

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 26

Friday 29th March 2019



Message from the Headteacher

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUNG ALEX FOR A STEADY AND FULL PHYSICAL RECOVERY & WITH HIS LOVING PARENTS

Having first checked the wishes of Alex's parents, I knew it was important to our students, parents, carers and governors that I brought you up-to-date with as much factual information as possible on the recent accident.

Given the very serious circumstances, Alex is doing extremely well at hospital. Two of our staff visited him at hospital on the first evening, some of our students have since visited (including friends) and we are visiting on Saturday. He is an extremely brave and positive young man. We already knew this, due to his flawless positive record in school (already over 140 achievement points alone in just over half a year!) but we know even more now. Alex's recovery will take time but our thoughts and prayers are with him. The support of our students (cards, balloons, well wishes and many, many kind actions) and our parents (both on the day and ever since) have brought much comfort to the family and much solace to our wonderfully supportive staff and governors.

Welfare and Safety

We are taking the most senior advice available on securing the safety and welfare of our young people and staff. I can bring you up-to-date with recent events, actions and investigations:

The support and expertise from Tameside Council have, we can inform you, been second-to-none at this stage. We have met and agreed ways forward in both the short term and medium term with:

- The Assistant Director of Education for Tameside
- The Director for Operations and Neighbourhoods
- The Children's Services Directorate
- Representatives from the Protection Board, the Health and Safety Executive, the Insurers and Solicitors.

On Tuesday, evening and subsequently we have put in place:

- Temporary additional safety measures until permanent exhaustive checks and measures (any that need to be taken) are taken
- Planning for any necessary permanent safety alterations to explore and finalise
- The bridge area to floor 3 has been temporarily fenced off until all final checks are done beyond doubt and any changes are introduced
- The central stairs are not being used. This is as an additional precaution
- We have introduced a two-way system using our Arts' and Sports' stairs which makes them busy but they are very well supervised and our students are showing great maturity

We will up-date our whole community as necessary.

In addition, we have provided and will continue to provide support to students who require it and are monitoring carefully through our pastoral and On-Board systems for any signs of on-going anxiety. We continue to ask our parents and carers to keep a careful eye for your own children's well-being and to let us know if there is anything further you would wish us to do.

Routine

The advice we have received, and which we strongly believe, is that we should stick firmly to our normal routines that support teaching, learning and personal development. The students and staff have thus far been magnificent and many families have contacted us share our view that it should be business as normal. Times and lessons are as you would expect.

Social Media Expectation

In line with guidance, we continue to ask that social media is used respectfully, responsibly and sensitively in line with the family's wishes. Serious incidents that happen, as you know, affect real people -the family, many of the children and our staff have benefitted so much from a community of voices offering hope, comfort and practical approaches for all concerned.

Mutual Support

We offer our love and support to Alex and his family and we know you do the same. The kind words from children and the parents have been over-whelming and show us just how fortunate we are to serve you.

We look forward to visiting Alex and his family at the hospital on Saturday.

Stuart Marshall, Headteacher

Drew Duncan, Executive Headteacher

Something to Keep Alex Entertained

We have been approached by a number of parents, students and staff who wanted to organise a collection for Alex, to buy him something to keep him entertained as he recovers. Alex's family appreciate this kind gesture, so if you would like to contribute we have set up a Just Giving Page, see the details below.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mossleyhollins-highschool

Praise for Our Students

This week Mr Marshall received contact from a member of the public who praised Mossley Hollins students on their manners and behaviour. Families and friends of Mossley Hollins will know that as a school, we hold dear the value of good manners and we work hard every day to ensure that our young people demonstrate this, along with our other values of hard work and honesty in all that they do.

I am writing this to let you know that what well-behaved young teenagers you have on the 350 bus 7.40am. I use this service regularly and notice the same groups of students (about 20 or so). They are always polite and quiet, you wouldn't notice they were there. Well done to them and your school.

