

Mossley Hollins High School

Newsflash 14

Friday 13th December 2019



Next Week's Christmas Events

MCSP Christmas Musical Evening

The MCSP Christmas Musical Evening takes place at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 17th December. This will be a mainly festive programme featuring our school band, guitar group, soloists, three partner primary schools, pop choir, chamber choir, Year 7 band and drumming group. It promises to be a packed evening.

Of course, audience participation will be an important element of the evening! The last few remaining tickets for this event are available from our school office – price £5.

Christmas Lunch

We are really looking forward to serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 18th December. Each year, teaching, support and catering staff join together to serve full Christmas Lunch; turkey with all the trimmings as well as Christmas pudding. If you would like your son or daughter to have the Christmas Lunch at a cost of £2.30, please make sure they have added funds to their lunch account.



The school band will be providing the live music for our Christmas lunch. However, the players will not miss out on enjoying their own Christmas lunch as they will be absent from lesson 5 on Tuesday to set up for the event, enjoy an early lunch so that they are ready to play for when the rest of the school sit down to eat.

Brass Band / Pop Choir

Both groups will be performing on the last day of term at the annual Carol Service. This will be the band's ninth Christmas performance over the last few weeks with many of the performances taking place at the weekends. Well done to all the players who give their time and a huge thanks to the parents of the players who support their children and our school in making sure that the players can attend all their engagements.

This Weekend's Band Engagements

The School Band will be playing this Friday evening at St. George's church, Top Mossley. This event is The Emmaus Christmas Concert and the band will be playing a selection of Christmas Carols from 7.30pm until 8.00pm.



Year 7 Festive Food Bank Fundraiser Film Event

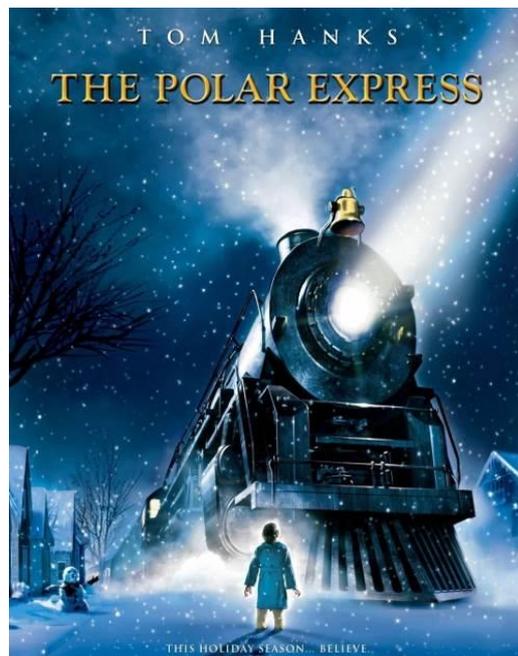
Our school is holding a **Year 7 Festive Food Bank Fundraiser Film Event** on 18th December 2019 and would love your son or daughter to join the fun.

All we ask is for a donation of any non-perishable items but ideally tinned meat as Mossley Food Banks' stocks are running very low.

What will be happening:

- Students in Year 7 will watch Polar Express during Period 5 and Period 6.
- There will be a break for lunch and your child will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas Dinner.

Together, we will be able to support Mossley Food Bank, which provides short-term emergency relief for people who would otherwise go hungry. Food banks help prevent family breakdowns, housing loss, crime and mental health problems. They also take time to listen and help people.



Mossley Hollins Brass Band in Action

Here is our band in festive action last week performing in Hyde, as advertised in last week's newsflash. The concert was a great success with a standing ovation at the end!



Annie 2020

Since the reveal of the school production in the summer term of 2019, the fantastic students have flocked to be a part of the creative process. Over the past four years the aim has been simple; to make each and every show bigger and better than the previous! We have actors, singers, dancers, choreographers, backstage crew, set designers, lighting and sound technicians who are all contributing to bring you the fantastic tale of Annie.

Not only are our students demonstrating unfaltering enthusiasm and energy, but also their commitment to the demanding schedule with many students attending more than five hours of rehearsal each week!

A special thank you must be made for the fantastic support that Miss Sharpe, Miss Hodgkins and Mrs Adams have provided to the creation of this show.

We would also like to thank the ongoing support of all parents who are supporting their child in taking part in this exciting experience.

Tickets are on sale now from the school office and they are selling fast!



Nightingale College (Year 11) - Intervention

16
weeks
to go!

Next week is **RED** week for Year 11 intervention. Please note that there will be no intervention sessions running on Friday, 20th December 2019.

