



December 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

### Christmas – End of Term Letter

As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. As Christmas approaches and we take time to enjoy the festive season we are reminded that we live through very challenging times. As we deal with a cost-of-living crisis and political uncertainty, it is important that we remember that communities need to support each other. When communities do work together, great things can happen. Mossley Hollins High School is part of your local community, and we are here to support our students and families as we approach the difficult months ahead.

### TRET Consultation

As you will be aware, there has been a close working relationship between Mossley Hollins High School and Droylsden Academy for many years. You will also be aware that our school is an Associate Member of the Tame River Educational Trust (TRET) and was a key partner in the co-construction of the Trust prior to its launch in January 2022. Droylsden Academy is currently a full member of the Trust. Another local school, Hyde High School, is also seeking academy conversion to allow them to join the Trust.

This consultation outlines Mossley High School's intentions to academise and formally join TRET. The governing body has carefully deliberated the benefits of academisation with TRET and the school believes the Trust's mission, values and core educational purposes align with our commitment to provide the highest quality education for our children.

This consultation document outlines the rationale for academisation with TRET, the benefits it will bring to our school community, and how you can share your views. [TRETconsultation@mossleyhollins.com](mailto:TRETconsultation@mossleyhollins.com)

<https://www.mossleyhollins.com/tret-consultation/>

### Open Evening 2024

Our annual Open Evening took place in September when we invited Year 5 and 6 pupils from local primary schools, along with their families and other members of the community, to visit our school. Over 1000 people attended the evening and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments from our visitors. Around 300 students gave up their time to attend the Open Evening and help staff with displays, activities and performances. They were an absolute credit to their families, and to Mossley Hollins High School, and many of our visitors commented on how friendly, confident, polite and helpful our students were.

As has been the case for many years, the current Year 7 is full and oversubscribed, and we have a waiting list of students who wish to join us. Early indications are that Mossley Hollins will be a popular choice again in 2025.

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## Student Attendance

It is very pleasing to report that the school's attendance figures are in the top 20% of the country in 2024 and persistent absence (students absent for 10% or more in the year) was amongst the very lowest in the country in that year. This is fabulous news and means that a significantly high percentage of MHHS students, in relation to students nationally, can go on to Level 3 (A Level or Equivalent, Post-16 Study). It is this strong attendance to school and focus in-class that makes all the difference. Thank you to our families and to our outstanding Attendance Team.

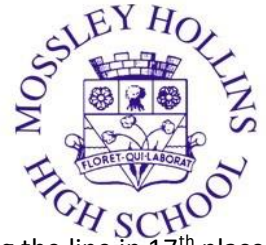
## The Wider Co-Curriculum – Developing Character

I hope that you find the time to read our weekly Newsflash each Friday. Having listened to some useful and constructive parental feedback, the document focusses on all the amazing activities which our students are getting involved in. I am incredibly proud of the achievements and efforts of our students, and I am immensely grateful for the time given by so many staff to ensure that our students develop those important character traits of *learning, leadership, service and participation*.

Students and staff have been busy during the Autumn term, see below for some of the highlights:

- The Year 7 student have embraced new electives with excitement this year, the ever-popular food elective, where eager Year 7 pupils rolled up their sleeves and got creative in the kitchen has been jam packed. The students enthusiastically baked their treats, and the best part, enjoying the tasty results, was a hit with everyone. Well done to all the budding chefs for their hard work and enthusiasm!
- The Year 10 and 11 Girls Football Team had an outstanding performance in a tournament at St Damians. The team played brilliantly, winning all three of their matches with impressive scores of 6-0, 2-0, and 1-0. Ava Hansen was on fire, scoring six goals, while Sophie Potts added three more to secure the victories. A special shout-out was sent to all the players for their hard work and dedication: Charlotte R, Jacie D, Myla N, Amelia O, Evie H, Alice C, Molly W, Sophie P, and Ava H. Their achievement not only highlights their talent but serves as a great motivation for all. Well done, girls!
- Igor Nosewicz, Year 8, has been training in a Manchester City development program, and was named the best player in his age group. His outstanding attitude, relentless effort, and eagerness to learn have truly set him apart. Coaches have consistently praised Igor for being a joy to work with, and he has become an inspiring example for others.
- Ollie Bowen, Year 8, has achieved a well-deserved bronze medal, earning himself a spot on the men's Artistic Northwest team, where he will represent the region in November. We are incredibly proud of Ollie's hard work and dedication.
- Cathrine Donnelly, Year 11, secured a prestigious advertising campaign with Yamaha, the world-renowned music and motorcycle brand. This remarkable achievement showcases the exceptional talent and hard work of the student, who was selected for the campaign after impressing company representatives.
- Dylan Leitheiser, Year 10, represented our school at the Saddleworth Olympics and received some great feedback from the organisers who felt his contribution shouldn't go unnoticed.





