Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 2

Friday 17th September 2021

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Key Information

- **Tuesday 21st September** - will now be a normal (full) day in school for staff and students.
- **Thursday 23rd September**- Funeral of Diane Kershaw
- **Friday 24th September**- MacMillan cake sale
- **Tuesday Lunchtime**- Debate Club in 2:06 from 1:30pm
- **Thursday Lunchtime**- Cryptography Club in 3.04.
- **Lateral Flow Testing**- We are strongly encouraging staff and students to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow tests on a Sunday and Wednesday evening.

Open Evening Update

On Monday 13th September secondary headteachers across Tameside met to discuss the best way forward in relation to the annual open evenings. We considered the current rates of transmission and the latest guidance from public health. The duty of care for our staff, students and school community is paramount. As a group we agreed that the risk of having a face to face open evening posed significant risk of increasing transmission rates and therefore would risk further disruption to the learning in our schools. We have therefore decided ***not*** to go ahead with face-to-face open evenings, instead all open evenings will be virtual and will be launched on Tuesday 5th October.

Tuesday 21st September will now be a normal (full) day in school for staff and students.

Diane Kershaw – Funeral Thursday 23rd September 2021

We are honoured to pay our final respects to our much-loved colleague Diane Kershaw who served our school community for 39 years. Diane will be leaving her home address on the 23rd at 10.40am and making her way to Mossley Hollins High School for a tribute from the students and staff. The funeral cortege will arrive at school around 11am and will spend some time here before proceeding to St George's church for a service at 12 noon. We would very much like ***all*** of our students and staff to line the drive at school to pay their respects. We do understand that for some students this may be too emotional or not appropriate. If you are concerned about the impact of this on your child, please contact their head of year as soon as possible in order for us to arrange appropriate support. There is now a tribute page available here if anyone would like to contribute to it with messages, memories or photos.

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Student Enrichment

Character Development at Mossley Hollins

Still need to achieve your Participation badge?
Why not join one of the exciting clubs starting in school this half term!
These are just a selection of the many clubs running in school.
More information to follow in next week's Newsflash.

Love sending secret messages? Enjoy creating and cracking codes? Get yourself along to Coding Club on Thursday lunchtimes in 2.06. Open to years 7, 8 and 9.

CODEBREAKER CHALLENGE

LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical JR.

Actor? Singer? Dancer? Technician? Come and join the school production team as we rehearse Legally Blonde. Whilst the main roles have been cast we would welcome you into the chorus or in a backstage or design role.
We meet after school on Mondays in G.03 from 3 to 5 pm. Open to all years.

Fancy yourself as the next Bake Off Champion? Then year 7 Cookery Club could be for you. Open to all year 7 pupils currently studying food and nutrition. After school on Tuesdays staring from the 28th September. See Mr Beaumont for more details.

Interested in current affairs and debating the important issues of the day? Come and join Philosophy and Debating Club on Tuesday lunchtimes in 2.06. Open to years 7, 8 and 9.

Always singing in the shower? Pop choir is now on Friday lunch times in G.02 and is open to years 7 and 8.

Could you be the next great scientist? Whizz Bang Science Club is on Tuesday lunchtimes in 3.09 and is open to all year groups. Starting in the first week of October.

WHIZZ BANG SCIENCE

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Life Skills

Please see below the timetable for Life Skills during form time:

Year group	Theme	Topic w/c Monday 20th September
Year 7	Starting at Mossley Hollins High School	*My goals*
Year 8	Peer Influence	*Negative role models*
Year 9	Coping Strategies	*Unhealthy coping strategies*
Year 10	Extremism, radicalisation and cults	*Radicalisation*
Year 11*	Planning for Life after Mossley Hollins	*Applying for college*

*Additionally, as part of our Health & Wellbeing curriculum, Year 11 will also be covering the importance of taking increased responsibility for their own physical health including self-examination in their science (Biology lessons) this term.

If you have any queries regarding our Life Skills curriculum or our Pastoral Programme please contact Miss R Hodgkins at r.hodgkins@mossleyhollins.com

Whole School Information

Macmillan Cake Sale

We are holding a MacMillan cake sale on Friday 24th September in the drum area of school. This year, Macmillan is very special to us all at Mossley Hollins as we remember our lovely, kind, caring colleague Diane Kershaw, who recently passed away from cancer. If you would like to contribute towards our cake sale by baking for us, or sending in shop bought cakes, this would be appreciated greatly.

Any donations, whether it be cake or cash, will be greatly received.

Lateral Flow – Home Testing

You may be aware of the very high transmission rates of Covid-19 in Tameside. Transmission rates are the highest in Greater Manchester and overall, we are the 6th highest area in the country. Rates have been increasing at 15% per week and continue to rise each week. It is essential that we all continue to do what we can in our communities to help reduce the rates of transmission. Testing remains tremendously important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within our school and local community. Continuing to take regular rapid tests will help us identify infections early and also help to reduce the risk of transmission in school and therefore will help to protect ourselves and those around us.