Turing College (Year 11): Leavers' Hoodies

Leavers' hoodies are available to purchase for Year 11 students as a memento of their time at Mossley Hollins. If any Turing students would like to order a leavers' hoodie, please visit our school website www.mossleyhollins.com and follow the link to our online school shop which can be found under 'News and Events' from the homepage.



Alternatively, you can go straight to the following link: www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/online-order-form-login.html and use the following login details to access the shop:

USERNAME: SL44550

PASSWORD: 44550moss

All orders will be delivered to school and distributed to Year 11 students at the Leavers Breakfast.

Please note that the online school shop will close on **Tuesday 22nd May 2019**. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Turing College (Year 11): Compulsory Lesson 7 Sessions

With only one week to go until the break for Easter our Lesson 7 sessions next week roll onto Red Week.



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

There is still time to make a difference, which is why teachers from a range of subjects are offering revision sessions during the Easter break. The schedule for these sessions is outlined below. Letters have been sent home to families inviting students to attend.

Day	AM	PM
Monday 8 April	Science 9.00am-12.00pm English 10.00am-12.00pm	Science 12.00pm-3.00pm English 12.30pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 9 April	Maths 9.30am-12.00pm Drama 10.00am-12.30pm Music 9.00am-1.00pm (Mr. Marshall)	Food & Nutrition 12.00pm-3.00pm Drama 1.00pm-3.00pm Media 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 10 April	History 9.30am-12.00pm Business Studies 9.00am-12.00pm	History 12.30pm-2.30pm CIFE – 12.00-2.00pm
Thursday 11 April	Spanish 10.00am – 11.45am (EH) Geography 9.00am-12.00pm	Spanish – 12.15pm-2.00pm (EH)
Friday 12 April	Dance 9.30am-12.00pm Design Technology 9.00am – 12.00pm	Dance 12.00pm-3.00pm
Day	AM	PM
Monday 15 April	RS 10.00am-12.00pm [Mark Lambe, examiner and a visiting speaker for the first hour]	
Tuesday 16 April		
Wednesday 17 April	Music 9.00am-12.00pm (Mr. Beardmore)	Music 12.00pm-4.00pm (Mr. Beardmore)
Thursday 18 April	PE 9.00am-12.00pm Spanish 10.00am-12.30pm (JSV)	PE 12.00pm-3.00pm Spanish 12.30pm-3.00pm (JSV)

For students who are attending Easter Revision sessions it is important that they sign in and out in the Drum and understand that they must remain in the subject areas where they are being taught. There will be no food preparation during the Easter break and so students must bring a packed lunch if they are staying for a full day session.

Thank you to staff who are preparing and delivering the sessions. GCSE written examinations begin week commencing Monday, 13th May.

Year 8 Students Tread the Boards



On Tuesday, 19th March, the Year 8 Spotlights Theatre Company performed at the Oldham Coliseum Theatre to a sell-out crowd!

With protesters on their farmland Mr & Mrs Shepherd are forced to take action to retrieve their stolen livestock, but more issues are unearthed as the story commences. *Soil* dealt with many themes such as animal cruelty, slavery and manipulation.

The Year 8 students did a fantastic job of producing an engaging and entertaining performance from this complex piece of original writing, which was well received from the supportive audience. The students not only got to perform but took part in the technical aspect of the performance as well, with Harry Smith taking on the role of lighting designer.



I would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the pupils involved and thank the support of parents and Mrs Duncan who accompanied us on the trip.

Another hugely successful performance for the Mossley Hollins Drama Department!

Mr Wane.



Easter Gifts

As part of our school's regular visits to Sandon House Care Home, Year 10 Design and Technology students have made Easter gifts. They are made from wood and some even have a surprise inside when the pegs are opened. These will be delivered by some of our students during the last week of term. They will also take some hand crafted chocolate treats, from the Year 9 Food and Nutrition chocolate workshop, which is happening on Thursday, 4th April.

