

Mossley Hollins High School

# Newsflash 29

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



## Message from the Headteacher

### Ideas from Students and Parents on How to Further Improve the School

From Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July the Senior Leadership Team at Mossley Hollins will be writing their School Improvement Plan. This is a document which records the priorities, plans and actions required to bring about school improvement between 2019 and 2021. The plan will actually drive school meetings and development work for the next two years. Naturally, we feel it is essential that we get it right for every member of our school community.

As part of this process, we are determined to hear the ideas of as many people as possible who are key stakeholders in the school, especially the views from students and their parents/carers. As such, we are asking you for your view. Please, as ever, be as constructive as possible.

### The questions we would like to ask are:

1. *What should the school work to make a priority for 2019-20 and 2020-21 and why?*
2. *What plans and actions should the senior leadership team put into place to drive this improvement?*

We would be most grateful if you could find a little time to take part. Please click on the link, scan the QR code or visit [www.mossleyhollins.com/survey/17203.html](http://www.mossleyhollins.com/survey/17203.html)

Please put your name on the reply so that it is valid.

The deadline is Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019.



### School Closure

Frustratingly, I had no choice other than to close the school on Tuesday, due to smoke from a factory fire which had set off our fire alarms. Our mechanical air-handling systems became saturated with smoke, and engineers had to clean filters and re-set systems before the alarms could be restored to normal. In addition, the system automatically shuts down the lifts and shuts off gas supplies so the kitchen had no means to prepare hot food.

I realise what an inconvenience this caused to families and students but I cannot risk the health and safety of our pupils and staff in a building with inoperative fire control systems. Under such circumstances, I was left with no choice other than to close the school.

My sincere apologies for the inconvenience.

## Summer Uniform

From Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May students do not need to wear their blazers/ jackets in school due to the warmer weather. However, students should still be extremely smart, in line with our high standards. Top buttons on shirts must remain fastened, ties and sleeveless jumpers must be worn at all times. Short sleeve shirts may also be worn.

**The school blazer/jacket CANNOT be replaced with another item so, if students are cold, jackets should still be worn. Any other item will not be acceptable. Sleeves should not be rolled up on jackets/shirts.**

## 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](http://www.mossleyhollins.com) and follow the link to our online school shop which can be found under 'News and Events' on the homepage.



Alternatively, you can go straight to the following link: [www.schoolleaverscompany.co.uk/online-order-form-login.html](http://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, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**. No orders will be accepted after this date.

## Turing College (Year 11): Summer Ball

This year our Year 11 Summer Ball will take place on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at The Saddleworth Hotel. This is a fabulous event and is a great way to celebrate the end of the GCSE exams and the journey that our students have made whilst at Mossley Hollins.

The total cost for three course meal and entertainment is £38. We would ask that students return a deposit of £10 to school, as soon as possible, to allow the final numbers to be confirmed with the venue.

## Turing College (Year 11): Compulsory Lesson 7 Sessions

There is only one school week left to go until the first written exams begin on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Teachers and students are incredibly busy with the final preparations. Our compulsory sessions designed to support students will continue next week as our rota moves to Blue Week.



Blue Week			
	Before School	Lunch	After School
Monday		MATHS	ENGLISH (for students not in Separate Science)
Tuesday	MFL		COMBINED & SEPARATE SCIENCE (11X)
Wednesday		ENGLISH (for students in Separate Science)	HISTORY
Thursday	RS MASTERCLASS		MATHS
Friday			ARTS & SPORTS

## Year 9 Parents' and Options' Evening

Thank you for the strong support of our Year 9 parents/carers who joined us for last night's consultation evening at Mossley Hollins High School. We hope that all parents and carers found our progress checks and the verbal feedback from staff of real value at this crucial time. Please ensure that you discuss the next steps for your son/daughter's learning in detail and talk about their options for the future. The deadline for the return of the options form is Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Please contact the main office us on 01457 832491 if you were unable to attend yesterday evening.

## Nightingale College (Year 10): Congratulations



On Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April our Year 10 students who have participated in the Realising Aspirations' Programme at Ashton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College received their awards to celebrate its completion. The students have taken part in a programme of study sessions, which culminated in the submission of a written assignment. All students were praised for their commitment, hard work and

achievements. The subjects studied were Art & Design, Business Economics & Finance, performing Arts and Social Sciences.

Nieve Taylor, Eve Turner, Amber Hughes and Joseph Knott all achieved a Gold award.

Lily Nield, Alex Stoney-Griffiths, Millie Davison, Erin Hollingsworth and Kian Reynolds achieved a silver award.