	Red Mon	Red Tues	Red Wednesday	Red Thursday	Red Friday
Before School					Media Studies
Lunchtime		Religious Studies			
After School	DT Photography Geography History	Spanish Food Business	Maths	English	Science Geography History

Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exams

This week, Year 11 students have completed their speaking PPE in Spanish. As part of this exam, they are required to complete a role-play, describe a photograph and then have a conversation with their teacher on a range of different topics. Mr Stevens and Mr Taylor have been overwhelmed with the excellence of their preparation. Students have arrived to their exams with much confidence and the standard has been very high. We would like to congratulate the following students who have either shown great improvement or have achieved excellence in this exam:

Millie Davison	Katie Hunt	Iris Morris	Ellie Dutton
Matthew Gaunt	Julia Garibyar	Olivia Whittaker	Ally Gardner
Amber Hughes	Ellie Le Duc	Daisy Artingstall	Amber Wadsworth
Louis Jones	Megan Brown	Kieran Harris	Olivia Rylance
Joe Wilks	Tom O'Connor	Joe Knott	Daniel Rhodes

We look forward to continued success during the next PPE in March and the final exams, which will take place after Easter.

Nightingale College - Year 11 Religious Studies

This week in Religious Studies, Year 11 were visited by Mr. Ali Akbar, the 2nd in Department of Law and Philosophy, Ethics and Religion at Ashton Sixth Form College. Ali provided Year 11 with a seminar on the Muslim belief in Angels, a key component in their study of Islam. Ali delivered a really interesting, engaging and informative session to both Religious Studies classes, showing Year 11 just how exciting the Philosophy, Ethics and Religion course at Ashton Sixth Form is. Mrs Harrison would like to thank Ali for his visit and Year 11 are certainly looking forward to working with him in future RS lessons!



Nightingale College – Geography Field Visit

On Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th December, 70 year 11 GCSE geography students travelled to Salford Quays, Media City, to undertake their GCSE Geography fieldwork investigation into the regeneration of Salford Quays. Despite a slightly gloomy and cloudy start to the day, students quickly engaged with their research, undertaking five data collection techniques during the day, including a traffic survey, land use survey and questionnaire for local employees in creative industries. In order to understand employment opportunities further, students also had a tour of the BBC studios including BBC Breakfast and Radio 6 Music. It became clear to students on the trip how beneficial the economic hub has been to the local region and to the North West. Thank you to the teachers and students who came on the trip and made it a real success.



Test Ones for Year 9

Please note that in order for teachers to accurately assess your child's progress, there will be Test Ones (T1s) taking place for Year 9 across all subject areas. Please check your child's planners carefully as they should be bringing home revision homework tasks to help them to prepare. The assessments will take place during two school weeks (week beginning Monday, 16th December 2019 and week beginning Monday, 6th January 2020). The results of these assessments will be reported to parents and carers in January.

Preparing for the Year 9 Assessments

Week beginning 16th December, is the year 9 first round of assessments (T1), there are two revision lists:

Students in 9x1 and 9y1 are to use the Delta 3 revision list.

Students in 9x2, 9x3, 9y2 and 9y3 use the Theta 3 revision list.

Revision List for End of Term 1 Test	MW Clip	Revision List for End of Term 1 Test	MW Clip
DELTA 3		THETA 3	
Types of data	63	Order of operations (BIDMAS)	75
Reciprocals and indices	76	Standard form	83
Sequences	103 & 213	Rules of indices	82
Stem and Leaf Diagrams	128b	Substitution	95
Inequalities	138 & 139	Factorising	94
Expanding Brackets	94 & 134b	Expanding brackets	93
Averages from a frequency table	130a & 130b	Changing the subject of a formula	136
Solving Equations	135a	Algebraic fractions	210a & 210b
Standard form	83	Scatter graphs	129
Factorising expressions	94 & 157	Averages from a frequency table	130a & 130b
Cumulative Frequency	186	Designing a frequency table	65a
Changing the subject of a formula	136 & 190	Enlargement	148
Algebraic fractions	210a & 210b	Rounding to significant figures	90
		Proportion	42
		Percentage increase/decrease	108 & 109

Along with the list of topics, there are Mathswatch watch clips which the students should use to help them revise. The clips show an example of how to attempt a particular question. Students should watch the clip, make notes, then pause the clip and try to answer the practise questions before un-pausing to reveal the answer. The Maths department strongly advise all students to use Mathswatch to be fully prepared for these upcoming assessments.

Students can access Mathswatch using their usual Mathswatch login and password.

Life Skills News

The Life Skills content for form time next week is:

Year 7 – Creating our competition entry – focusing on the advertisement.

May I please remind parents that Year 7 should also be working on their competition entries at home, as well as in form time. We are looking forward to receiving some excellent entries and sending them off for the national competition.

Year 8 – How to protect our online reputation.