Thank you year 10 for making the gifts.



Nightingale College (Year 10): Pre-Public Examinations

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

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

Class of 2020 - Year 10 - PPE2 Timetable

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

MCSP Debate event

Thursday, 21st March brought the second Mossley Hollins and Carrbrook Schools Partnership Debate Society competition. This term's debate topic was '*This house believes that all single use plastic should be banned*'. With three teams arguing in support and three teams arguing against, students enjoyed a formal public debate staged to staff, parents and carers in the Arts Theatre. Miss Osbourne, Head of KS3, English joined us to help judge the debate and, as with our previous debate, the judges were especially impressed with the amount of preparation and research undertaken by the primary school students.

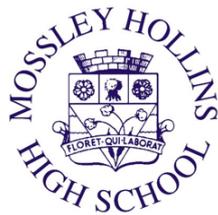


After a slightly reserved start, it was fantastic to see students use their persuasive abilities, extensive research and evidence to argue their opinion. After three exciting debates, and some very close competitions the winners were announced as Livingstone, Milton St Johns and Micklehurst.

Well done to all teams participating in the event, we look forward to the next debate in the Summer Term and seeing the students' speaking skills develop even further.

Thank you to all staff for preparing them and accompanying them to the event, and to Miss Osbourne for supporting with the judging.

Scientist of the Week



Scientist of the Week



Callum McNally Yr. 10

Callum's description of how to separate a mixture using filtration and crystallisation was fantastic! He confidently described each stage in detail, using the correct scientific language and apparatus. Well done Callum, you were so impressive!

Mrs. Milburn

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Year 9 Assessments

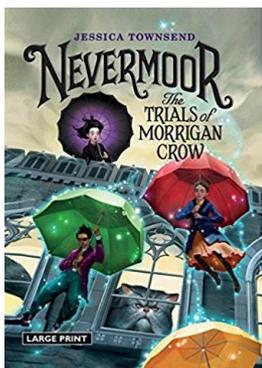
Year 9 Assessments will take place week commencing 1st April 2019. Prior to this date teachers will be setting revision homework to prepare the students for their tests. Parents and carers can help by checking student planners for homework, speaking to their children to ask how their preparation is going and even offering to test their child's knowledge! Good luck to all Year 9 students.

Redgrave College (Year 7): Easter Reading Challenge

Mrs Godrich is running a fundraising reading challenge for Year 7 over Easter. Organised in association with Usborne Books at Home, the Easter Challenge will start on Monday, 1st April, run over the Easter Holidays and finish on Tuesday 30th. Students have to read as much as they can between those dates. They can read anything as long as it has words - books, magazines, blogs, newspapers etc. and on any medium - physical or digital. Each student will be given a log to record how many minutes of reading for pleasure they do during the challenge and ask their nearest and dearest to sponsor them per minute or as a one off donation. Sponsor forms, logs and parental letters have been distributed to students explaining the challenge. Any sponsorship should be returned to school by Friday, 31st May and be given to Mrs Godrich in the MMRC. This will then be turned into new books for the MMRC. There will also be a prize for the student who has the highest total hours read by the end of the challenge so make sure all reading minutes are logged.

There is a copy of the parent letter at the end of this Newsflash.

Book of the Week



Start off your Year 7 Easter Reading Challenge with a fabulous adventure story: *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow* by Jessica Townsend.

Morgan Crow is cursed, destined to die on her eleventh birthday. But, as the clock strikes midnight, she's whisked away by a remarkable man called Jupiter North and taken to the secret city of Nevermoor. There she is invited to join the Wondrous Society. Mystery, magic and protection are hers - if she can only pass four impossible trails, using exceptional talent. Which she doesn't have ...

Redgrave College (Year 7): Scholar's Club Programme



On Wednesday, 27th March twelve students from Year 7 became the latest learners to embark on the Scholar's Club Programme. They attended the University of Sheffield for the launch event and participated in an action packed day of events aimed at raising their awareness of university life so they will be better placed to make informed decisions when they are considering applying to higher education.