We are strongly encouraging staff and students to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow tests. A reminder will be sent from school on Sunday and Wednesday each week and we ask that you carry out your tests on these evenings. It is very important that following the test, the results are registered with our school system and the NHS website. You can find the links for both on our website. Thank you for your continued support. To find out more, visit www.gov.uk/backtoschool

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Lost Property

Any items not claimed from the school reception by Thursday, 24th September will be donated to charity.

Faraday College (Science and Technology Faculty & Year 11)

Year 11 Information

College Open Days and Evenings

There have been some changes to opening evenings/days and some transition to alternative virtual events. Please see below and note for most events, booking is essential.

Ashton Sixth Form College

Virtual Open Evening: Tuesday 28th September 2021 from 5-8pm

The college have taken the difficult decision **not to hold the Open Evening scheduled on Tuesday 28th September on the college site**. This has been replaced with a virtual open evening where visitors can access some excellent online resources and live talks from key staff and teachers from across the college including a virtual tour of their facilities.

Open Day: Saturday 16th October 2021, from 10am-1pm

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - Pupils can sign up to be part of the virtual Open Evening here: https://bit.ly/ashton-oe

Should you wish to learn more about Ashton Sixth Form College, please visit their website: https://www.asfc.ac.uk/

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th December 2021 (by 11:59pm)

Oldham Sixth Form College

Oldham Sixth Form College will be holding open days at the following times:

- Saturday 9 October, 10am-2pm
- Monday 18 October, 5-8pm

Should you wish to learn more about Oldham Sixth Form College, please visit their website: https://www.osfc.ac.uk/

Tameside College

- Virtual Open Day Monday 4th October, 5pm – 8pm
- Saturday 16th October, 10am – 2pm

Tameside College currently have a range of virtual events for students to access. These are available through the following link: https://open.tameside.ac.uk/

Clarendon Sixth Form College

- Wednesday 29th September, 5pm – 8pm
- Saturday 16th October, 10am – 2pm

Clarendon Sixth Form College currently have a range of virtual events for students to access. These are available through the following link: https://open.clarendon.ac.uk/

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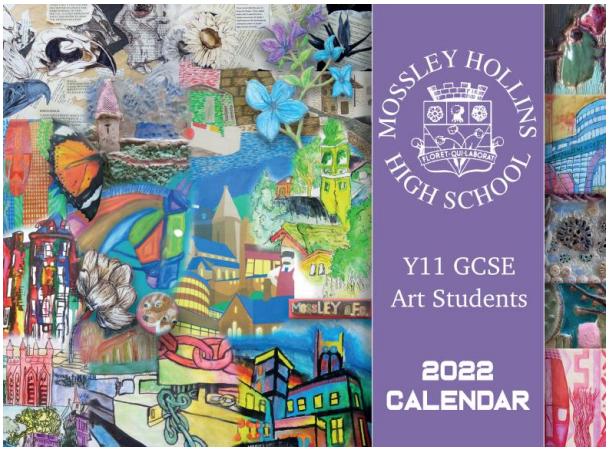


Yr. 11 GCSE Art Students Class of 2021

To celebrate the fantastic work of our year 11 students we have created a stunning calendar for you to enjoy. Please enquire if you are interested to purchase to e.walsh@mossleyhollins.com. In addition, the slideshow is now live please follow the link. https://youtu.be/Lqm_oT-FLlA

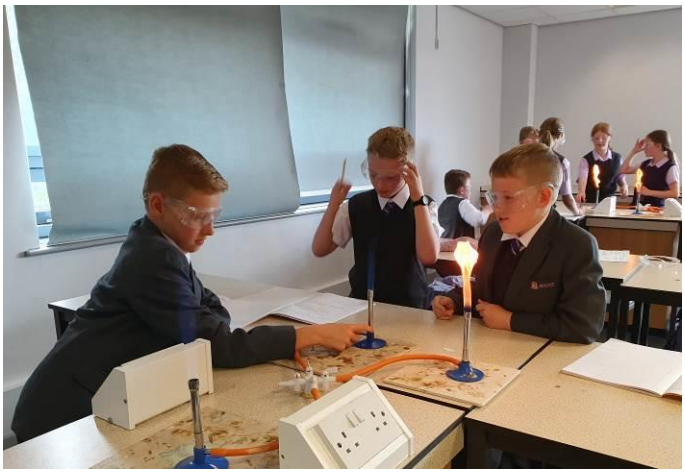
Straight back to learning for Year 11

Year 11 demonstrate using seasonal locally sourced ingredients by making Apple & Blackberry Jam.

