



Information & Contacts

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Contacting School

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who, when contacting school, are polite and respectful. We understand that, at times, you may feel frustrated if you are not able to immediately speak to a specific member of staff in relation to your child. Please remember that we are a busy secondary school which serves over 900 students and families. Our Heads of Year also have busy caseloads and day-to-day responsibilities. Some Heads of Year are classroom teachers and others are Teaching Assistants, this means that they are often in classrooms teaching or supporting students and are therefore not always available to immediately respond to parents / carers.

If your call is urgent or in relation to a serious safeguarding concern, our reception/administration staff will always endeavour to find an appropriate member of staff to take your call, in most other circumstances they may direct you to other means of communication, such as email. In such circumstances, you should expect return communication within 48 hours, if you do not, please escalate this to the Headteacher's PA by emailing heads.pa@mossleyhollins.com.

Our staff will do their very best to assist in any way that they can. Thank you for your continued support.

Contacting your child's Head of Year

Please ensure that you use the new email address listed below to contact your child's Head of Year (Progress) for any questions or concerns you may have. The relevant Head of Year will ensure that you receive an acknowledgement or reply within 48 hours. Unless a phone call is urgent or is in relation to a serious safeguarding concern, parents/carers will be directed to email the relevant Head of Year on the new email addresses below:

Classof2024@mossleyhollins.com – Year 11 – Mrs Burns and Mr Howarth

Classof2025@mossleyhollins.com – Year 10 – Miss Fogg

Classof2026@mossleyhollins.com – Year 9 – Mr Beaumont

Classof2027@mossleyhollins.com – Year 8 – Mr Hayward

Classof2028@mossleyhollins.com – Year 7 – Mrs Allwood-Smith

Careers Education – Online careers service for your child

www.gmacs.co.uk/schools

The Greater Manchester Apprenticeship and Careers Service works alongside Xello to provide a trusted and balanced source of careers information in one place.

Xello will provide interactive assessments to help students understand their strengths, skills, and unique interests and give access to hundreds of career profiles.

To access Xello, students need to go to the [GMACS website](http://www.gmacs.co.uk), click on the careers plan tab and then log-in using their school email address as username and date of birth (ie ddmmYYYY) as password.

Communications from School – Ensure your notifications are on

We have moved to communicating via email rather than text. Please could parents/carers check your email accounts regularly and ensure that our email address is added to your safe list to avoid any emails from school being directed into your junk email folder. Please can you also check on the School Gateway app that we hold your correct email details on record. If there are any changes required you can use the app to let the school know.

Even if you have the School Gateway App you must ensure that you are logged in all the time and have push notifications manually turned on for this App within your phone settings. Every device will have other settings that can affect push notifications (for example, battery optimisation, which prevents some devices from receiving push notifications when the battery is below a certain percentage).

Please also ensure that you are running on the latest version of the App, which can be confirmed in the Play Store or App Store. If you are still not receiving notifications and have followed the guidance below, you would need to refer to the help guide for your specific device and/or contact your device manufacturer.

If both parents/carers are registered on Gateway please ensure that each registered user is using the School Gateway App.

Guidance for switching on notifications:



Apple

1. Go to 'Settings'
2. Scroll to the 'Notifications Centre'
3. Select 'School Gateway'
4. Ensure that under the heading 'Notification Centre' is switched on



Android

1. Go to 'Settings' then 'Applications Manager'
2. Scroll and select 'School Gateway'
3. Ensure the tick box is selected stating 'show notifications'

SAMSUNG Samsung

1. Go to 'Settings'
2. Go to 'Notifications and Status Bar'
3. Go to 'Notifications Centre'
4. Scroll to find 'School Gateway'
5. Activate 'Allow notifications' and 'Priority Display'
6. Restart your device



Huawei

1. Tap the Apps icon on your home screen
2. Tap 'Settings'
3. Tap 'Apps' or 'App Manager'
4. Select 'School Gateway'
5. Tap 'Notifications'
6. Confirm 'Block All' is toggled off
7. Restart your device

Parent Peer Support Group

An informal space for parents and carers to share their experiences of supporting children with Emotional and Mental Health difficulties with like-minded people, alongside the support of our teams

Our Teams

Anthony Seddon, Tameside Parenting Team, Tameside's - Young People's Mental Health Support Team

When: Second Thursday of the month 9:30-11:30am.