Cody Etchells also received an award for his Art & Design course.

Miss Fisher and Mr Marshall attended the evening and were very proud of all the students and their achievements. Students said that this had given them a taste of college and helped them to consider their future plans beyond GCSEs at Mossley Hollins. As an alert to our current Year 9 students, our participants said that they would recommend applying to the course next year.



## Working Together in the Community with Mossley Town Team

Mossley Town Team is an organisation which has been established to nurture and develop the two Town Centres of Top and Bottom Mossley, in order to improve our local community. We are very excited and privileged that Town Team have invited our students to take an active role in helping out with voluntary work over the next coming months.

Two students from Year 8 – Abigail Hughes and Evan Brownlow have been selected to act as our main representatives. Both students have attended their first Town Team meeting on Wednesday evening this week. Abigail and Evan showed wonderful enthusiasm and support towards the organisation and they are keen to get started.

On **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** students will be working at the George Lawton Hall helping out with the planters in preparation for the 2019 Britain's Got Bloom.

The next event to take place will be on **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** when around twenty MHHS pupils will meet at the Market Square to help Town Team plant around seventy hanging baskets. These baskets have all been ordered by the local businesses in the community, ready for judging at the end of July.



We are really looking forward to helping out and taking part in many more events to support our community.

## Year 7 Maths battles

Unfortunately, due to the closing of the school on Tuesday, the scheduled battle could not take place, but I am pleased to announce that it will be on Tuesday, 7th May at 3:05pm in room 3:03. Both teams should be ready and raring to go! Best of luck, can Mr Caffrey's team pull level in the competition?

## UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Scheduled for this Tuesday was the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This has now taken place in lessons on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Pupils in Year 7 and 8 have been preparing for a few weeks for this and we should be expecting some fantastic results. An update will be posted in the Newsflash once we have received the results.

An example of a question from this year's paper:

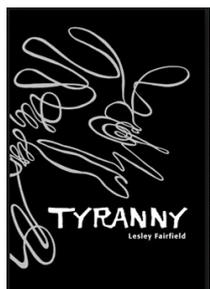
"A rectangle is three times as long as it is high. The area of a square is twelve times the area of the rectangle. What is the ratio of the perimeter of the square to the perimeter of the rectangle?"

## MEM Challenge Results

In the February half term, our Year 7 and 8 students were entered into the MEM Challenge with the University of Liverpool. These were very difficult problems and only a handful of students who enter earn a prize. We are extremely proud to announce that Joshua Aspin has received a "Second Prize with Distinction" and is invited to a prize evening at the University of Liverpool! Well done! This is a fantastic achievement!

## Book of the Week

Mental Health Awareness Week occurs every May. This year the theme is Body Image. The MMRC will be having a promotion on Mental Health issues over the next month and this week's Book of the Week tackles the thorny issue of eating disorders.



The graphic novel *Tyranny* by Lesley Fairfield is a stark and moving take of hope and survival as Anna finally learns to accept herself and reclaim her life after years of battling an eating disorder and her personal demon, Tyranny.

From next week, the MMRC will be celebrating Mental Health Awareness week with books, activities and leaflets to promote mental self-help. The activities will focus on issues surrounding body image and designed to help boost self-esteem. There will also be a number of exam stress books available to help Year 11 cope with the exam season.

## An Update on Our STEM Team

Our STEM club scientists are currently finishing presentations of their work, which will include a scientific research poster detailing what they have been investigating throughout last term. Look out for them on the new STEM board appearing in the Faraday home base soon!

A new project will be underway this week, with more students joining for the second STEM project. This term we will be investigating "Why do we use shampoo?". Keep reading next week to see how they plan to answer this all-important question.

## Scientist of the Week



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#### Callum Leah

Callum has shown a fantastic attitude to learning in science in the lead up to his GCSEs. He constantly goes the extra mile with his revision, both in class and at home.

Keep up your hard work Callum.

Miss Walton

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## Redgrave College (Year 7): Bushcraft Visit

The Redgrave College Bushcraft trip is fast approaching. This year we have 80 students attending this exciting weekend at Cholmondeley Castle on 24<sup>th</sup> May-26<sup>th</sup> May. Below is a copy of the Kit List. Students received a letter this week which included more information about the weekend.

### KIT LIST

Below you can find our recommended kit list. We do stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy all new and expensive kit. As long as you have a sleeping bag and roll mat, torch, appropriate footwear and some warm clothes you will be fine, but just to be sure we have outlined the key items of kit below.