Science and Technology News

Year 7 Working Scientifically

This week, Year 7 have been continuing their "Working Scientifically" induction unit. Students have had the chance to practise using a Bunsen burner safely, moving the collar to change the flame from a yellow safety flame to a blue roaring flame. Well done Year 7 on your science work so far!



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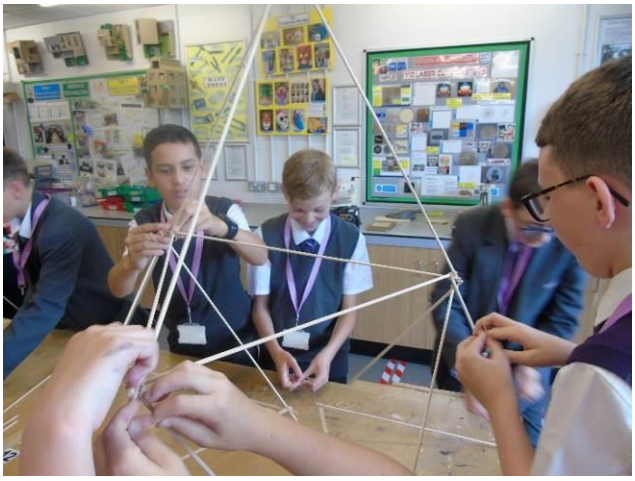
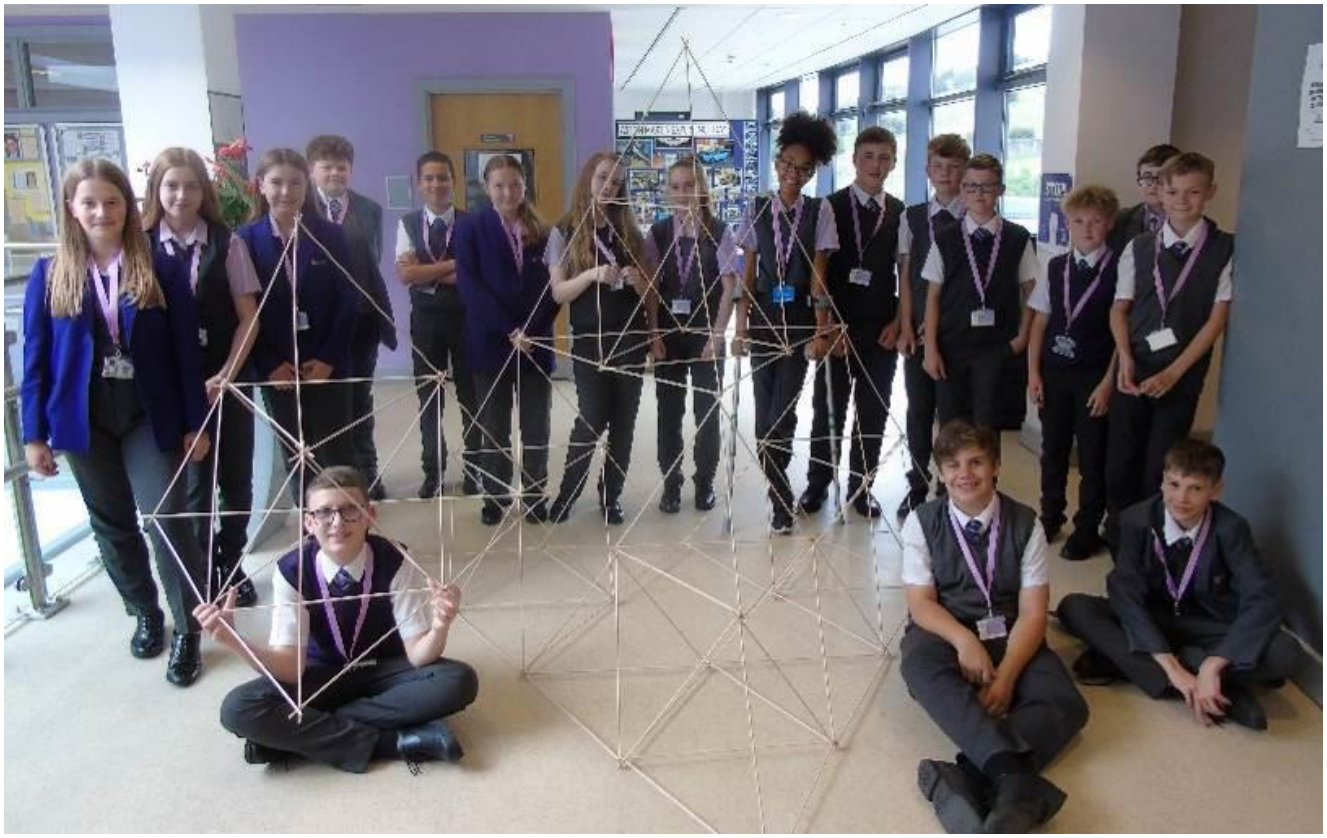
Year 9 Structures and Team Building

Last week Year 9 Design and Technology students completed their first lessons in their new GCSE Pathway option class.



