



NEWSFLASH

Remembrance Service Tuesday 11th November



On Tuesday 11th November, our school came together for a moving Remembrance Service to honour all those who have fallen in conflicts past and present

We were privileged to be joined by representatives from Mossley Fire Service, our local police team, members of the School Governors, and the Town Council, who stood alongside staff and students in a moment of reflection and respect.

The service included readings, the laying of wreaths, and a period of silence, during which our students were impeccable in their conduct. Their quiet dignity and thoughtful participation reflected the deep respect they hold for the sacrifices made by others.





This annual act of remembrance is an important part of our school life, reminding us of the values of courage, unity, and peace. We are proud of the way our students represented themselves and our community on such a significant occasion.

Together, we remembered. Together, we honoured.



Sponsored Walk Raises £2,000 for Oldham Mountain Rescue!



Just before the summer holiday our Y7 students embarked on the traditional expedition to Dovestone Reservoir on a very bright Monday morning. The LAST Monday morning of the academic year and the excitement was palpable among students and staff alike.

Our journey started with a very steep hill towards the Roman Road, which snakes behind our school, all the way towards our destination. We passed some farmhouses and went through some narrow country lanes, greeting passers by good morning. Dog walkers and passersby reciprocate our good intentions and wished us an enjoyable and peaceful walk.

After a couple of stops along the way to have a quick drink and give our legs a rest, Dovestone Reservoir appeared on the horizon welcoming us with a spectacular view of the bottom dam. Although, we could all see how low the level of water was, which triggered a very interesting conversation about Global Warming and the dangers of Climate Change. I was very impressed by the level of understanding and knowledge the students demonstrated and made a mental note to incorporate these topics on our Y8s assemblies.

We enjoyed a well deserved break at the RSPB enclosure, enjoyed our lunch and chatted with newly found friends.

Then we made our way back to school, tired but happy with the overall experience. Our way back seemed to pass faster, possibly because there was a general acknowledgment of achieving a nearly 10 miles hike!

The hard work, determination, and community spirit of students and staff truly shone through. Together, they raised an amazing £2,000 for Oldham Mountain Rescue, helping to support the vital work they do to keep our community safe. Included in this amount was a generous donation from **Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP** who acknowledged the fantastic effort from our students.

A huge thank you to all the students, staff, families, and supporters who made this event such a success. Your generosity will make a real difference.

Pictured: Students **Harry Morris and Jack Jones** with Oldham Mountain Rescue team members **Adam Knight and Tom Mills**



Mossley Schools Partnership Debating Society

Some of our talented Year 7 students, along with Year 6 students from our partner primaries, recently showcased their critical thinking and public speaking skills in a lively debating challenge. The motion under discussion was:

“This House believes that going on social media below the age limit should be illegal.”



All teams presented compelling arguments. The proposition highlighted concerns around online safety, mental health, and the importance of enforcing age restrictions to protect young users. Meanwhile, the opposition argued for parental responsibility, education over prohibition, and the benefits of social media for creativity and connection.

For MHHS, Cristina & Zak were triumphant in their victory having spent last year on St Joseph's Debating team honing their skills in researching and presenting, whilst Avi & Samuel made their debut appearance in debating and thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to the next debate.



WHAT'S ON

in the

LIBRARY



“LEST WE FORGET”



This week, our school library has created a thoughtful Remembrance Display to mark Remembrance Day – a time to honour those who have served, reflect on the impact of conflict, and appreciate the value of peace.

The display features a powerful collection of fiction and non-fiction books that explore themes of war, courage, sacrifice, and resilience.

Books give us a window into the past – helping us understand the experiences of those who came before us. Through reading, students can, build empathy and emotional awareness, reflect on the importance of peace, tolerance, and unity and appreciate the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The quote often shared during this time – **“Lest we forget”** – reminds us that remembrance is not just about history, but about shaping a more compassionate future.



Anti Bullying Week “In a world where you can be anything, be kind”



This week, our school proudly took part in Anti-Bullying Week, embracing the national theme: “Power for Good.” The library joined in with a special display of books that explore themes of friendship, courage, and the impact of bullying.

Our Anti-Bullying Week book collection features stories that help students understand different perspectives, build empathy, and find strength in kindness. Some highlights include:

·Wonder by R.J. Palacio – A heartwarming story about a boy with facial differences navigating school and teaching everyone what it means to choose kindness.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf – A moving tale about a refugee child and the power of



Non-Fiction November Is Here!

November is officially Non-Fiction Month in our school library, and we're celebrating with a fresh new display and a cosy incentive to get you reading! Whether you're curious about space, history, animals, inventions, or real-life adventures, our non-fiction shelves are bursting with fascinating reads to explore.

