Autumn Term NEWSFLASH

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A Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back. It has been wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm, maturity and determination.

The first half term has been filled with opportunities both in and beyond the classroom, and it has been a pleasure to see students embracing all that school life has to offer. From sporting successes and educational visits to leadership opportunities and enrichment activities, our students have approached every challenge with energy, commitment and pride.

Most importantly, there has been some fantastic learning taking place every day. Across the school, students have demonstrated resilience, curiosity and a willingness to challenge themselves, helping to create purposeful and engaging classrooms where everyone can thrive.

napce The National Association for Pastoral Care in Education



Last half term also gave us the opportunity to celebrate the dedication and commitment of our staff. We were incredibly proud to see Miss Fogg, one of our Head of Year team, recognised at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education. While she was named as a runner-up on the day, she is very much a winner in our eyes. Her unwavering care, support and advocacy for our students embodies the values of Mossley Hollins, and we are delighted to see her hard work recognised on a national stage.

This half term students will begin their first assessment cycle of the year. These assessments provide an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning, celebrate their progress and identify areas for further development. I encourage all students to use these assessments to reflect on their learning so far..

Thank you for your continued support. I hope all of our families had a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful half term at Mossley Hollins.

Mrs A Din
Headteacher

Life inside the Classroom







Bake Off Brings Sweet Success on European Day of Languages!

To celebrate European Day of Languages, our school hosted an exciting Bake-Off competition, and it was a huge success! Students from all year groups showcased their culinary creativity by baking an incredible variety of cakes inspired by different European countries.

All of the cakes were donated to support Macmillan charity and were sold on Friday 25th of September, making this celebration not only fun and delicious but also meaningful.

Congratulations to all participants for making this event such a memorable celebration of language, culture, and community spirit. A special thank you to everyone who helped organise the competition and to those who came along to support and taste the amazing bakes. We raised £276.50 for MacMillan during our cake sale. Thank you to all who bought and donated.

Environmental project in Spanish

During this half term, our Year 9 students have been learning about 'Jóvenes en acción' which includes the rights of young people, Fair Trade and what we should do to protect the environment. They have thought carefully about the key things we should be doing to become a greener school and a greener community. As such, we have created posters to advise people on how to be more eco-friendly!

Celebrating a Love for Languages: Spanish Primary Day

The MFL Department was delighted to welcome Year 3 pupils from four local primary schools for an exciting and memorable Spanish Day at Mossley Hollins. The event was designed to inspire young learners, promote a love of languages and cultures, and give pupils a taste of what language learning is like in a secondary school setting.

Throughout the day, pupils took part in fun and interactive Spanish lessons delivered by our Spanish teachers, developing their language skills through games, songs and speaking activities.

Pupils also enjoyed tasting traditional Spanish food and learning more about Spanish culture. The enthusiasm, confidence and curiosity shown by all the children were fantastic to see.

The day was a huge success, with pupils leaving full of smiles and excitement. Everyone had a fantastic experience, and we hope the experience has inspired a lifelong love of languages and different cultures.





Life inside the Classroom



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Black History Month in English

October, in the UK, marks Black History Month; this is a time to highlight and reflect on the historical figures that have shaped literature and our spoken word. In curriculum lessons, Year 8 and Year 9 have been engaging with black voices and stories of resilience.

In the Poetry and Place unit, Year 8 have been engaging with an array of poetry that explores the relationship between identity and place. This has included the exploration of poems by the likes of Benjamin Zephaniah, Lemn Sissay, and Grace Nichols. In these poems, students have had the opportunity to engage with wider literary influences and contexts, whilst having the opportunity to develop their empathetic reading skills.

Year 9 have also been critically exploring the representation of black characters through their study of Of Mice and Men. By using this text to develop their analytical skills, Year 9 students have explored the impacts of stereotypes, racism, and the power words can hold over others. Students have engaged very positively with the text and shared how impactful and compelling they have found this Steinbeck's work.