As part of their unit of work on structures and mechanisms, they all took part in a teambuilding challenge task to build a giant tetrahedron. Using teamwork, perseverance, dowels and elastic bands they successfully made the super-sized frame structure.



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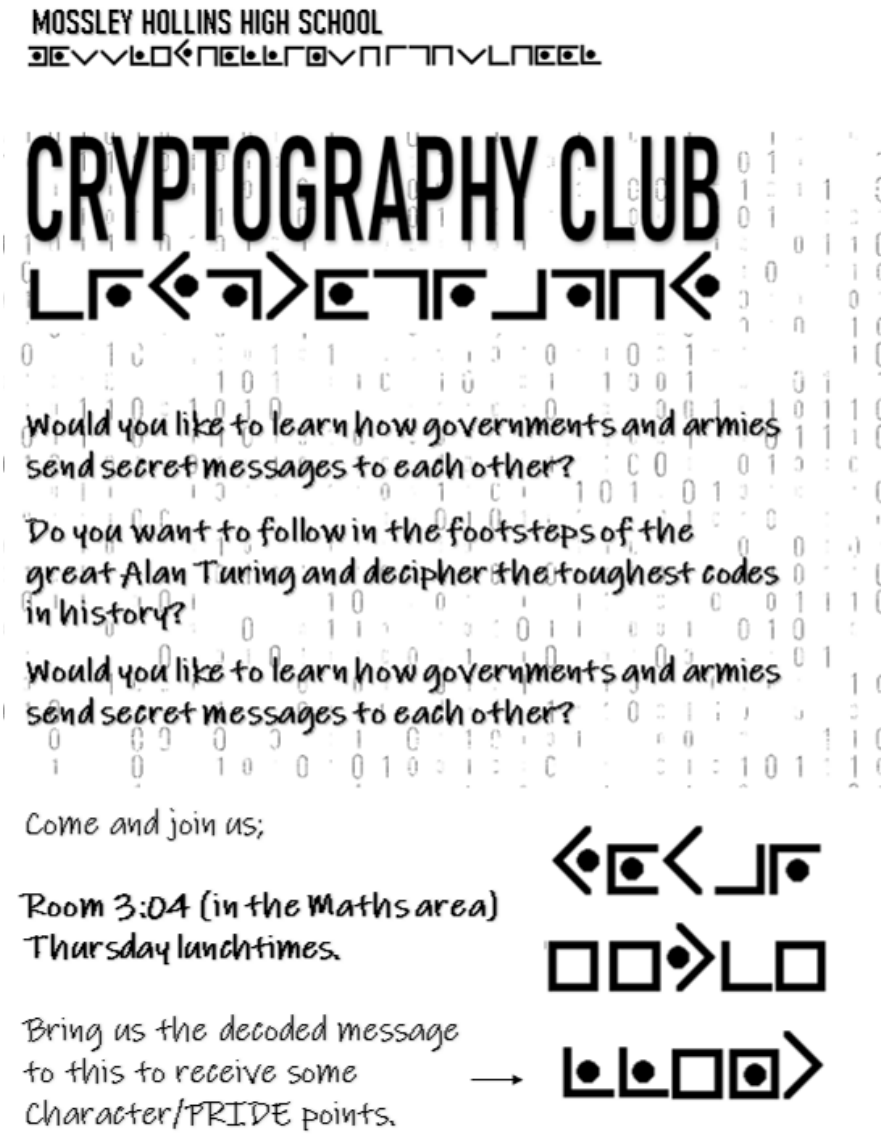
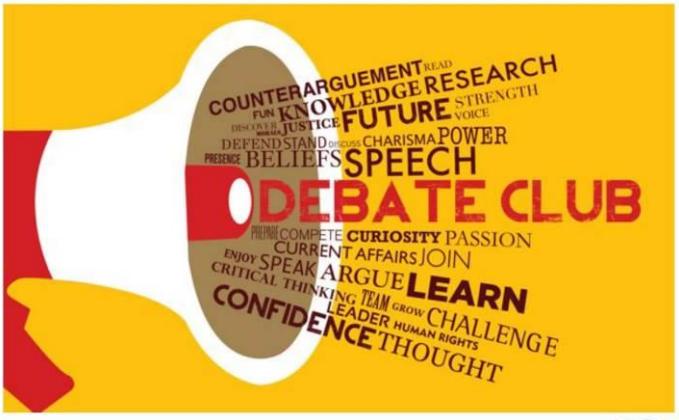
Turing College (Maths Faculty &Year 10)