Our themed display features a hand-picked selection of books that inform, inspire, and ignite curiosity. From biographies and science to travel and technology, there's something for every interest. It's the perfect time to dive into the real world through reading – and maybe even discover a new passion.

To make things even more exciting, we're offering a special reward: every time you check out a non-fiction book this month,

So come by the library, check out the display, and grab a non-fiction book – your next adventure might be real!



Year 7 Students Shine in Reading Challenge Success

More Year 7 students are proudly earning their Reading Challenge badges this term, celebrating their dedication to books and the joy of reading. One student who is earning a special certificate for completing the Harry Potter series – a magical milestone that reflects both perseverance and imagination.

The Reading Challenge encourages students to explore a wide range of genres, authors, and themes.



Each badge earned represents not just the number of books read, but the growth in confidence, vocabulary, and comprehension. The student who completed all seven Harry Potter books demonstrated remarkable commitment, diving deep into the wizarding world and emerging with a stronger love for storytelling.

Reading challenges are more than just fun goals – they're powerful tools for learning and personal development.

The ripple effect of these challenges is clear: a more engaged, thoughtful, and enthusiastic learning environment.





We listened to your feedback about the canteen. A group of students met with our Catering providers to share what they liked and what needs to change. Thanks to their ideas, we've implemented these changes

Your VOICE MATTERS



You said	We did
You struggled to get access to your favourite snacks at breaktime	We have kept the variety of choice available, but amended the numbers to give pupils more opportunity to get their favourite snacks at break
Queues are large at lunch time and this is making it hard to get food	We have added an extra till station exclusively for year 7 to try and reduce queues for all year groups
Some of your favourite meals which you hate to see sold out when you come to buy lunch	We're now aware of which foods are your favourite, and you want to see more of at lunchtimes
You want to see more 'specials'	We're going to trial a fortnightly themed menu to include some of your favourite style cuisines

EMPOWER EVERY VOICE

Next week we are on Week 2

Menu WEEK 2 Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Spaghetti bolognese with garlic bread	Lamb kofta wrap with savoury rice	Roast beef with yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, broccoli & carrots	Shepherds pie with vegetables & gravy	Fish with wedges & baked beans or mushy peas
Main Course Vegetarian	Vegetable stew with dumplings and crusty bread	Cheese quiche with salad	Veg sausage roll, creamed Potatoes & Beans	Mascopone pasta bake with garlic bread	Omelette with wedges & baked Beans
Jacket	Jacket Potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket Potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket Potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket Potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket Potato with various fillings and salad
Soup of day	butternut squash	tomato	leek and potato	chicken	French onion
Dessert	Assorted desserts Yoghurts - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurts - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurts - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurts - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurts - fresh fruit
Grab n Go Hot	Smart pasta panini/sausage rolls	Smart pasta panini / chicken nuggets	Smart pasta panini/pizza slice	Smart pasta panini/chicken burgers	Smart pasta pizza slice
Sandwiches	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls

Once we have the themed menu as stated above, we will include them on our website and in the Newsflash

Menu WEEK 1 Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Minced beef & dumplings with corns & crusty bread	Chicken Tikka with boiled rice	Roast turkey & stuffing with creamed potatoes & mixed vegetables	Meat pie with mash & mushy peas	Fish with wedges & baked beans or mushy peas
Main Course Vegetarian	Vegetable Korma with boiled rice	Quorn pasta bake with garlic bread	Cheese & onion Pie, creamed potatoes & beans	Vegetarian sausage roll with mash & mushy peas	Timote pasta Bake with garlic bread
Jacket	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad
Soup of day	butternut squash and tomato	cauli & broccoli	leek and potato	red pepper and tomato	French onion
Dessert	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit
Grab n Go Hot	Smart pasta pork Sausage roll/Pizza	Smart pasta chicken nuggets	Smart pasta rib rolls	Smart pasta panini/chicken burgers	Smart pasta cheese & bean wrap
Sandwiches	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls

Menu WEEK 3 Autumn 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course	Sausage with creamed potatoes & baked beans	Chilli con carne with boiled rice	Roast chicken, roast potatoes, carrots and cauliflower gravy	Meat & potato pie with peas & carrot gravy	Fish with wedges & baked beans or mushy peas
Main Course Vegetarian	Quorn sausage with creamed potatoes & baked beans	Mac & Cheese with garlic bread & sweetcorn	Cheese whif with creamed potatoes & baked beans	Vegetable Tikka with boiled rice & Naan bread	Timote pasta Bake with garlic bread
Jacket	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad	Jacket potato with various fillings and salad
Soup of day	pea and ham	vegetable	leek and potato	red pepper and tomato	chicken & noodle
Dessert	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit	Assorted desserts Yoghurt - fresh fruit
Grab n Go Hot	Smart pasta panini/hotdogs	Smart pasta chicken nuggets	Smart pasta cheese & bean wrap	Smart pasta pizza/chicken burgers	Smart pasta panini/fish finger muffin
Sandwiches	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls	Sandwiches/wraps/rolls





Reminder: Admissions Consultation Is Live

We'd like to remind all members of our school community to review the Admissions Consultation, which is now available on our school website.