Where: The Anthony Seddon Centre, George Street, Ashton-Under-Lyne.

Refreshments available.

You are free to just turn up or, if you would like more information, contact either:

Anita McQuillan: Anita.McQuillan@tameside.gov.uk

Sue Brookes: Sue.Brookes@actiontogether.org.uk



Mental Health and Wellbeing

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. We offer a number of support streams for our students to reach out to if they ever feel anxious, overwhelmed, stressed, worried or lonely. All the details of our Mental Health and Wellbeing support streams can be found under the student tab on our website:

www.mossleyhollins.com/students/mental-health-and-well-being/

Report Remove – Childline tool for having nude images taken offline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/?scrllybrkr=f1b5124c>

Report Harmful Content.com – A website to provide advice and support and allow people to report harmful online content - <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

Internet Matters – offers advice to parents and schools regarding internet use and tackles online hate - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Qustodio – A FREE Parental Control App

Allows each parent to filter and monitor on 2 devices – this level of cover should be appropriate for most families. It allows parents to filter content, monitor activity and set time limits – this is free forever!

For vulnerable students, there is a premium subscription that parents can pay for (approx. £40 per year for 5 devices + 30-day free trial). This allows parents to track, monitor calls/messages, get reports and alerts.

For more information, help or support with your own mental wellbeing visit - <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

Powerful Knowledge Organisers

At Mossley Hollins High School, our teachers have equipped every student with all the powerful knowledge that they need for every scheme of work in each subject area by creating a Powerful Knowledge Organiser for every aspect of the Curriculum. Powerful knowledge is a summary of the essential knowledge that will empower students to achieve success in what they are learning in the classroom. These vital resources also connect to the assessment and the more students use these in their learning, homework and revision, the better students will achieve in their assessments.

Powerful Knowledge Organisers are no more than one side of A4 for each scheme of work, with all the learning for that scheme broken down into easily digestible chunks. Class teachers created these knowledge organisers to set out their expectations of what students should know, understand and be able to do within a topic. These are a valuable tool for both children, teachers, parents and carers. These resources are a really clear way for parents and carers to know specifically what their children are learning at school and can be utilised to support their children with homework and revision.

Powerful Knowledge Organisers are Issued by class teachers and they should be stored in students' Powerful Knowledge Organiser folders, which should be brought to school every day.

How to use knowledge organisers to support your child with their homework and revision:

1. Look, cover, write, check – a quick and easy method for assessing the powerful knowledge
2. Play articulate – describe an aspect of the powerful knowledge - without using the word, sounds like or rhymes with – so you can have a deeper understanding and support your memory
3. Quizmaster – create your own quiz questions or true/false questions to strengthen your knowledge
4. Flashcards – create flashcards so that you can quiz yourself. Even better if you remove a keyword on the flashcard to check that you can remember...
5. Visual symbols – transform your Powerful Knowledge Organiser into a range of visual symbols that represent each aspect

Life Skills in Form Time this half-term

Year 11's form time has been replaced with bitesize revision sessions.

If you have any questions about the sessions and their delivery, please contact Mrs O'Donnell.

	Redgrave (Year 7)	Turing (Year 8)	Faraday (Year 9)	Bronte (Year 10)
Theme	Exploring family life and relationships	Healthy relationships	Healthy relationships and readiness for sex	Managing relationships
Week 1	Types of relationships	My values	Choosing to have sex	Recognising unhealthy behaviours
Week 2	Types of relationships	Rights and responsibilities	Consent	Domestic violence
Week 3	Romantic relationships	Relationship rights	Pressure to have sex	The impact of domestic violence
Week 4	What is love?	Unhealthy behaviours	Readiness for sex	Break-up or build up?
Week 5	Healthy relationships	Recognising unhealthy behaviours	Readiness for sex	Coping with a break-up
Week 6	Family	Identifying positive and negative behaviours	Review	Divorce and the impact of divorce

Do you have any news that you want to share?

Whether it be an achievement in school or out of school – if you want to be considered to be featured in one of the editions of our weekly Newsflash, just email us your article and any photos you have

newsflash@mossleyhollins.com

If you are looking for information or articles that is not featured in this pack, please see our weekly Newsflash on the school's website or Facebook page. Alternatively, email the above email address and we will be more than happy to assist you to find what you are looking for.