

Mossley Hollins High School

# Newsflash 16

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019



## Message from the Headteacher

A very happy New Year to all our students and their families. We hope that 2019 proves to be a successful and happy year for all our students and we wish Year 11, our class of 2019, the very best of luck as they begin final preparations for their GCSE examinations

### **We are making communication easier, faster and more effective**

We are always looking for ways to communicate more effectively with parents and families, as well as reducing our carbon footprint and, after a review of our current home/school communication methods, we have taken the decision to invest in a new system, **SchoolGateway**. This system will improve things significantly, providing a two-way communication method and a more reliable way to receive correspondence from the school; and a convenient way for families to pay for items such as school trips and dinner money.

How does **SchoolGateway** work?

Via an app and a website, **SchoolGateway** provides a single point of contact that allows you to receive messages, pay for items including school meals, view information and react to notifications free of charge.

This system will also enable you to see valuable information about your child at any time online, or on your smartphone using the **SchoolGateway** app.

Through the app you will be able to:

- View your child(ren)'s lesson timetable
- Keep up to date with the latest information about your child(ren)
- Notify us of any reason for their absence
- Check and update your contact details and those we hold for your child(ren)
- View lunch money balances
- Give online consent for activities such as school trips
- View PRIDE, NUHOPE and attendance information about your child
- Make payments via Instant Bank Transfer, debit or credit card
- Communicate free of charge \*

\* If you download the SchoolGateway app, this will enable FREE two-way communication between yourself and the school which will assist us in reducing the amount of money we spend each year on text messages.

Setting up a School Gateway account is quick and simple. Whether you are accessing School Gateway by the app or the website, you will be guided through the set-up on your chosen device.

**We are planning for the system to go live on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019** and will send full details about the set-up and login procedures to all families next week. This information will also appear in next week's newsflash and on the school website.

Best wishes,  
Mr Marshall

## A Sincere Message of Thanks

This week Mr Marshall received the following message from one of our guests who attended the Christmas Carol Service on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December.

*Dear Mr Marshall,*

*I am writing to say how much I enjoyed the Carol Service held on 21<sup>st</sup> December at your school.*

*I was impressed by the attitude of the pupils who welcomed us to the school and who served us with refreshments prior to the service. However, it is worth noting that in addition to these selected pupils, all the ones we came across on arrival and throughout our visit were unfailingly polite and a real credit to your school...Please pass on my congratulations to all who were involved in the organisation of the Carol Service. Thank you so much for doing it. I know the Sandon House residents enjoyed it, as did those of us who accompanied them.*

## Turing (Year 11) – Countdown

This week our Lesson 7 sessions began with Blue Week. As we move ever closer to the start of the summer season of exams, attendance and participation with these sessions is of paramount importance. Letters were sent home to parents and carers in December 2018 explaining which sessions students must attend. In February, the final set of Pre-Public Examinations will be held so our Lesson 7 sessions will also be helping to prepare students in readiness for those assessments. Any students who have not been invited to a session but who do wish to participate must speak to their subject teacher.



Please note that next week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January will be a Red Week.

Red Week			
	Before School	Lunch	After School
Monday			ENGLISH
Tuesday	MFL		COMBINED SCIENCE
Wednesday			TECHNOLOGY
Thursday	SEPARATE SCIENCE RS MASTERCLASS		MATHS
Friday		DANCE	HUMANITIES <b>**MUSIC DRAMA</b>

## Turing College (Year 11): Revision Conference Day

We are busy planning and preparing for the special Revision Conference Day on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at The Village Hotel in Ashton for all of our Year 11 students. This is an all-day event aimed at giving important advice and information on how to prepare for final exams in May. The students will receive and participate in a range of sessions throughout the day, ranging from careers to exam techniques. Students will need to bring a calculator for one of the sessions. Attendance is compulsory on this day. A letter has been issued to Year 11 students, giving full details of the event. Reply slips were due back to the school by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January please.

If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Riddy (Deputy Headteacher) at the school.

## Year 11 English Revision

We would like to remind all of our Year 11 students and their parents of the revision materials available on the school website for both English Language and English Literature.

The materials can be used to support your child's revision for the February Pre-Public Examinations. During the PPEs students will be completing the following papers:

English Language Paper One

English Language Paper Two

English Literature Paper One (*Macbeth* and *Lord of the Flies*)

<http://www.mossleyhollins.com/english2/207.html>

## Careers Update

A reminder to all students that Mrs Senior our Careers Advisor is available every Friday at lunchtime for drop-in sessions regarding careers and college advice. She will be in Mr Doodson's office on the second floor, no appointment necessary.

