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Dear Parent/Carer,

Please may I take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for your support this academic year. We are proud of the strong partnership between school and home and it has been my pleasure once again to work with you this year. Thank you for supporting our school values of **Manners, Hard Work and Honesty** so that together we can achieve **Success** for the students.

The Class of 2027

We were delighted that over 500 families chose Mossley Hollins as a preference for their child in September. This means that, once again, our Year 7 is heavily oversubscribed and we have a waiting list, with many parents appealing for a place with us. We do not take for granted the trust that families place in us and will continue to work hard to improve our provision.

We welcomed Year 6 to the school earlier this month for their two transition days. The first day was at Clarendon Sixth Form College, where students learnt what it means to be part of the Mossley Hollins' Team and the importance of the 'Mossley Hollins Way'. The day finished with an Investiture Ceremony, where every child signed the Mossley Hollins' Charter and received a certificate welcoming them to our school. The second day, which was spent in school, allowed students to sample a variety of lessons, including English, mathematics, science and the Arts so that students could put the Mossley Hollins' Way into practice. We look forward to officially welcoming the Class of 2027 in September.

End of year and start of 2022-23

School will close at **12.15pm on Wednesday 20th July 2022.**

The Autumn Term begins for pupils on **Monday 5th September**

- Form lessons start for Year 7 students at 8:40 a.m. (school will be open from 7.30am and breakfast available from 8.00am)
- Students in years 8, 9 10 and 11 should arrive at form rooms for 9:40 to start at 9.45am.

Please note - staff will be in school training and preparing for the year ahead on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September 2022.

Extraordinary Highlights from this Year

We have been fortunate enough to ensure our students have had opportunities to take part in educational visits for the first time in 2 years. This has included the wonderful drama trips to Liverpool to see 'The War of the Worlds', to Bradford to see 'Blood Brothers' and the Year 9 drama trip to Hyde for an anti-bullying performance. Art and technology students were also provided with opportunities for educational visits to Yorkshire Sculpture Park and to local artist Chris Cyprus' gallery. It was wonderful to see the Year 11 artwork displayed alongside Chris' work in a pop-up exhibition in the town. Our Dance students visited the Lowry theatre to watch a production of the Nutcracker and later used this as inspiration for their choreography.

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Year 7 and 8 students experienced an outward-bound trip and the current year 7 students also took part in a sponsored hike around Dovestones as they transition to Year 8 and get to know their new form mentors. It has been so great to see our students finally being given these opportunities again.

Our students have had the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities inside and outside of the classroom, such as anti-bullying week, being part of the largest postage stamp competition for the Guinness World Records, Life Skills days, a number of library competitions and UK Maths' Challenges, Black History Month and learning about climate change in the run up to Cop-26, where some students presented speeches, taking on the persona of Greta Thunberg. Students in maths took part in a maths' challenge at Manchester University.

We were, once again, proud to see our brass band take part in the Whit Friday Band Contest. The band were placed 2nd overall in the Youth Contest having achieved, 1st place at Carrbrook, Hurst Cross and Stalybridge, 2nd place at Denton and were also awarded the Steward's prize at Droylsden. I am sure you will agree this is a fantastic set of results.

Although it was touch-and-go for a bit with the impact of Covid-19 on student and staff absence, we once again opened the doors for our school production to packed audiences for 3 nights of our production of ***Legally Blonde***. This was followed, a few weeks later, with our incredible Dance show, led by another of our new teachers Miss Walsh, where we enjoyed accomplished performances from students across all year groups. I was in awe of the wonderful, talented students who performed in these events.

Our Remembrance Service in November was a poignant event, with one of our newest members of staff, Mr Choudury, leading our cadets in the parade across the apron at school. I was indebted to our polished Head Students Chloe Illingworth-Fallows and William Mason who read beautifully whilst the whole of the student and staff body stood silently throughout the ceremony. They were deeply respectful which made me so proud.

On the 1st January, 2022, our school became an Associate Member of our new Tame River Educational Trust. For two years through lockdown we had painstakingly co-constructed our new Trust, which is already bringing benefits to our students and staff, with significant and exciting strategic and financial investment. Our Trust's mission is to challenge educational and social disadvantage by establishing great schools in which to learn, teach and belong. We promote learning, develop character, value diversity and build cultural capital. By the age of 16 we aim for every student to progress to suitably challenging post-16 studies and apprenticeships.

Our Trust cherishes each school and the distinctive contribution each can make to its community and we align around best practice and strong school improvement strategies and actions. We are here to make a real difference in relation to: the student experience and their academic outcomes; the development of student character (in leadership, service, participation and learning); in the talent and professionalism of our teaching staff (through Initial Teacher Training, Early Careers' Training, Teacher Gold Standard and the Highly Effective Teacher Programme) and support staff; and in the offer of a well-tailored educational and community dividend in the form of Electives for all in Year 7 and co-curricular learning experiences for Years 7-11. We are indebted to the Trust Board and Droylsden Academy for this work. Please find out more directly from our Trust website www.tret.org.uk.