Nightingale College (Humanities Faculty & Year 9)

Debate Club will be starting on Tuesday 21 September. This is open to students in all Year 7, 8 and 9. It will take place at lunchtime in room 2:06 from 1:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



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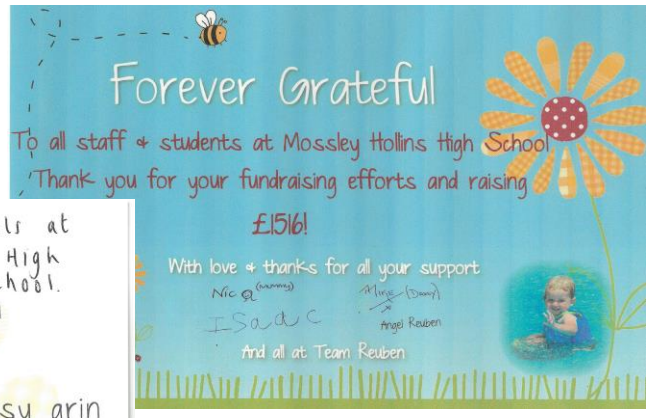
Bronte College (English Faculty & Year 8)

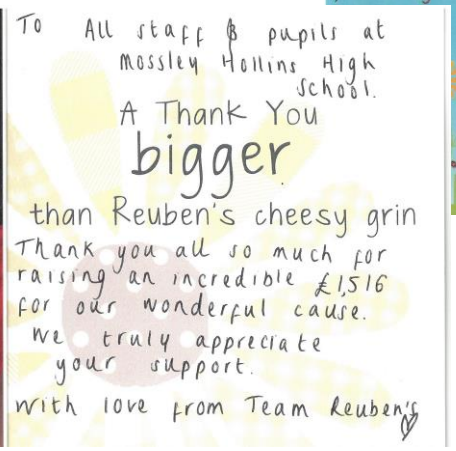
Year 8 Character through leadership.

Well done to Luke Bray and Leoni St Louis for leading the class whilst teaching the method for scotch pancakes in preparation for the lesson this week.

Staff and Students Fundraising

Well done to Redgrave College, who have this week been thanked for their charity fundraising over the past twelve months.





Jonathon Vincent – Year 8 Race for Life

Jonathan Vincent in Year 8 completed the Race for Life 5k run at Alexandra Park in Oldham on Sunday 12th September. Jonathan completed the run in a fantastic time to finish in 4th position. Jonathon and his family managed to raise over £300 for Cancer Research UK. An outstanding achievement, well done Jonathon!

Iona Ellis – Year 8 Swimathon Success

Iona Ellis in Year 8 completed 5k in the Swimathon at Ashton Baths on Saturday 11th September and completed the distance in 1 hour 45 minutes. She raised money for two charities; Cancer Research UK and Marie Curie. Iona swam with her mum and friend and between them they managed to raise £300. An outstanding achievement, well done Iona!

So far this year our staff and students have raised an amazing £5,206

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PE News

Zach Ashton – Year 7 Football

Zachary Ashton in Year 7 plays football for Mossley Junior Knights. Last weekend he played in his first game of the season. They managed to win the game 5-2 with Zach scoring 2 goals and also getting 2 assists. We wish Zachary and the team the best of luck for the rest of the season.

Year 10/11 Netball team

The Year 11 Netball team played in their first tournament of the Year at St Damians on Tuesday. They performed to a very high level throughout the games with some outstanding individual performances. They lost their game against St Damians (4.3) but managed to win the other two games with a fine victory against Fairfield (2.1) and their best performance against Droylsden (4.1).

Congratulations and well done to;
Heidi Brown, Jess Wilson, Kaiya Williams, Ella Murray, Darcey Platt, Megan Hill and Ella Whitwam

Year 11 Badminton team

The Year 11 Badminton team played their first tournament of the Year at Alder on Monday. They played in 4 singles and doubles games against different schools. They managed to win 3 out of the 4 games and performed excellently throughout. Their victories came against St Thomas More, Hyde and Alder.

Congratulations and well done to;
Dylan Riley, Jamie Ball, Roman Burton and Cameron Neild.

Year 8 Football team

The Year 8 football team played their first ever game for Mossley Hollins on Wednesday against Alder. The boys were outstanding from start to finish and dominated the game. They scored 3 outstanding goals with Luca Ovenden Edwards scoring in the first half and Thomas Pritchard and Harrison Mayall scoring in the second half. They went on to win the game 3-2 and get their first win of the season.