Also a reminder to Year 11 students of the following college application deadlines:

College	Deadline Date
Ashton Sixth Form College	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Clarendon Sixth Form College	February 2019
Tameside College	February 2019

## Good Manners Cards

At Mossley Hollins we are very proud of the way in which the vast majority of our students conduct themselves in and around school and the way in which they uphold our core values of Manners, Hardwork and Honesty. Our students have also been issued with a good manners card at the beginning of the new academic year in September 2018. This card is used to have conversations with students in the rare occasion where they have not demonstrated these values. It is part of the required equipment. If a student does not have a Good Manners Card, they will be issued with a Nuhope sanction. Some students appear to have misplaced their card. Form mentors will be reissuing new cards next week to those students. From Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January any student found without a card will be issued with a Nuhope sanction.

## Parent Governor Election

We are currently holding an election for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. You are strongly encouraged to contact the Chair of Governors, Mr John Denton to discuss the role of Parent Governor prior to applying and this can be arranged through the Clerk to the Governors, Miss Kathryn Martin in school.

Our website outlines some of the criteria on becoming an effective Parent Governor. The application form is also on our webpage at <http://www.mossleyhollins.com/parent-governor-election2/10721.html>

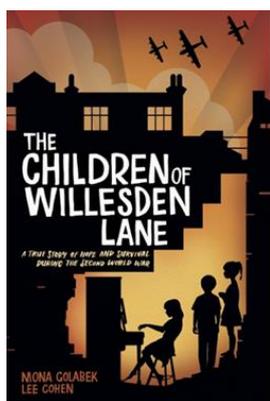
Closing date is 12 noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Test Twos (T2s): Assessments

In-class assessments will take place over the next two weeks. We wish all the students in Year 8 and 9 the very best of luck with the assessments.

Year group	Test Twos (T2s) to take place during the week commencing...
8	Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January
9	Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January

## Message from the MMRC



Book of the week: The Children of Willesden Lane by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen.

This is based on a true story. Fourteen-year-old Lisa Jura was a musical prodigy who hoped to become a concert pianist. However, when Hitler's armies advanced on pre-war Vienna, Lisa's parents were forced to make a difficult decision. Able to secure a passage for only one of their three daughters through the Kindertransport, they chose to send gifted Lisa to London for safety. As she yearned to be reunited with her family while she lived in a home for refugee children on Willesden Lane, Lisa's music became a beacon of hope. A memoir of courage, survival and the power of music to uplift the human spirit, this compelling tribute to one special young woman and the lives she touched will both educate and inspire readers.

### New Books in the MMRC; a message for students

Why don't you pop along to the MMRC and check out the New for January Titles?

They include: Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson which is a funny and inspiring Graphic Novel of friendship, girl power and roller derby; The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier sees Jack Sullivan battling with Total Monster Zombie Chaos; Dead Scared by Curtis Jobling where Will is knocked off his bike and killed in an accident after his first kiss. His best friend can still see him. They need to find out how to solve the mystery of Will's hit and run to allow him to rest in peace; Car-jacked by Ali Sparkes sees genius Jack taken on the thrill of his life when his parents car is stolen with him still in it; What is Gender? by Juno Dawson which sets out to tackle the questions of gender, stereotypes and how it defines who we are.

If you need new DEAR books come along and take the pick of the new titles whilst they are still available.

## PE News

### Extra-curricular activities

A new timetable has been created for the new term. 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/club must report to the PE changing rooms at the beginning of lunchtime/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) 2:50-3:30pm (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		Netball VDO Year 7/8/9	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	GCSE PE Practical Intervention JB Boys football year 9 JM BTEC Revision ADO Duty LS /VDO	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	GCSE PE Theory Intervention GCSE PE Girls practical intervention ADO/VDO	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	GCSE PE YEAR 11 VDO/AD/JM Practical and theory Duty JB0	Intervention Dance	GCSE PE practical intervention	Beginners Band SB	Rock Band	GCSE PE Intervention BTEC intervention		

## Mossley Zumba!

New Year, New you?

Do you fancy losing a few pounds, getting fit or just trying something new? Why not do all 3 at once and come along to Mossley Zumba! Every Wednesday evening at Mossley Hollins High School, 7-8pm.



It is beginner friendly and your first class is absolutely FREE so you've literally got nothing to lose!

Do it. You won't regret it!

See you Wednesday! This class is only suitable for people who are over the age of sixteen.

## School Band Engagement

Our school band are performing this Saturday evening at the George Lawton Hall. They are playing at a major charity event raising money for cancer care.

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> January**- Revision Focus Day – Year 11

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**- Year 9 Photographs

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**- MCSP Big Sing

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**- School closes for half term

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**- Pupils return to school

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**- Wizard of OZ School Production

## 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>

## Job Vacancies

**1-2-1 Tutor (Maths, English & History)**  
**Teaching Assistant (Literacy+)**

Further details and details of the application process are available from our school website - [www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies](http://www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies)