike around Dovestone Reservoir during September. Between them, they raised almost £2000, which was shared between the charities **Tameside Young Carers**, who support children providing care for relatives at home and **Reuben's Retreat**, who help bereaved families, or those with terminally ill children. Both these worthy causes were chosen by the students themselves and we are delighted that the students can see the benefits that their hard work brought.
- **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition to the Hope Valley.** In October, forty of our intrepid adventurers from year 9 and 10 braved torrential rain to hike and camp in Derbyshire as they worked towards their Silver and Bronze awards.
- **Year 11 Parent Partnership Evening.** We were delighted to welcome parents of year 11 students to this important evening where we shared information, advice and guidance on how best to help their child as students prepare for the months ahead. The evening was well attended and parents I spoke to felt it most useful in helping them support their child during the important run up to the GCSE exams. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help further.
- **Mossley Hollins High School Brass Band Golden Jubilee Concert.** Also in October, current students were joined by past pupils from as far back as the 1970s when we staged a celebration concert for the 50th Anniversary of the Mossley Hollins High School Band at the George Lawton Hall. We were delighted to welcome back Mr Brian Farrar, former teacher and founder of the band, who received a special award in recognition of this wonderful achievement. At a time when music in schools is sadly on the decline we should all be proud of the fantastic legacy that Brian started and which Mr Beardmore has maintained ever since. We believe that Mossley Hollins has the longest continuously performing school brass band in existence. A fantastic achievement for all involved.
- **Service of Remembrance.** On 11th November, I was humbled to join the whole of the student and staff body, supported by members of our emergency services, armed forces and students from our MCSP partner primary schools stand together to remember the sacrifice of so many in defence of our freedom. As usual, the service was observed in respectful silence as we remembered all the wounded and fallen, including our own former student, Corporal Joseph Etchells, who was killed whilst serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in July 2009.
- **Christmas Concert 2019.** This week we held our annual Christmas Concert featuring musical acts from across all year groups. Led by our famous School Brass Band, and joined by singers from Milton St John, Micklehurst and Livingstone Primary schools, our young musicians showed off their talents to a sell-out audience. Thank you to Mr Beardmore whose dedication to the students and their music-making in our school allows us to stage such high quality events and to all our peripatetic staff.

Farewell and Good Luck

Though a happy time of year, it is also a time to say our farewells to two teachers this week. Thank you to Mr Wane who leaves us after three years leading our Drama Department and directing our outstanding drama and musical productions. Mr Wane's replacement Miss Ryan will join us in January. We look forward to Mr Wane's final production, Annie, in the New Year. Thank you also to English teacher, Miss Cochrane, who leaves us after three years. May I take this opportunity to thank these colleagues on behalf of all the students and teachers at Mossley Hollins and send them our very best wishes for their future careers?

Christmas Holidays and the New Year

School will close at midday on Friday, 20th December. Year 11 students are permitted to leave at the end of lesson two unless they wish to stay for the Carol Service.

Students will start back at the normal time on **Tuesday, 7th January 2020**. All students are expected to be outside their classrooms ready to learn at **8.40am**. Any student arriving after this time will be marked late and there will be a series of escalating consequences for persistent lateness or absence.

Whilst we appreciate that children often wish to let school friends see their Christmas presents, especially electronic devices such as mobile phones and internet linked watches, please could you remind your child of the school's policy, which clearly states that such items should be left at home, or placed in the school office for safekeeping. Otherwise, they would be confiscated.

Staff return to school on Monday, 6th January to prepare for the term ahead and we will be working hard on our plans to further improve teaching and learning in 2020 and beyond.

On behalf of the staff and governors of Mossley Hollins High School, may I wish you all a very relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday and a happy and successful 2020.

Yours faithfully,
Mr S Marshall
Headteacher

Lovely Messages of Thanks to Mossley Hollins Brass Band

This week, we were delighted to receive a letter from a member of the public who had seen our brass band in action last week in the community. The letter reads:

'This afternoon I was in the audience at Grafton House, Hyde and I had the pleasure of hearing the brass band perform. They were fantastic. I was there as part of a carers group and it was a truly uplifting experience to hear the students playing. I must also mention the conductor who has endless energy'.

We also received a message of thanks from **The Reverend David Warner SCP**, for the band's wonderful performance last Friday evening at St George's Church, Top Mossley to such a well-attended event.

Of course, we are thankful for the efforts of all our students over the festive period who have played a so many events both in and out of school time. We are also very grateful for Mr Beardmore's stewardship and passion, which has taken our band now into its 50th year.