Congratulations and well done to;
Reece Hodgson, Michael Alcock, Josh Burke, Declan Mainwaring, Ciaran Starkie, Lucas Mason, Thomas Pritchard, Sam Jones, Henry Wood, Oliver Loughman, Noah Hartley, Harry Wadsworth, Harrison Mayall, Ace Norton, Jonathon Vincent and Luca Ovenden Edwards

Year 10 Football team

The Year 10 football team played their first game of the season on Tuesday against Alder. Despite going down 1-0 early on in the game, just before half time Jacob Tohill equalised with a great strike. In the second half the boys put in an outstanding performance and Luke Varey headed in from a corner to make it 2.1. Charlie Bingley then scored a wonder goal with a 20-yard strike into the top corner and they went on to win the game 3.1

Congratulations and well done to;

Sean Smith, Isaac Herod, Keano Wassall, Jake Wolfenden, Matthew Jones, Luke Varey, Jacob Tohill, Joel Andrews, James Duggan, Daniel Curran and Charlie Bingley

Year 11 Football team

The Year 11 football team played their first game of the season on Tuesday against Alder. They put in a dominant performance throughout the game. They went on to win the game 2.0 with a penalty from Noah Lucas early in the second half and a neat finish from Jacob Ashton towards the end of the game to get their first win of the season.

Congratulations and well done to;
Charlie Jones, Bayley Wassall, Billy Harrison, Jack Bent, Cian Hand, Tom Stones, Roman Burton, Leo Alexander, Jacob Ashton, Noah Lucas, Jake Bateman and Mackenzie Darraugh.

Thank you from the PE department.

The PE department would like to say thank you to all parents, carers and family members who came to watch the games this week. Your support is much appreciated by both the pupils and the PE faculty. Thank you!!!

SPORTS AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLE EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS (Half term 1)

DAY	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Year 9 – Football (Astro) ADo and JBt Year 9 – Netball (Sports Hall) - VDo Year 11 Dance (Dance Studio) – GWa	Year 7 Netball - VDo Year 7 and 8 Basketball – ADo and JMi Year 7-11 Dance – Legally Blonde rehearsal
TUESDAY	Year 8 – Football (Astro) ADo and JMi Year 8 – Netball (Sports Hall) - VDo Year 10 Dance (Dance Studio) – GWa	Netball fixtures – VDo and GWa BTEC (Lesson 7)
WEDNESDAY	Year 11 (Exam PE BTEC group) – ADo and JMi Badminton and Volleyball	Fixtures and competitions
THURSDAY	Year 11 (Exam PE GCSE group) Trampolining Volleyball and Table Tennis – Vdo, ADo and JMi Year 9 Dance (Dance Studio) - GWa	Year 10 (GCSE and BTEC PE groups) – ADo and JMi Badminton and Volleyball Year 7 and 8 Dance (Dance Studio) – GWa
FRIDAY	Year 7 – Football (Astro) – Ado ALL Year Badminton by invite only.	GCSE (Lesson 7) – ADo and VDo

Any Other Information (Job Vacancies/Community Events etc)

General Administration Assistant

Salary: Grade B (Point 3-4)
Actual salary at Grade B, Point 3 - £6,907
16 hours per week (worked over 3 days)
Term-time only
Permanent
Start date – As soon as possible

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The Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and talented individual to join our school. As a General Administration Assistant, you will become a key member of the team, providing a range of clerical and administrative support in the main school office.

You must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, be self-motivated, organised and well presented with strong ICT/keyboard skills.

You will be required to perform a wide range of administrative tasks, for which you will be given full training and support. Working alongside experienced staff you will build up knowledge and develop many transferable skills.

A commitment to the education of young people and high standards are essential attributes.

Closing date for completed applications – Friday, 24th September 2021 - 12pm noon

Casual Invigilators for School Examinations
Grade B – Point 3
£9.88 per hour
Casual hours

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.

Closing date for completed applications – Monday 20th September 2021 (12 noon)

Staffing shortage in Learning Support
Prior to the summer holidays we advertised for 2 new teaching assistants to work with the increased number of students who require support with their learning. On both occasions that we interviewed for these posts we were unable to find any candidates who were suitable to work with our students. We then tried to source some staff from an agency, however we were unable again to find any suitable staff.

We have now been able to fill these positions temporarily using agency staff. Adverts have been placed again to seek the right candidates to fill these positions. I apologise that despite our best efforts we have not been able to get these vacancies filled permanently.

Our learning support staff will continue to work hard to support our most vulnerable learners, please bear with us whilst we do everything we can to fill these posts permanently.

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Level 4) MFL
10 hours per week (term time only)
Permanent
Salary – Grade F (Point 17 – 22)

Actual Salary at Point 17 - £5,696.03
Required – As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (Level 4) to tutor students in MFL (in class or in small groups) to ensure they make accelerated and sustained progress and are able to access the full curriculum, joining a team in Learning Support and the MFL Faculty.