Year 9 – Positive peer influence.

Year 10 – The impact of divorce.

Year 11 – Reviewing our Life Skills Day.

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

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. As such, Year 11 will participate in a collapsed timetable day on Tuesday, 17th December, which will focus on important issues relating to their lives in the wider world and their future outside Mossley Hollins. They will participate in the following sessions throughout the day:

- The role of the parent – practical session delivered by Ms Joanne Beresford and students from Tameside College.
- Issues relating to pregnancy – an understanding of fertility issues and the available treatments. This session will also include religious and cultural beliefs on such issues.
- Unintended pregnancy – an understanding of the available pathways following an unintended or unwanted pregnancy. This session will also include religious views on these pathways.
- Online gambling – an understanding of the risks and dangers of online gambling and how to stay safe. This session will also include religious and cultural views on the issue of online gambling.
- Checking for testicular and breast cancer – an opportunity for students to understand how to check themselves for the signs of testicular and breast cancers and where to seek help.

Students should have received a timetable for the day and they will be based in the Nightingale College home base and surrounding classrooms for the duration of the day. We are sure you will agree that sessions offered on this day will provide a valuable learning experience for our students, one that will enable them to learn and develop new skills to make the right choices, both now and in the future. If you have any enquiries about the Life Skills and Religious Studies day, please contact Mrs. Rebecca Harrison at r.harrison@mossleyhollins.com

Bronte College (Year 10) - Congratulations to Our New ICT Student Leaders

Congratulations to Hannah Collier, Faith Downs, Kaia Earl, Ewan Macdonald and Yogesh Patel who have been appointed as our Whole School ICT Pupil Leaders. They will work alongside our Network Manager, Technicians and ICT Strategy Manager to develop the landscape of the schools ICT Systems.

As ICT Pupil Leaders, they will help staff and students to utilise the technology we have here at Mossley Hollins High School and in doing so develop their own digital knowledge.



We wish them every success.

UK Bebras – Computational Thinking Challenge

Over the course of the previous few weeks, Computer Science students have been taking part in a National Computational Thinking Challenge. Students completed a series of computational challenges and were assessed against students all over the UK. The results are now in and we are very proud of the outstanding performance by students.

- 47 students achieved Certificates of Distinction.
- 47 students achieved Certificates of Merit.
- 12 students finished in the top 10% nationally and have been invited to be a part of the 2020 Oxford Computing Challenge. These students are: Callum Bennett, Brooke Bamford, Millie Wright, Joseph Robinson, Maisie Knott, Nicole Mulhall, David Beeley, Jonathan O'Mara, Joshua Hainsworth, William Mason, Ewan MacDonald and Joshua Pycroft.
- Special mention must go to Millie Wright (Best in School ages 12-14) and Ewan MacDonald (Best in School ages 14-16)



Thank you,
Mr Chalmers



Bronte College (Year 10) - Experiments in Science

In Year 10 science, we have been looking at using renewable and non-renewable energies to generate electricity. We made steam powered turbines, similar to those used in power stations. Burning the gas releases heat energy, which is used to heat the water. The kinetic energy from the steam then turns the turbine. In a real station, this turbine would be connected to a generator to transfer the kinetic energy to electrical energy.



iDEA Club – Lunch Time Club

iDEA is an international programme to help people develop digital enterprise and employability skills. Students build up a wealth of knowledge and earn bronze, silver and gold badges along the way.

More information can found about the club at the following website: <https://idea.org.uk/>

The club is open to all students and runs every Thursday lunch time in 4.02. The club also counts towards the character pillars for Year 7 students.



For more information, please see Mr Chalmers in room 4.02 or watch the introduction video on the following link <https://idea.org.uk/about>

Student Safety On The Grounds; Parents Dropping Off In Cars – Some Great Suggestions From Our Parents

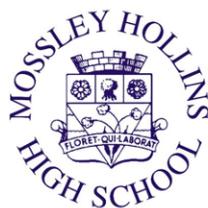
As you know we had to take important action to re-inforce the double-yellow lines that have been on our site since the day we opened in the new building. Too many busy parents were parking on the double-yellow lines or in the bus lane at the bottom of the drive and this led to far too many near-misses for all children on our grounds. We are so grateful that the vast majority of parents and carers are observing the double-yellow lines. **There has been no change to our rule on this since we opened on the new site in 2011.** Those of you as old as many of our staff will remember on the old site there was no drive at all so any parents in cars used the side road (Winterford Road) and the students walked the rest of the way: which was a far safer and healthier option.