High Expectations for Uniform

I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support for school in ensuring that their son(s)/daughter(s) are wearing correct uniform, with no jewellery, make up and/or nail polish. We will continue to work with students who do not comply with our school uniform policy with sanctions imposed for non-compliance. Children can get excited with presents purchased at Christmas and there can often be a temptation to bring/wear their gifts to school. Please be mindful of the school rules on mobile devices, such devices including smartwatches, mobile phones etc., are not permitted in school at all. If a student is found with such a device, it will be confiscated for three weeks or until the end of term, whichever comes first, even if they are not using it at the time. This rule applies throughout the school day and includes after school activities.

Many children may be treated to nail or eyelash extensions over the festive period, in compliance with the school uniform policy I would ask that these are removed before returning to school to avoid being isolated from lessons. Losing a piece of jewellery can be very upsetting, even if it is not worth much financially, often they carry sentimental value. Wearing jewellery, particularly earrings can also present a risk of injury when taking part in certain activities in school. Again, such items are not permitted in school. Earrings must be removed and not covered with a plaster. If a student is found wearing jewellery, this again will be confiscated for three weeks or until the end of term and a NuHope will be issued for incorrect uniform.

All students are expected to wear formal black school shoes, no trainers, pumps, boots or shoes with sports/fashion branding. If you are purchasing new shoes please make sure that they comply with our uniform policy (please see details below). We appreciate that some shops will advertise shoes as school shoes, however, please note that Kickers, Vans, Nike and other sports/fashion branded shoes are not permitted in school.



Celebrating Christmas at Mossley Hollins

The past six school days have been busy with our preparations for Christmas.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day took place on Friday, 13th December. We had a great turn out with students wearing their Christmas jumpers.



Our annual Christmas Lunch took place on Wednesday, 18th December. Our band performed during the lunch for the whole school whilst they enjoyed their Christmas lunch. This is a unique tradition that has been enjoyed at school for the last 50 years since the band started.



On Tuesday evening, our annual MCSP Christmas concert took place. Our students performed with the primary children from Micklehurst All Saints, Livingstone, and Milton St John's primary schools. The programme was festive and the sell-out audience had a great time listening to three choirs, two brass bands, a guitar group, a drumming group and a variety of solo performers.

We are already looking forward to the same event next year!



On Thursday, our band also played in the Arcades shopping centre in Ashton. Many members of the public asked which school we are from and were overjoyed to hear the festive music sounding throughout the shopping centre. It was such a fabulous opportunity to share the best of Mossley Hollins with the wider community! The band also performed at Jigsaw (formerly New Charter), at their main office in Ashton.

Both the pop choir and the band will perform at our annual carol service on Friday, which is always such a lovely way to end this term.

Food Bank Donations

A huge thank you to our generous year 7 students who have donated over 250 items of food for our local Mossley food bank for Christmas.



MHHS PE Santa Dash

The Santa dash was a great success in PE lessons and we raised a fantastic £128, which will go towards the MHHS Sports Awards Trophies.



Christmas Break Entertainment

Christmas Break Entertainment – brought to you by Mossley Hollins Reporters

Our BBC Young Reporters have researched a variety of activities that can keep parents/carers and children entertained over Christmas. The activities are both local and in Manchester City Centre.

Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Saddleworth Millgate Arts Centre,
Stonewood Road,
Delph
14th – 31st December 2019

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

Stockport Plaza,
Mersey Square,
Stockport
29th November 2019 – 5th January 2020

Snow White Pantomime

Manchester Opera House,
3 Quay Street,
Manchester
6th – 29th December 2019

Ice Village Manchester

Cathedral Gardens,
Manchester
8th November 2019 – 5th January
2020

Knowsley Safari Park

Enchanted Christmas Experience
Prescot
22nd November 2019 – 23rd
December 2020

Manchester Science and Industry Museum

Free Admission – all ages
Attractions inside subject to cost
Closed on 24th – 26th December 2019
Closed on 1st January 2020

Manchester Christmas Markets

Free Admission
9th November – 22nd December 2019

Intu Trafford Centre

- Legoland Discovery Centre
- Odeon Cinema
- Sea Life Centre
- Crazy Golf
- Arcades

Monday – Friday 9am – 11pm
Saturday 10am – 10pm
Sunday 12pm – 6pm

Visiting Santa

£8.50 per ticket
Nottcuts,
Ashton
From Sunday 17th November
Subject to availability.