In Food Technology lessons our Year 10 students were tasked with create a spooky Halloween cake. Here is the winning entry baked and decorated by Lydia Miles

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Spanish Success Awards

Students at Mossley Hollins High School have been recognised for their outstanding achievements in Spanish as part of the end-of-term awards celebrations.

The prizes were awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment on languagenut, book presentation and progress throughout the term.

The Languages Faculty is incredibly proud of all students for their hard work this term. Congratulations to all prize winners. We look forward to celebrating many more achievements in Spanish in the months ahead.

Spooktacular Halloween Feast







On the last day of term, our talented kitchen team treated students to a frightfully fantastic Halloween menu that was packed with creative and delicious surprises! The dining hall was transformed into a spooky celebration, with students enjoying terrifyingly tasty treats such as Spider Goulash Tacos, Blood Orange Witches Cheese Whirl, Devil's Fingers, and Green-Eyed Monster Peas.

For those with a sweet tooth, there were plenty of eerie delights on offer, including Mummy Brownies, Spider Biscuits, Pumpkin Bites, and Poison Apples. Savoury favourites such as Sausage Mummies, Blood Finger Hot Dogs, and Pumpkin Pizza were also a huge hit.









A huge thank you goes to our amazing kitchen team for their hard work, creativity, and effort in making lunchtime such a memorable Halloween experience. The spooky food, festive atmosphere, and fantastic presentation ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy

Performing Arts & Sports News

Last half term we had the perfect start in the Sports faculty with 4 wins out of 4. The girls Year 10 Netball team won their first game. The boys Year 8, 9 and 11 football team all won their games in the Tameside Cup.

Year 7 Football team

The Year 7 Football team played in their first game for Mossley Hollins against Droylsden on Thursday. The produced an outstanding performance and played some quality football.



Johnny D in goal was in control all game and produced a world class save in the first half. Rian M, Alex B, Sam G and Aidan M won tackle after tackle in defence. Reuben W, Solomon B. Jaxon F, Cameron P and Connor D were non stop in Midfield and Oscar H played as the lone striker scoring two great goals. Solomon and Reuben scored the other goals to help the boys win 4-1.

Congratulations to the boys – a fantastic debut team performance

Year 7 football tournament

The year 7 team played in a friendly tournament against 2 teams from Alder on Monday. The games were played with high intensity and there was some fantastic football played. Leo P, Eric H, Jude M, Jack S and Thomas V all played for the first time for school. The boys managed to win 2 out of the 4 games with outstanding goals from Oscar H, Solomon B and Connor D.

Congratulations to Leo P, Johnny D, Jack S, Jude M, Eric H, Reuben W, Jaxon F, Rian M, Aidan M, Oscar H, Solomon B, Connor D, Alex B, Sam G, Thomas V and Cameron P



Year 10 Football team.

The Year 10 Football team played in the first round of the Tameside Cup on Monday against Copley. The boys were dominant throughout the game in all positions on the pitch. They played some quality football with Sam W scoring on his debut and Harvey J scored with a great finish. The stand out performance goes to hat trick hero Zach P, who scored a perfect hat trick with a right foot, left foot and header. The boys won the game 5-0 and are through to the next round.

Congratulations to Elliott K, Teddy G, Sam W, Oscar E, Zach H, Ronnie A, Abel B, Harvey J, Isaac F, Eddie M, George M, Zach P and Alfie A

Performing Arts & Sports News

Year 8 football Team



The year 8 team played in their second game of the season against Droylsden this week and they played their part in a fantastic game of football. The boys went 3-0 up in the first half with an outstanding attacking display. In the second half Droylsden got back in the game and the boys had to dig deep. They managed to score at the end of the game to win the game 4-3 and remain unbeaten. Oliver B was outstanding and scored a hat trick, Owen A was everywhere leading the defence with some unbelievable tackles and Cal N produced a number of top draw saves.