Although the grounds are now as safe as they should be, far too many cars are now dropping students off on the main road. This will not be any safer, we are afraid. ***A few parents have phoned in with an excellent set of suggestions and we promised that we would pass them on to all car drivers:***

- 1. Please do not drop your child off on the main road. It is dangerous for them and other road-users;***
- 2. Please use the side roads, instead, if you have to bring them (this would apply if the student lives a fair distance away and there is no public transport). The parents who have phoned in quite rightly say this will be good for them and a healthier option.***
- 3. Students could be encouraged to use public transport. The parents suggest this will be much better for the environment.***
- 4. Most parents suggest that students from the Mossley area should be encouraged to leave a little earlier and walk, as this would be even better for health and the environment.***

We are grateful to all these parents for offering **constructive suggestions** and helping us to **find solutions**. It is all our responsibility to keep children safe and healthy and, here at school, we are determined to do our bit as so many parents do, too.

Scientist of the Week



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Kalia Delaney-Green Yr. 7

Kalia is incredibly hard working and always applies herself fully in all of her science lessons. Her recent T1 assessment was particularly impressive, showing an excellent knowledge basis across a wide range of topics in all 3 sciences.

Mr. Spencer

Redgrave College (Year 7) – Revision Wheels in Science

Following on from an excellent staff training session lead by Mr Frost regarding active engagement as well as stretch and challenge. Mr Fenton and Mr Spencer's year 7s were keen participants in trying out their 'learning wheels' or as we paraphrased "revision wheels."

The idea is to condense their knowledge into chunks that allows them to learn and retain information more easily.

Some of the students said:

"I really like these revision wheels as it makes it easier to revise before a test."

"The revision wheels help me condense useful information and draw examples easily."

"I like the revision wheels because they help me to do the right amount of revision and they also help me to revise the key subjects that I am struggling on."



Redgrave College (Year 7) - Character Pillars

Two of our Year 7 students, Sienna and Ava, have written an article about our school as part of their Character Pillars work.

We are in Year 7 and we have decided to write an article about our school. This is a picture of our school drum, when students enter Mossley Hollins before school they sit down on these seats. We also eat our food here at break and lunchtime.

Students in Mossley Hollins are in forms and these are examples of some of them.

From the photographs, all of the year 7 students are comfortable at school. I hope the new Year 7 students in September 2020 enjoy school just as much as we do, as there is so much to participate in.





12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES



With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

1 DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS

Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.



2 NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW

Keep your personal information personal. Sometime people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.

3 DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE

This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real-life.



4 NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS

This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.

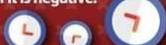
5 CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION

Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real-life if it is negative.



6 LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME

Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.



7 BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES

Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.



8 REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or upsets you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.



9 ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE

Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.



10 ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD

This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.



11 ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.



12 ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY

Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.



www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Twitter - @natonlinesafety

Facebook - /NationalOnlineSafety



MHHS Band Dates 2019 - 2020

- 17th December – MHHS Christmas Musical Evening– evening
- 19th December- Arcades/New Charter– Ashton (during school time)
- 25th January – George Lawton Hall – Early evening
- 31st May 2020 – Whit Sunday Stalybridge – 1.45pm
- 5th June 2020 – Whit Friday

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 17 th Dec	3.10 – 6pm	Full run	Dance studio
Wed 18 th Dec	Lunch	Dancers	Dance studio
Thurs 19 th Dec	Lunch		G:03
Thurs 19 th Dec	3.10 –5pm	Full run & Christmas treat!	Arts Theatre
Xmas break			
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

Match Reports

Year 7 Girls Football

Congratulations to the Year 7 girl's football team who played Laurus Rycroft on Monday after school in their first fixture this season. Although Mossley Hollins lost 3-1, the team played fantastically well. Their next game is on Thursday at the Tameside Schools Tournament at Curzon Ashton.

Sports Awards Fundraising

As a school, we are asking if there are any companies out in our community who would be keen to sponsor a trophy and help us recognise the huge amount of sporting excellence we have amongst our pupils. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact the school office.

We will be also raising funds in school to support the Sport Awards held at the end of the academic year.

SANTA DASH

All 'Dashes' To Take Place In Your PE Class

Minimum Donation £1

In your PE lesson you can dress as Santa or just simply wear red

16th-20th
December

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 Trampolineing Year 7/8 Dance	Fixtures
WEDNESDAY		Year 8 basketball Year 9 basketball. YEAR 8/9 girls fitness. Year Annie rehearsal	Year 7-9 Girls football Fixtures Year 10 basketball Year 7 8 & 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

W/C Monday, 16th December & W/C Monday, 6th January: Year 9 Assessments.

Tuesday, 17th December: MCSP Christmas Musical Evening

Wednesday, 18th December: Christmas Lunch for Students and Staff

Friday, 20th December: Students Finish for Christmas Holidays – early finish

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>