Education to degree level in the relevant curriculum area or spoken Spanish to native speaker is essential.

The posts carry responsibility for planning, tutoring, marking and assessing the learning and progress of students.

Closing date for completed applications – Monday 27th September 2021 2021 – 12 noon

Teaching Assistant (Identified Student)
27 hrs per week (worked over 4 days)
Term time only
Salary – Grade E (Point 11-16)
Actual Salary at Grade E, Point 11 – £13,656.79
Fixed Term in the first instance (until 31.8.22)
(subject to further funding thereafter)
Required – as soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a well organised and committed individual to join the Learning Support Faculty. The post carries some responsibility for an identified student with Special Educational Needs and you will be expected to provide some cover supervision.

You will provide support with school display and undertake exam amanuensis support at key points in the school calendar. You will also receive training to become a school first aider.

We will be interested in you if you: work well with adults and young people; have appropriate literacy and numeracy levels; have strong communication skills in speech and in writing; and if you are able to ensure positive discipline.

Qualifications & experience in working with children/youth will be considered an advantage.

Closing date for completed applications – Monday, 27th September 2021 – 12 noon

Teaching Assistant (Numeracy+)
Permanent
30 hrs. per week (term time only)
Salary – Grade E (Point 11 – 16)
Actual Salary at Point 11 - £15,174.21
Required – As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant (Level 3) to tutor students in Mathematics (in class or in small groups) and other lessons, to ensure they make accelerated and sustained progress and are able to access the full curriculum, joining a team in Learning Support and the Mathematics Faculty.

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Education to degree level in the relevant curriculum area would be an advantage but, not essential.

The posts carry responsibility for planning, tutoring, marking and assessing the learning and progress of students.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide some cover supervision for absent colleagues and to be trained as a school first aider. In addition to this, you will be required to provide amanuensis support during busy exam periods and support your faculty area with ensuring pupil displays are current.

Closing date for completed applications – Monday, 27th September 2021 – 12 noon

Application forms and further details from the school website
www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Parent Governor Vacancies
I am writing to inform you of three vacancies for the role of parent governor on our governing board.

The role of the governing board
The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The role of a parent governor
As a parent governor, you will work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. You will also play a vital role in ensuring that the board is connected with, and is aware of, the views of parents and the local community. Anyone with parental responsibilities for a child i.e. step-parent or full time carer may apply for the role of parent governor.

To be a parent governor you should have:

- A strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children
- Good inter-personal skills, curiosity, and a willingness to learn and develop new skills
- The specific skills required to ensure the governing board delivers effective governance

The governing board is keen for some candidates to have skills in the following (although they are not essential):

- Finance
- Human Resources

Expectations of governors
As a parent governor the expectation is that you will be able to:

- Attend full governing body meetings (one per month Thursday, 18-30 until 21-00)
- Maintain confidentiality
- Commit to training
- Occasionally take part in staff interviews (normally during the day)
- Occasionally be a member of various discipline panels which could either involve staff or pupils.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for the role, please contact reception got the application form and return it to Miss K. Martin, Headteacher's PA **by midday on Friday 17th September 2021**. The form can be brought into school and left at reception, posted to school, or emailed to Miss Martin on k.martin@mossleyhollins.com.

If we receive more applications than there are vacancies, a secret ballot of parent/carers will be carried out. We will inform you closer to the time if we have to do this.

It is a legal requirement that a full DBS (Disclosure and Baring Service) check will be carried out on joining the governors. Please also find attached a Declaration of Eligibility document for your information.

If you have any queries about this process or would like to find out more about the role, please contact myself John Denton through Miss Martin.