Your feedback is important and helps shape the future of our admissions process. Please take a few moments to read through the consultation and share your views before the deadline.

Visit here <https://www.mossleyhollins.com/parents/admissions/>

Thank you for your support and input.



Raising Funds Through Recycling! Clothing Collection Day

As part of our ongoing requirement now to raise funds to support the funding of extra curriculum activities, we are hosting a clothes recycling collection day to raise funds for the school and help reduce textile waste.

We would be really grateful for your support in bringing your unwanted clean clothing in bags on the following day:

Date: Friday 12th December 2025

Time: before noon

Location: School Reception



What to donate? Good quality, clean and dry clothing, paired shoes, accessories and linens in bagged form.

Why it matters Every kilogram collected raises funds for our school and keeps textiles out of landfill. Our school will also be considered for the £100 Recycle 4 School Autumn of Action prize.

How to help Please check wardrobes and drawers for items you no longer need, bag them up in the bag provided by school and bring them to the collection point on the day.

If you have any questions or need support with drop-off, contact Mrs Byrne,
Heads.ea@mossleyhollins.com

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. It is very much appreciated.

If you would like anymore information about RRLTD here is their website
<https://www.robertsrecycling.co.uk/about/>

Extra Curricular Lunchtime & afterschool clubs

We'd love your support in encouraging students to join our lunchtime and after-school clubs. Beyond boosting enjoyment and wellbeing, these opportunities help develop communication, resilience, and problem-solving—key skills for future success.

Club	Day	Staff	Faculty	When	Where	Frequency	Year Group
Board Games	Everyday	Ms Harrison	English	Lunch	2.09	Daily	Year 10
Reading Rockets	Friday	Miss Black	English	Lunch	MMRC	Daily	All yr groups
Quiz Club	Tuesday	Mr Torok	Humanities	Lunch	2.03	Weekly	All yr groups
Crochet Club	Wednesday	R.Heapey	Technology	Lunch	4.03	Weekly	All yr groups
Gaming/coding Club	Friday	S.Hugill	Technology	Lunch	4.02	Weekly	Yr 8 & 9
Spanish Film Club	Friday	Mrs Chapman	MFL	Lunch	L.01	Weekly	All yr groups
Year 8 Football practice	Monday	Mr Doodson	Sports	Lunch	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 8
Year 7 Netball practice	Monday	Mrs Dodd	Sports	Lunch	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yr 7
Year 10 Football	Monday	Mr Doodson	Sports	3pm	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 10
Year 7 Football Team practice	Tuesday	Mr Doodson	Sports	Lunch	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 7
Year 8/9 Netball practice	Tuesday	Mrs Dodd	Sports	Lunch	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yr 8 / 9
Year 8/9 Football team practice	Tuesday	Mr Doodson/Mr Miller	Sports	3pm	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 8 / 9
Year 7/8 & 9 Dance club	Tuesday	Miss Shaw	Sports	3pm	Dance Studio	Weekly	Yr 7/8 & 9
Year 9 Football practice	Wednesday	Mr Miller	Sports	Lunch	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 9
Year 7, 8 & 9 Basketball	Wednesday	Mr Doodson	Sports	Lunch	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yrs 7,8 & 9
Year 10/11 Exam Dance	Wednesday	Miss Shaw	Sports	Lunch	Dance Studio	Weekly	Yr 10/11
Girls Football	Wednesday	Mr Doodson/Mr Miller	Sports	3pm	Astro pitch	Weekly	All yr groups
Year 11 Volleyball	Thursday	Mrs Dodd/Mr Miller	Sports	Lunch	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yr 11
Year 7 Football practice	Thursday	Mr Irving	Sports	3pm	Astro pitch	Weekly	Yr 7
Year 7, 8 & 9 Netball	Thursday	Mrs Dodd	Sports	3pm	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yr 7, 8 & 9
Year 11 Volleyball	Friday	Mrs Dodd/Mr Miller	Sports	Lunch	Sports Hall	Weekly	Yr 11
Girls Outdoor Space	Everyday	Student Leadership Team	Sports	Lunch	Bottom Court	Weekly	All yr groups
Year 11 Further Maths	Monday	Mr Frost	Maths	Lunch	3.05	Weekly	Yr 11
Lego Club	Monday	Mr Moore	Maths	Lunch	3.01	Weekly	All yr groups
Lego Club	Tuesday	Mr Moore	Maths	Lunch	3.01	Weekly	All yr groups
String Group	Monday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Soul Band	Tuesday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Guitar Group	Tuesday	Miss Lundberg	Music	3pm	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Brass Band	Wednesday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	Yr 7, 8 & 9
Junior Brass Band	Wednesday	Miss Lundberg	Music	3pm	G.02	Weekly	Yr 7, 8 & 9
Percussion	Thursday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Guitar Group	Thursday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Pop Choir	Friday	Miss Lundberg	Music	Lunch	G.02	Weekly	All yr groups
Matilda - Rehearsals	Monday	Mrs Ryan	Drama	3-4.30pm	Arts Theatre	Weekly	Whole cast
Matilda - Rehearsals	Tuesday	Mrs Ryan	Drama	3-4.30pm	Arts Theatre	Weekly	Main cast
Matilda - Rehearsals	Friday	Mrs Ryan	Drama	2.30-3.30pm	Arts Theatre	Weekly	Main cast