Well done to Cal N, Josh A-S, Jacob H, Noah H, Carlo G, Owen A, Liam F, Leo T, Oscar W, Josiah P, Oliver B and Taffy

Hamish Shines at National Fell Running Championships

Congratulations to Hamish, who proudly represented Mossley Hollins at the English Schools Fell Running Championships in Sedbergh on Sunday 4 October. Competing against some of the country's strongest young fell runners, Hamish delivered an outstanding performance to finish 4th in his year group in an extremely competitive field. The challenging course covered 4.2km, including a demanding 206 metres of ascent.

Representing both himself and the school with determination and resilience, Hamish demonstrated the commitment and perseverance needed to succeed in such a demanding event.
We are incredibly proud of his achievement and look forward to following his future successes.
Well done, Hamish!



WHAT'S ON in the LIBRARY

WHAT'S YOUR HALLOWEEN VIBE?
VAMPIRES, GHOSTS, WITCHES

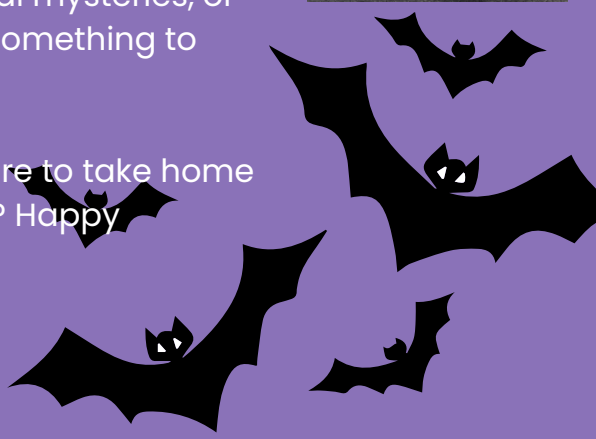






Spooky season has arrived in the library, and we've been busy transforming the space with Halloween decorations to help create a hauntingly good atmosphere for our students! From eerie displays to autumnal touches, the library is looking frightfully fabulous.
This year's featured display, "Oh, The Horror!", showcases a collection of chilling reads guaranteed to send shivers down your spine. Whether you enjoy classic ghost stories, psychological thrillers, supernatural mysteries, or modern horror favourites, there's something to tempt every brave reader.

Why not drop by and see if you dare to take home one of our terrifyingly good books? Happy Halloween and happy reading!

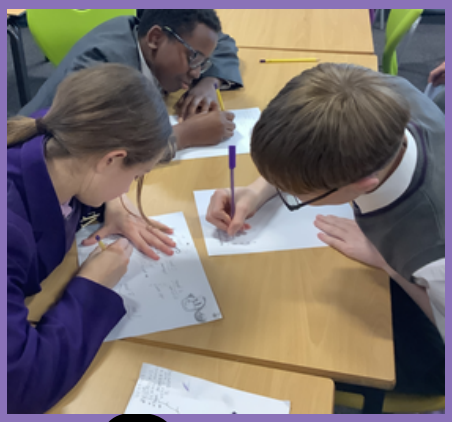


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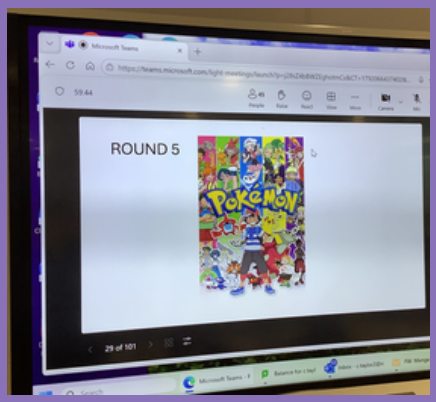
Our library recently entered two teams of five students into the Manga Mania national competition, competing against 46 teams from schools across the UK. The competition challenged participants to put their manga knowledge to the test through a series of exciting questions and quizzes.
We are delighted to share that our teams achieved an impressive 4th and 9th place, an outstanding accomplishment in such a competitive national event. The students demonstrated excellent knowledge of manga, showed great teamwork, and represented the school brilliantly throughout the competition.