- Freddie Bailey, Year 7, competed in the British Youth Motocross Nationals crossing the line in 17<sup>th</sup> place, competing against riders up to the age of 13, this was a tremendous achievement.
- Everyone in school contributed to the MacMillan Cake Sale, raising £446 which was a fabulous achievement.
- Year 8 students showcased their creativity by creating a stunning series of Aboriginal inspired clay tiles.
- Year 11 students visited the Manchester Buddhist Centre. The visit included an insightful talk covering key aspects of Buddhism, specifically designed to support the students' GCSE curriculum. A particular highlight of the day was the discussion on the importance of meditation and its profound impact on the daily lives of Buddhists.
- We welcomed Bishop Mark Davies, the Bishop of Middleton and chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, for a special visit with the GCSE Religious Studies classes. Bishop Mark shared his insights into the role and responsibilities of a Bishop and the students participated in interactive workshops focused on key topics from their GCSE course.
- The first expeditions for the DofE Bronze and Silver awards got underway in the Peak District and Snowdonia and were an unforgettable experience for all involved.
- In October we launched our very first Amazon Wish List for the library. This is allowing our community to get involved in building the books we have in the library. We are very grateful for the contributions we have already received. If you would like to donate a book, please check out the [Library wish list](#)
- The MCSP Spanish Day was a big hit in October where year 3 children from across the primaries were treated to a fascinating day filled fun Spanish activities and lots of Spanish songs.
- We are proud to announce our collaboration with successful Michigan author, Christina Wyman, who has become our school's first Patron of Reading. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and school community. Some of our students have been lucky enough to attend a virtual visit from Christina where she introduced herself and her love of reading and writing.
- The KS3 Basketball team played in their first tournament and represented the school in the best possible way.
- HOT Maths has been a great success this half term with children from across the MCSP primaries attending weekly Higher Order Thinking lesson with the Maths faculty.
- The Year 7 football team played their debut first match in the Tameside cup facing off against Hyde. A huge congratulations to Freddie M, Stanley B, Max B, Max L, Toby C, Isaac L, Bailey C-M, Alex A, Jacob R, Thomas M and Finlay T for their hard work and teamwork.
- The Year 8 football team kick off with a dominant win against St Damians 6-1, A huge congratulations to Charlie H, Zach P, Evan H, Eddie M, Callum D, Isaac F, Rio R, Harry L, Alfie A, Oscar E, Teddy W, George M, Abel M-B, and Igor N
- The Year 7 netball team made a staller debut facing off against St Damians and securing a thrilling 9-8 win. A big congratulations to Ava H, Olivia S, Alice H, Abigail R, Jessica S, Joaida O-S, Willow GW, Eliza S, and Alix C
- The Year 9 football team kicked off their season with an impressive performance against St Thomas More in the Tameside Cup, 5-0 victory, well done to Jack R, Toby B, Charlie F, Zak N, Harry R, Jacob C, Nico O-E, Jamie E, Ryan K, Kai H, and Ollie L
- And finally, lots of students across school have been working hard to rehearse the school production of The Addams Family which will be on in school 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January. Tickets are on sale now from Reception





## Power of Language Strategy

Our librarian and librarians have been very busy once again this term. Our librarians have had lots of fun this term in designing and installing even more displays to promote the love of reading around a range of themes. We has a record number of applications from our new Year 7 students to be librarians and two of our librarians have been doing so well they have been promoted to Senior librarians.

We have had a number of students tell us how surprised but appreciative they are when they have found a book in their locker, left by our wonderful book fairy. I am sure that she will continue to spread the joy of reading next year too.

All students have had an opportunity to enjoy activities such as the Harry Potter escape room, and World Book Day readings and competitions.

In addition to promoting key events through reading activities in school, such as Armistice Day, Anti-Bullying week, Black History month and Non-fiction November, Halloween brought a spooky read along. There are a record number of students visiting the library at lunch times and checking out books and are particularly pleased with the number of students who are undertaking the classic reading challenge, with some students already earning some badges. In addition to this, our reading champions have continued to earn the prestigious 'Reading Champions' badge and other students have started to gain their 'Reading Ambassador' badges. On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December we had our very first author visits and she worked with many our Year 7 students, instilling the love of reading and writing. This year every Year 7 student has been gifted a reading book from our library as a gift for Christmas.

Please remind your son/daughter of our weekly book club which is held every Friday lunchtime in the library.

## Spring Term

School will reopen to students for the spring term on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**. All students are expected in school by **8:40am ready to start lessons at 8:45am**. Any student arriving after this time will be marked late.

## Digital Devices

Whilst we appreciate that children often wish to let school friends see their Christmas presents, especially electronic devices such as mobile phones and smart watches, please may we further remind you and your child of our school policy. This policy details the actions which will be taken if a child brings such a device to school, and it is seen or heard. This policy states that such items should be left at home where possible, and under no circumstances should they be seen or heard in the school building as they distract from learning. There is a significant safeguarding risk to other members of our school community, if students were to use their mobile devices in school to share content outside of school and ask for your support to ensure that we safeguard all members of our school community by ensuring that such devices are not accessible during the school day. We do not want to have to confiscate such items, but must follow our policy consistently. To avoid upset your support in ensuring such items are not brought to school is very much appreciated. We do have a facility for students to hand in their devices if they are required to be used when travelling to and from school. Furthermore, please support school in upholding our high expectations and avoid sending your child to school with piercings, false nails or extreme hairstyles in the new year.

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## Safe Travel to School

If your child cycles to school, please can I urge you to ensure that they wear a safety helmet. School insists that, for their own safety, all students cycling to and from school must wear appropriate head protection.

## Staff Training

Our staff will be on the INSET day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This is the day before students return for the spring term. This INSET day will be used to further develop our curriculum and for staff to undertake additional training.

I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. Enjoy the holiday period as you spend time with your family and friends. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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