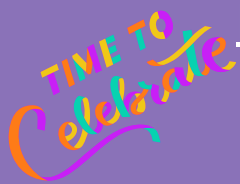
Rehearsals for Matilda



Monday 17th November -3pm to 4pm – WHOLE CAST INCLUDING BACKSTAGE
 Tuesday 18th November – 3pm to 4.30pm – MAIN CAST, UNDERSTUDIES AND LEAD CHORUS
 Friday 21st November – 2.30 to 3.30pm – MAIN CAST, UNDERSTUDIES AND LEAD CHORUS

Monday 24th November -3pm to 4pm – WHOLE CAST INCLUDING BACKSTAGE
 Tuesday 25th November – 3pm to 4.30pm – MAIN CAST, UNDERSTUDIES AND LEAD CHORUS
 Friday 28th November – 2.30 to 3.30pm – MAIN CAST, UNDERSTUDIES AND LEAD CHORUS

Lunch time rehearsals will be posted on the Drama Studio door on Monday mornings.



New Year 7 students showing us their talents

We are always super proud to welcome all our year 7 students in September, but we are extra proud to welcome a few students who are already making their mark in their chosen hobbies outside of school.



Leo and Oliver Maurice, are talented twins who are currently performing in two of the most iconic musicals ever written.

Leo is performing as Eric in the UK tour of Matilda The Musical, travelling the length and breadth of the country to packed audiences. Meanwhile, Oliver has taken to the international stage as Gavroche in the world tour of Les Misérables, having already performed in Taiwan, Japan, and now Shanghai, China, alongside theatre royalty Alfie Boe.



Both boys battled through hundreds of hopefuls in highly competitive audition rounds to secure these coveted roles, a testament to their dedication, professionalism, and passion for performing. This marks their second professional contract, following their success in 2023/24 when they performed together as part of Fagin's Gang in the professional production of Oliver! The Musical. Their achievements reflect years of hard work and training, and we're thrilled to see their talent recognised on such prestigious stages.

Back at school, both have settled brilliantly into Year 7, balancing their studies with the demands of touring life. The school community has been wonderfully supportive, and classmates have given them the warmest of welcomes whenever they return from their performances.

We're delighted to see Leo and Oliver continuing to follow their passion while remaining such valued members of our school community.

Emily Shines on the Cheerleading Stage!

Emily Oldham was excited to be joining her sister Sophie at Mossley Hollins this September. But before that, she's been making waves in the world of dance and cheerleading.

Emily recently travelled to Orlando with her club, Elements Extreme Cheerleaders, where she trained at The Cheer Lab. She also performed at the iconic Blackpool Tower Ballroom, showcasing her talent on a truly grand stage.

Her team has had an incredible season so far, placing in every dance and cheer category they've entered.

Congratulations to Emily and the Elements Extreme Cheerleaders for their amazing achievements!



**TIME TO
Celebrate**

Year 7 Boys Football

The Year 7 A team have played in two games recently. In the first game against Alder they drew 5 – 5. They played some outstanding football on the night with Josiah P and Carlo G scoring the goals in the first half. The stand out performer was Owen A who scored a hat trick when he converted a penalty in the second half to equalise.