A Winter Walk

Uppermill's Canal and Park
Free

Carol Service

St George's Church
Free Admission
Christmas Eve

Festive Treats Afternoon

St George's Church
Free Admission
20th December 2pm –
4:30pm

George Lawton Hall

'A Spectacular Night with
Queen and Bohemians'
Tribute Band
Tickets from £25
19th December

The Mossley Hollins Great British Bake Off

Our fantastic Year 7 students worked very hard last week in the Semi-Finals of the Great British Bake Off event. They had to bake six mince pies and six Christmas themed cupcakes. The quality of the baking was very professional and they should be very proud of the desserts they produced. Well done to Charlie Mayall who was our star baker this week! Five students will be going through to the Final, which is due to take place on Thursday, 19th December. Good luck Year 7!



GCSEpod

GCSEpod is a great support for students over the Christmas break and will enhance the quality of students' independent learning. Where possible, please direct students to use specific pods to support the work that you are setting over the break and encourage students to be using this platform for their independent revision in your subject area. Y9, Y10 and Y11 all have full access to the site.

HOLIDAY REVISION MOTIVATION

The holidays are a great time to chill, but it also gives you a lot of opportunity to really drive home your revision. Make the most of your holiday and get revising!

REVISE

RELAX

REPEAT

gcsepod
education on demand

Nightingale College (Year 11) – CERN Visit

Between 11th and 13th December, ten of our year 11 pupils travelled to Geneva to visit the Large Hadron Collider. This world leading facility accelerates and collides particles called protons together at nearly the speed of light. The aim of these collisions is to study the products and better understand sub-atomic particles like quarks and electrons! Current areas of study include looking at anti-matter, dark matter and dark energy and the pupils discussed this with PhD researchers from the University of Lancaster who study there. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with science outside the classroom at the highest level possible. Our pupils were amazed at the Science involved as well as the range of other careers and subjects needed at CERN. They found out that computer scientists, engineers, chemists and biologists are all employed at the site in a range of fantastic careers. The pupils were intrigued by the use of Physics and are now keen to explore studying Physics to a higher level.

Other highlights of the trip included a visit to the Geneva Christmas market; including an opportunity to try out their ice-skating, a tour of Geneva to learn about its history including the formation of the Red Cross and the United Nations and a genuine swiss fondue with the opportunity to try out making music with a real alpine horn.



Redgrave College (Year 7)- Visit to Bowling

Every Tuesday and Thursday, a small group of Year 7 students stay for lesson 7, giving them valuable, extra support in both English and maths. On Tuesday this week, they were rewarded for their commitment and resilience by being taken on a trip to Hollywood bowl, complete with hot dogs and burgers.

The students behaved superbly, displaying the Mossley Hollins values of Good Manners at all times, even when beating Mrs Harker, Mrs Weaver and Ms Allwood at the game!

MFL Ambassadors Celebrate Their Achievement

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 MFL ambassadors for this half term. On Wednesday this week, Mr. Childs met with them to thank them for their contributions this half term. In their Spanish lessons, they have been helping administer weekly vocabulary tests, writing the date in Spanish on the board and they have developed ideas for a Do Now activity.

Elishia explained how she had created a game for a Do Now activity for her class. Alfie had enjoyed learning school vocabulary this half term and Max had enjoyed writing the date on the board.

Mr Stevens, Mr Taylor, Miss Humphreys and Mr Childs have been very impressed with how the ambassadors have taken on their responsibilities this half term.

We will be choosing new ambassadors for the next half term in January, which will give more students the opportunity to provide further evidence of their character development.



Faraday College (Year 9) - Well Done to Lucy

Congratulations to Lucy Homer. Lucy has received over 118 Pride Points this term and this has placed Lucy the top student across all year groups and the school.

A fantastic achievement – well done Lucy for all your hard work!



Life Skills News

The new Life Skills topics will begin after the Christmas break and will cover the following issues;

Year 7 – Exploring family life and relationships

Year 8 – Career options

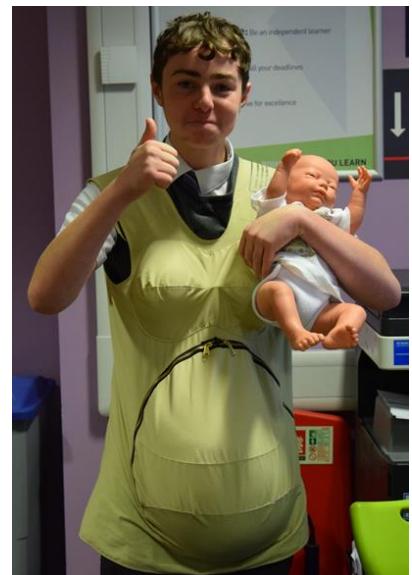
Year 9 – Readiness for sex

Year 10 – Citizenship

If you have any enquiries about the Life Skills curriculum, please contact Mrs. Rebecca Harrison at r.harrison@mossleyhollins.com