Yours sincerely,

John Denton

Chair of Governors

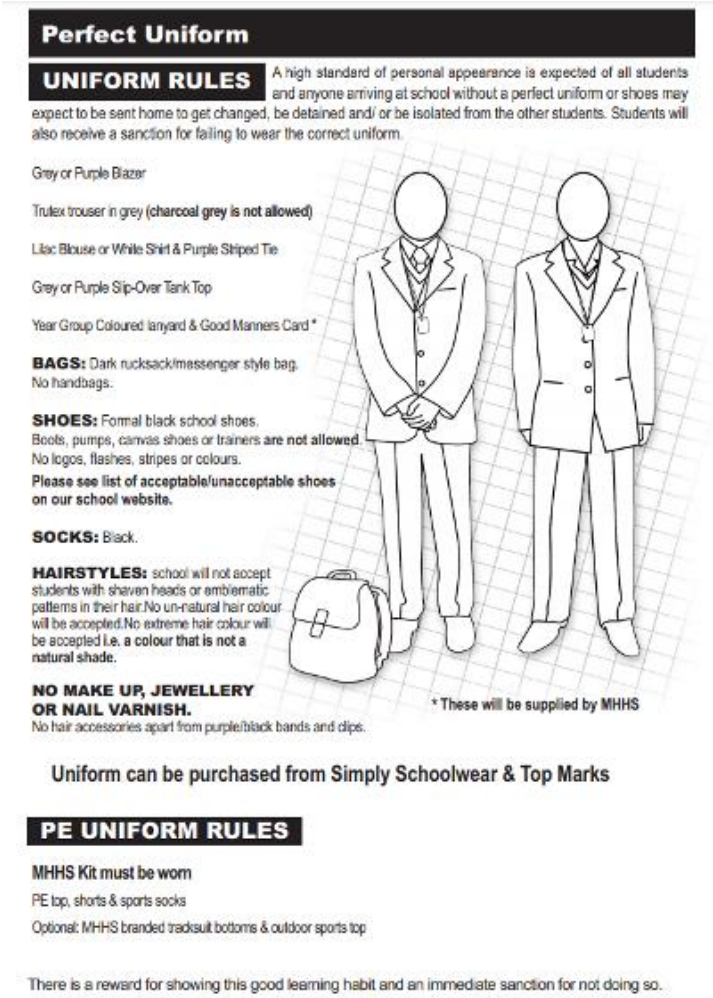
Mossley Hollins High School

School Expectations

Punctuality

We would like to remind everyone of the importance of arriving to school promptly each morning. Should you child arrive later, they must enter through pupil reception by crossing the bridge. This applies to students in all year groups.

Uniform



Uniform can be purchased from Simply Schoolwear & Top Marks

PE UNIFORM RULES

MHHS Kit must be worn

PE top, shorts & sports socks

Optional: MHHS branded tracksuit bottoms & outdoor sports top

There is a reward for showing this good learning habit and an immediate sanction for not doing so.

Equipment

Students who wish to succeed at our school always bring the right equipment for the right lessons each day. Students do not need to bring all of their books but should select the right ones the previous evening. Students must bring to school: pencil case; the 2ps and 2Rs (pen, pencil, ruler & rubber); their planner; DEAR-reader; Correct coloured lanyard; the books and folders for that day; their PE kit when they have PE and a scientific calculator.

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School Shoes

We would like to remind parents and students of the footwear, which will be deemed acceptable and unacceptable. Footwear must not resemble trainers and shoes manufactured by sportswear companies will not be allowed. Canvas or leather converse/vans style pumps will not be allowed, nor will any footwear that covers the ankle. Please be aware that some companies market shoes as school shoes but in fact, they are not acceptable as they have logos and/or trainer like soles. Other shops, such as Clarks have also begun to design their school shoes to look like trainers. Shoes must be all black including the stitching, sole and trim. Logos of any kind are not acceptable, including Kickers. If students arrive in school with inappropriate shoes, they will not be permitted into lessons. Please help to avoid any issues by ensuring that the uniform policy is adhered to.

Suitable School Shoes

Unsuitable School Shoes

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Open Evening Letter

Dear Parents and Carers

Delivering open evenings differently/virtually

Even though life may seem to be getting back to normal, Tameside now has the highest infection of coronavirus infection in Greater Manchester. The latest figures give the Borough's rate as 403.3 per 100,000, which equates to 916 new cases of coronavirus that we know of in just seven days.

While hospital admissions remain low, we are seeing an increasing number of people needing hospital treatment – showing how COVID-19 is continuing to seriously affect people despite the easing of restrictions. This shows how vital it is to continue sensible precautions like wearing a face covering in crowded areas such as public transport, socialising outside or letting fresh air in and minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.

Following a discussion between secondary school headteachers and our education and public health directors, we have taken the decision to deliver secondary open evenings differently this year rather than in person. This is not a decision that was taken lightly and was made following information and advice provided with our pupils best interests in mind. It is absolutely vital that we are able to do as much as we can to keep our schools open throughout this academic year and the impact of open evenings and mass community movement would put significant pressure on our abilities to keep schools open after such events.

We need to be safe and sensible about the decisions we make together in order to prevent further spread of the virus and to prevent further disruption to our pupils' education.

Open Evenings in Tameside will move to an **on-line delivery** platform and will go live on **Tuesday 5 October 2021**. School leaders and their teams will be working hard to represent the school experience as best they can and I would encourage you to go to the school websites and access these excellent resources.

Whilst this will be disappointing for many families and our Year 6 children, we hope you will agree that it is important to safeguard the education of children and the health of communities through safe and sensible decision-making.

Yours faithfully

Tim Bowman
Director of Education
(Tameside and Stockport)

Debbie Watson
Assistant Director of
Population Health

David Waugh
Chair of the Tameside
Association of Secondary
Headteachers

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