This week they played Denton in the Tameside Cup and produced a superb all round display to win the game 6 – 0 with Cal N getting a clean sheet and goals from Owen A, Josiah P, Noah H (2), Josh A-S and Carlo G made sure the boys made it through into the next round. They are unbeaten so far this year and are playing some fantastic football which has been a joy to watch. Well done to all the boys.

Year 7 B Team

Year 7B team played in their first game for school on Wednesday against Laurus Rycroft.

They played some excellent football on the night with Zak B in goal making some outstanding saves. In defence they were solid throughout and they played some great attacking football but unfortunately couldn't get a clear chance to score despite Tommy K going close in the second half.

We hope they manage to win their first game for Mossley Hollins when they play again in a few weeks. Well done to all the boys for representing the school.



Year 11

Year 11 produced an excellent performance in a highly competitive game, showing real character and determination throughout. After falling 2–0 behind, the team refused to give in and mounted a brilliant comeback to win 3–2.

Archie Blay sparked the turnaround with a well-taken goal, followed by a composed finish from Tom Delaney to level the score. The winner came late on, with Joe Tohill stepping up to secure the victory and complete an outstanding team effort.

Squad:

George Bull, Zach Austin, Jack Mason, Dan Glover, Richie Dodd, Ollie Spencer, Tom Delaney, Jake Winterbottom, Noah Brooks, Archie Blay, Joe Tohill.

Parent Information



Changes to First Aid Notifications

From next week, we are updating the way we notify parents about minor first aid visits involving their child.

You will now receive a notification through our school app MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) whenever your child has a minor first aid incident.

Please note:

- Head injuries will still receive a phone call home.
- Any injuries where we feel professional advice is required will also be communicated by phone.

Thank you for your support as we make this process more efficient and keep you informed.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term

Week commencing

20/11/2025 Class of 2025 Celebration

24/11/2025 Year 9 T1's

25/11/2025 Year 11 Life Skills Day

01/12/2025 Year 7 Bikeability

01/12/2025 Year 8 T1's

02/12/2025 Tameside Cross Country

03/12/2025 Christmas Musical Evening

04/12/2025 Geography Field Trip Year 11

05/12/2025 Christmas Tree Festival Mossley Community Centre

08/12/2025 Year 7 T1's

11/12/2025 Year 11 Parents Evening

12/12/2025 Clothing Recycling Collection Day

17/12/2025 Christmas Dinner Day

19/12/2025 Christmas Carol Service - Full School



Parent Information

All The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING

Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into the game mechanic repeatedly.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are repeated each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS

New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around \$5 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with lost rewards and free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration over investment and frustration if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modeling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Don Uppcombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



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Parent Information



November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

EMOTIONAL BARRIERS TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE (EBSA) SUPPORT OFFER FOR PARENTS/ CARERS



The Tameside Educational Psychology Service are providing training for parents/ carers within Tameside to support children and young people who are experiencing Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA) or worries more generally. These workshops also aim to provide opportunity to connect with other parents and carers who are navigating similar experiences. To secure a place, please follow the steps below.



Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA) Workshop

Parents and carers are invited to the Emotional Barriers to School Attendance (EBSA) Workshop hosted by Katherine Stothard and Jayne Onslow from Tameside Educational Psychology Service.

The session will cover:

- An overview of what EBSA is and why it might occur.
- Strategies to support children and young people experiencing EBSA.
- An opportunity to meet other parents/carers who are experiencing similar challenges with EBSA.

These standalone sessions are offered both online and in person, providing flexible, accessible opportunities for parents and carers to gain support and build connections. The dates are as follows:

In-Person Session:
Date & time: Thursday 22nd January 2026 (10am-12pm)
Location: Hyde Town Hall
To book, [click here](#)



Online Session:
Date & time: Tuesday 10th February 2026 (6pm-8pm)
To book, [click here](#)



Supporting Anxious Children and Young People Workshop

Parents and carers are invited to a workshop exploring how to support your child with managing worries and anxious thoughts hosted by Katherine Stothard and Rose Black from Tameside Educational Psychology Service.

The session will cover:

- How worries and anxious thoughts can develop
- Ideas and strategies to support your child or young person
- Discussion with other parents and carers who are experiencing similar challenges

These standalone sessions are offered both online and in person, providing flexible, accessible opportunities for parents and carers to gain support and build connections. The dates are as follows:

In-Person Session:
Date & time: Tuesday 21st April 2026 (10am-12pm)
Location: Hyde Town Hall
To book, [click here](#)



Online Session:
Date & time: Monday 11th May 2026 (6pm-8pm)
To book, [click here](#)



ONLINE SHOPPING FRAUD WARNING

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase presents.

WARNING - We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched day / weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price / deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt / invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

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