Nightingale College (Year 11)- Life Skills Day

At Mossley Hollins we are committed to each students' personal development alongside their academic progress to prepare them well for their lives beyond school. On Tuesday, Year 11 took part in a Life Skills day which included a series of workshops intended to provide students with skills and knowledge to help them inform future decisions. Year 11 looked at the role of the parent by learning how to change nappies, bath babies and prepare bottles. They also had the opportunity to try on a weighted pregnancy suit which certainly took them by surprise! They participated in workshops which examined the options available in the event of infertility and the pathways available for unintended pregnancies. During form time this week, students have also been taught about the responsibilities of parenting which included the cost of childcare, the reality of both breast and bottle feeding and the demands that new babies can put on parents. These sessions in particular were taught as part of the new statutory guidance provided by the Department for Education and the PSHE Association, in order to provide our students with an understanding of the consequences of unintended pregnancy and of teenage parenthood (in the context of learning about parenting skills and qualities and their importance to family life). Students also participated in a workshop which taught them how to effectively conduct testicular and breast self-examinations which many students commented was such valuable information to have. The feedback from both students and staff was extremely positive, with many students commenting on how useful the information they were provided with would be for their futures. Mrs Harrison would like to thank Year 11 for their outstanding conduct on the day, they engaged with all sessions in such an impressive manner. If you have any questions or concerns about the Life Skills sessions, please contact Mrs Harrison, r.harrison@mossleyhollins.com



Visiting Speaker in the Science Department

This week in Science, the separate scientists were given a lecture on "Ice Nucleating Particles" by atmospheric scientist Bethany Wyld. Students experienced first-hand the research and evidence into these particles and their role in climate change. Bethany explained to students the work she had carried out on the Greenland ice sheet and how this is helping her to better understand the causes of climate change and how to tackle it.



Bronze STEM Club

Below, we have the participants in the Bronze Awards (assessed against the CREST assessment criteria). The award introduces students to project work empowering them to work like real scientists, technologists, engineers or mathematicians. The students have chosen to investigate whether one pence and two pence coins are actually made of 'copper', using their own research and methodologies.

We are three weeks in and many of the STEM participants decided to trial their methods to see if there are any last minute tweaks needed before collecting their first set of results in the next session.

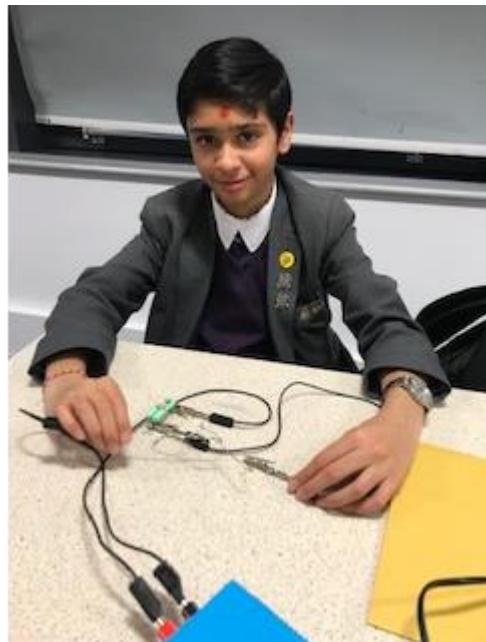
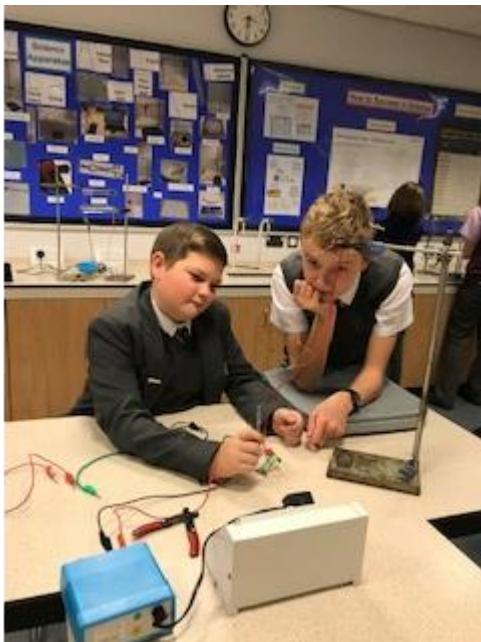
It is a pleasure to see the students have so much freedom and passion around their own work.