Students were given an overview of the University of Sheffield, covering the courses available, the Student Union and the facilities on site for both academic and social purposes. Sheffield is one of 24 highly selective universities in the country, which are known collectively as The Russell Group. More information here: www.russellgroup.ac.uk

Our students had an entertaining campus tour experiencing the Student Union and welfare, accommodation, state of the art research and teaching facilities and one of only two paternoster continuous lifts in the country!

They had the first of six tutorials with their PhD tutor working towards their 1500 word assignment; "Is there an external world?" This is a philosophical question, which deals with perceptions of reality and their justifications. In this first tutorial students engaged in lively debates about what our senses tell us and whether they can be fallible? The work of some deep thinkers such as Plato, Aristotle and Descartes were examined as part of the discussion.

The students were engaged, interested and asked lots of searching questions so much so that the university tutor commented on how knowledgeable the children were for learners in Year7!



Curtain is Almost Ready to go up on our MCSP Talent Show - 2019

Our Charity Talent Show on Thursday, 28th February saw many marvellous performers. After much deliberation, we have three talented students representing our school at the event which takes place on Thursday, 4th April at the George Lawton Hall, 6.30pm.

- **Tilly McGlashen** will be singing, Before He Cheats – by Carrie Underwood from the musical Pitch Perfect
- **Ryan Lever** will be dancing to Embarking on war by Tommy Prophet
- **Brodie Smith** will be dancing to King of New York from the musical Newsies

Last years' Talent Show winner **Ellie Le Duc** will also be performing.

Of course, all our MCSP primary schools have also completed their auditions so we are nearly ready for the main event.

If you would like to purchase tickets for this event, please contact the main reception.

Adult: £4

Child/Concession: £3

Family Ticket: £13

We will be creating a programme for the evening which, as well as informing over 300 guests of the order of events, will also advertise the local businesses who have supported the evening. If you would like to sponsor this event, please could you contact the school on 01457 832491 or email: admin@mossleyhollins.com

All proceeds from this event will be divided between the schools and go towards little projects, such as books for the library or plants for the gardens. Your support is always appreciated.

Arts and Sports' News

Extra-curricular activities

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

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

Arts and Sport Extra-Curricular Clubs

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

Dates for your Diary

Thursday, 4th April- MCSP talent Show

Monday, 1st April- Friday, 5th April- Yr. 9 Assessments

Friday 5th April- Easter Holidays

Monday, 22nd April- Bank Holiday

Tuesday, 23rd April- Pupils return to school

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

Thursday, 2nd May- Yr. 9 Parents Evening

Wednesday, 1st May- Yr. 8 (Girls only) HPV2 Vaccinations

Monday, 6th May- Bank holiday

Wednesday, 8th May- Friday, 10th May- Yr. 11 GCSE Speaking Tests

Thursday, 16th May- Yr. 10 Parents Evening

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!

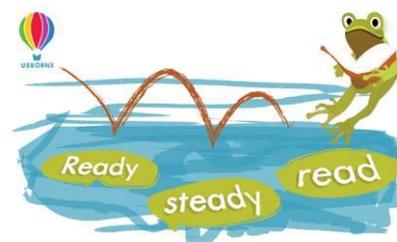
For further information please contact d.webster@mossleyhollins.com

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

Redgrave College (Year 7): Easter Reading Challenge Parent Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read for Year 7 between **Monday 1st April** and **Tuesday 30th April**.



The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Nicola Hadfield, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in **FREE** Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for student by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets or instruction booklets – anything with words!

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please find enclosed a sponsorship form for your child. A reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading, will be given to them in class.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by **Friday 31st May**.

Cheques should be made payable to Mossley Hollins High School.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy. For more information, contact **Nicola Hadfield – nicolahadfield.usbornebooks@hotmail.com**