Please do also visit our online shop at [www.thebushcraftcompany.com/shop](http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com/shop)

#### ESSENTIAL ITEMS

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large rucksack (or alternative bag/suitcase) | <input type="checkbox"/> Footwear (at least 2 pairs e.g. walking boots/old trainers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small rucksack for daytimes away from camp   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash bag including; toothbrush, toothpaste and face wipes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm sleeping bag (season 3 recommended)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel(s)                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roll mat                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tracksuit/hard-wearing trousers              | <input type="checkbox"/> Good torch with fresh batteries (head torch is ideal)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-Shirts                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent (suitable for midges/mosquitos/ticks)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jumpers/fleece                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol hand gel                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproofs (jacket and trousers)            |                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm socks and underwear                     |                                                                                      |

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

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|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag liner | <input type="checkbox"/> Whistle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow             |                                  |

#### WEATHER DEPENDENT ITEMS

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellington boots           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun hat   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm hat, gloves and scarf | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun cream |

*We kindly ask you do not bring electronic devices (mobile phones), sweets or snacks to camp, particularly those containing nuts.*

## Summer Opportunity for Turing College (Year 11)

### Year 11 Oxford University Pathways 'Investigating Options' Days: Applications Open

Oxford University will be running a series of 'Investigating Options Subject Days' Pathways events this July. Lunch is provided and some travel bursaries will be available. The sessions are designed for able students who will have just completed their GCSE examinations and would like to learn more about university, subject options, and Oxford itself.

Students will take part in lectures and seminars, and will experience academic taster workshops with Oxford tutors. To any of Year 11 students who are interested the following website contains information about how to apply.

<https://www.pathways.ox.ac.uk/year-11-investigating-options-subject-days/>

Events are held on the following dates:

Wednesday 10th July - Investigating Humanities

Thursday 11th July - Investigating Social Sciences

Wednesday 17th July - Investigating Medicine and Allied Subjects

Thursday 18th July - Investigating Maths, Physical and Life Sciences

If you wish for further information please also speak to Mr Fenton.

## Faraday College (Year 8): Golfing Success

On Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, Year 8 pupils Nicholas Gaunt, Jack Bent and Lewis Byers represented the school at golf in the North Team Championship at Westhoughton Golf Club. The pupils were fantastic on the day earning themselves third place, which is great achievement. Furthermore, can we offer huge congratulations to Nicholas Gaunt who finished the day with 42 points. This was the highest of any competitor on the day. Well done to all three students.

We would also like to congratulate Jack Bent for his participation in the Lancashire School Boys Championship, which took place on Monday. Jack competed against students from all over the country ranging from Year 8-11. A fantastic achievement for a pupil in Year 8. We look forward to the next fixture, which will be in June 2019.



## 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	Lunch Time Sessions 11:52:00pm (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	DANCE	DRAMA	MUSIC	PE	DANCE	DRAMA	MUSIC
 MONDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE Revision groups 1 VDO Year 7 Football JM	Year 11 GCSE Dance LS		Band (all years) SB	Netball (ALL YEARS) VDO			
 TUESDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE revision groups 2 VDO Year 8 Football JM	Year 11 GCSE Dance LS		Woodwind group Drumming groups SB	Boys football 7/8 JM	KS3 Dance	Year 8 Drama Club SW	Drumming Group
 WEDNESDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE revision groups 3 VDO 7/8 Cricket JM	Elite Dance Club LS	Year 9 Drama Club SW		Matches			
THURSDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE revision groups 4 ADO 9 Cricket JM	Year 11 GCSE Dance LS	Year 9 Drama Club SW	Break Chamber Choir Lunch Pop Choir	Athletics ADO/JBO		Year 9 Drama Club SW	Band & Year 7 Band Practice
 FRIDAY	Year 11 GCSE PE revision groups 5 VDO	Year 11 GCSE Dance LS	Year 7 Drama Club SW	Band Practice	GCSE PE Intervention VDO/ADO		GCSE DRAMA Intervention SW	GCSE Music Intervention SW

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**- Bank Holiday

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 10 Pre-Public Examinations

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**- Yr. 11 PRIDE awards (Rescheduled from 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019)

**Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May- Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**- Yr. 11 GCSE Speaking Tests

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**- GCSE Year 11 Exam Session

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May**- Yr. 10 Parents' Evening

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**- Break up for half term holiday

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May- Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 7 Bushcraft trip

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**- Pupils return to school

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**- Whit Friday (GCSE students will be in school for their timetabled exams)

## 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](mailto:d.webster@mossleyhollins.com)  
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options>