The school and our Trust strongly believe that students should not only be given the opportunity to develop and progress academically, but that they should have opportunities to develop positive character traits, with opportunities to take part in activities which complement their learning in class as part of our co-curricular provision. This is why we have had a whole school push on increasing the opportunities available, from Korean Club to coding, cooking, film club, debating and history film club to the whizz bang science club: we really have tried to ensure that there is something for everyone and we encourage your child to take up their place if they have not already done so this year.

Trust Electives Year 7

An exciting point in February this year was when we launched our Trust Electives' Programme for Year 7. Every student in year 7 now has one hour a week in their chosen Elective, choosing from a range of free-to-them activities, such as golf, tennis, taekwondo, futsal, drama, dance, music, swimming or outdoor education. We are so grateful for the support of ex-students and local organisations who contribute with some of these activities. This is our community working at its best. So many of our Year 7 students have said how much they have loved it and how they want to continue with their chosen activity.

Trust and School-based Professional Development and Training for our Staff

We believe that staff development is crucial to ensuring that all children are well supported in class. This year, to ensure that all members of staff continue to develop their skills regardless of the stage they are in their career, we have introduced The Tame River and Mossley Hollins' Teacher Gold Standard. This training programme builds on the expectations for the Teacher Professional Standards and Early Careers' Framework, allowing staff to further develop their teaching practice in significant ways, as part of a tailored three-year programme. Staff are also invited to undertake the Tame River Educational Trust Highly Effective Teacher Programme. Beyond the Highly Effective Teacher Programme, staff can go on to study for a masters or undertake one of the National Professional Qualifications in a range of areas: for example, in Leading Teaching.

Curriculum Development

Each year we review key aspects of our school curriculum provision in order to ensure that your child is provided with the best opportunities to develop into a healthy young adult with the best chances of academic and personal success. This year we have been further reviewing our provision and have identified refinements for next year. This will include the introduction of Knowledge Organisers (KOs), which will help students in Key Stage 3 identify the essential knowledge in each subject. These KOs will be used to help students to see how their learning fits into their overall annual learning journey and to help prepare them for assessments.

Uniform

We are very proud of the way our students present themselves and we receive many positive comments about the standard of their appearance. Please remember the important information regarding uniform, especially shoes, so that we can begin the learning next year without delay or distraction. This is a red-line of ours. Students attending this school wear the uniform to a high standard. Please see the school website for more information. The uniform is available for sale at Simply School wear in Greenfield and at Debonair in Ashton-under-Lyne. If you are facing real financial hardship you may wish to contact us in relation to uniform purchase.

Mobile Phones

May we remind all students that **mobile phones and smart devices are not permitted in school** If discovered, any such devices will be confiscated for a period of 3 weeks (or until the end of the term/half term, whichever is sooner). Students who wish to bring phones to school should hand them into student reception at the start of the day and collect them at 3.00pm. I do not want this issue to ever get in the way of teaching and learning and remain grateful for your support.

Lockers

It is important that every student in Years 7-11 has a locker to store coats, PE kits and bags. Years 10 and 11 **must** have a secure place to store bags during internal and external examinations and it is **compulsory** that they have a locker for this purpose. Lockers are allocated on the first day: students will be required to pay a refundable deposit of £5. Please ensure they have this.

Important Information for the New Academic Year: Staff Leaving and New Appointments

As is the case in every school at the end of an academic year, we say farewell to a small number of staff. The following staff will be starting new posts in September due to promotions, ends of contract, and or relocations.

Mr C Taylor – promoted post
Mr J Marsh – end of contract
Miss L Cassinelli – end of contract
Miss F Sharp – end of contract
Mr O Barber – change of career
Ms L Clayton – change of career

We thank all our colleagues for their contribution to our young peoples' learning and wish them well in their new roles.

A number of new staff will join us in the new term:

Mr A Dawson – Teacher of Science
Ms A Montero – Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Ms V Chapman – Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages
Ms B Mathews – Teacher of English
Ms M Bradbury – Teacher of History
Ms E Gardner – Teacher of Geography (maternity cover)
Mr M Higgins – Teacher of English (maternity cover)

We wish our new colleagues every success in their new roles.

Reporting and Parents' Evenings

We want to ensure that parents are kept up to date with the progress of their children. Whilst you can get in touch at any point of the year to discuss your child's progress with their form mentor or head of year (progress), you will receive reports at specific points. We also strongly encourage you to attend the face-to-face parents' evening where you will have the opportunity to discuss progress and their experience with your child's teachers. Please see below for the relevant dates for your child's reports and parents' evening in 2022-23.

	Parents' evening and Report issued	Form mentor report issued	Final report issued
Year 7	30 th March 2023	12 th January 2023	18 th July 2023
Year 8	18 th May 2023	19 th January 2023	19 th July 2023
Year 9	26 th January 2023	4 th May 2023	19 th July 2023
Year 10	27 th April 2023	23 rd November 2022	13 th July 2023
Year 11	8 th December 2022		16 th March 2023

Thank you once again for your fantastic support this year. On behalf of all our students, staff and governors, may we wish you a wonderful summer holiday?

Yours sincerely

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