Mr Spencer.



Silver STEM Club

Silver STEM club is now up and running for those students who completed their bronze award last year. Students are completing the project "How steady is your hand?" and they have been creating their own steady hand buzzer games in the lab this week. They are investigating factors, which can cause a shaky hand as well how performance can be affected. Their ideas so far include, does listening to upbeat music improve performance, how does sugar affect your performance and can it be affected by exercise or even age?



Bronte College (Year 10)- Our Budding Re-Developers

During their Design and Technology lessons Year 10 have designed and made an eco-housing development for the old school site. Students drew a plot of land out of a hat, which told them their position on the estate and the style of house to design, from luxury FIVE bed houses to apartments. All of the developments had to have eco features to help reduce the carbon footprint of each home. Everyone created personalised houses, which were creative and imaginative. Well done to everyone for working together as a team to design a successful housing development.



Scientist of the Week



Scientist of the Week

Lucas Dyson Yr. 10

Lucas can confidently give the products of acid reactions with metals, carbonated and alkalis.
Well done Lucas, keep up your hard work.

Miss Walton

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Turing College (Year 8) - Congratulations to Jacob

Congratulations to Jacob Burns who boxes for Tameside Elite Boxing club Stalybridge. This weekend Jacob took part in two competitions – the first on Saturday in Altrincham where he received two medals for two superb skills bouts. The following day Jacob was back at the club, taking part in the Elite Boxing Inter Club competition.

After several sparring rounds, the judges nominated Jacob winner of the overall trophy for his outstanding performance and contribution.



Arts and Sports News

MHHS Band Dates 2020

25th January – George Lawton Hall – Early evening
31st May 2020 – Whit Sunday Stalybridge – 1.45pm
5th June 2020 – Whit Friday

Annie

Tickets are now on sale from reception and are selling fast so get yours quick!

Mossley Hollins High School
Presents
Annie Jr.



21st, 22nd and 23rd January 2020
Doors open at 6.45pm
Tickets £6

Book by Thomas Meehan
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Martin Charnin

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin

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Director Mr Steven Wayne & Miss Rebecca Hodgkins
Choreographer Miss Linzie Shipton

Annie Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mthshows.com



Annie Rehearsal Schedule

The schedule below will offer a guide through the rehearsal process for our school production. Students must pay attention to the times and focus for each rehearsal to ensure they attend on the correct days.

Date	Time	Focus	Room
Tues 7 th Jan	3.10-6pm	Full tech/costume	Arts Theatre
Wed 8 th Jan	8.45am-3pm	Full tech/costume	Arts Theatre
Thurs 9 th Jan	8.45am-3pm	Primary performance	Arts Theatre
Tues 14 th Jan	3.10-6pm	Full run	Arts Theatre
Wed 15 th Jan	Lunch	Dancers	Dance studio
Thurs 16 th Jan	3.10-5pm	Full run	Arts Theatre
Tues 21 st Jan	6-9pm	Opening night!	Arts Theatre
Wed 22 nd Jan	6-9pm	Second Performance	Arts Theatre
Thurs 23 rd Jan	6-9pm	Closing night!	Arts Theatre

SPORTS AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

DAY	MORNING	LUNCHTIME	AFTERSCHOOL
MONDAY		Boys football Year 7 Year 10/11 volleyball and table tennis club. Year 11 Dance	Year 7 & 8 Football Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball Fixtures
TUESDAY		Year 7 Basketball. Year 8 Boys Fitness DofE, G.01 GCSE PE revision All years Trampolining Year 7/8 Dance	Fixtures
WEDNESDAY		Year 8 basketball Year 9 basketball. YEAR 8/9 girls fitness. Year Annie rehearsals	Year 7-9 Girls football Fixtures Year 10 basketball Year 7 & 9 Street Dance
THURSDAY	Year 11 Badminton & Table Tennis club.	Year 8 Football Year 9/10 volleyball. BTEC revision YEAR 7 girls Fitness Year 9 dance	Annie rehearsal Fixtures
FRIDAY	GCSE PE intervention 8am Year 10 Badminton & Table Tennis club.	Year 11 Volleyball Year 11 table tennis Year 10 dance Year 7 boys fitness Year 9 Football Year 10 Football	

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 6th January: Inset Day - Students not in school

Tuesday, 7th January: Students return to school

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>