Most importantly, everyone had a fantastic time taking part. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their love of reading, discover new manga titles, and connect with other manga enthusiasts from across the country.

School	Team	Score Rank
St Peter's School, York	Team A	1st highest score
St Peter's School, York	Team B	1st highest score
Beaulieu Park School	Team A	2nd highest score
George Spencer Academy		3rd highest score
Mossley Hollins High School	Team B	4th highest score
Bullers Wood School for Boys	Team B	5th highest score
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Team A	6th highest score
Beaulieu Park School	Team B	6th highest score
Queens' School (Bushey)	Team A	6th highest score
Soham Village College		6th highest score
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys	Team B	7th highest score
Altrincham Grammar School for Girls	Team B	8th highest score
Aylesbury Grammar School	Team B	8th highest score
Heathside Weybridge	Team A	8th highest score
St Columba's College	Team B	8th highest score
Weald of Kent Grammar School	Team B	8th highest score
Ashfield School	Team A	9th highest score
King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls		9th highest score
La Retraite RC Girls School	Team B	9th highest score
Mossley Hollins High School	Team A	9th highest score
St Columba's College	Team A	9th highest score
Swanwick Hall School	Team A	9th highest score
Queens' School (Bushey)	Team B	9th highest score
Bolton St Catherine's Academy		10th highest score







BOO! HOO'S READING





Students were invited to visit the library and take part in our spooky Halloween competition, Boo Hoo's Reading!
The challenge is simple: members of staff are hidden behind a book, with only their eyes visible. Can you work out who they are? Students must use their detective skills to identify each mystery reader and submit their answers for a chance to win a prize.

The competition has already generated lots of excitement, with students enjoying the challenge of spotting familiar faces disguised behind their books. It's a fun way to celebrate reading, get involved in Halloween activities, and spend time exploring the library.

YoungWriters Est. 1991

"When The World Divides Words Connect"

UNITE WHEN THE WORLD DIVIDES, WORDS CONNECT

POETRY COMPETITION FOR 11-18 YEAR-OLDS



The English Department and School Library recently teamed up for the National Poetry Competition for Young Writers. Inspired by the theme "Unite When Worlds Divide, Words Connect," students submitted powerful poems that automatically entered them into an in-school competition as well as the national competition.

While we eagerly await the national results, we are thrilled to announce our school winners! Alfie took first prize, winning a Waterstones book voucher. Brilliant runners-up Daisy, Zulal, Iris, and Angelique each won a book vending machine token!

Well done to all who took part! I am sure you will agree Alfie's poem was a worthy winner;

Silence – Alfie Thompson

Why do we stay silent,
When all around is violent,
When we're fugitive to fear,
And escape is far from clear
Why do we stay quiet,
When surroundings are a riot
When we are muted by malevolence,
Trapped with no evidence,
Why don't we speak out,
We could scream and shout,
Gain some needed traction,
And start a chain reaction.



DON'T FORGET TO SINK YOUR TEETH INTO A GOOD BOOK

- Choose Kindness
- Bullying Stops Here
- Be the Reason Someone Smiles Today
- Stand Up, Speak Out
- Everyone Deserves Respect
- Kind Words Cost Nothing
- Different is Amazing
- In Our School, We Lift Each Other Up





Year 11 Parent Partnership Evening – Thank You!

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 Parent Partnership Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you supporting your child's GCSE journey.

We have put together a helpful handout summarising the key information shared during the evening, including effective revision strategies, the importance of regular retrieval practice, useful online resources and practical ways parents can support revision at home.

A copy will be available on the school website and emailed to all Year 11 parents and carers.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we can help every pupil achieve their very best!

Building Community Connections with Emmaus

At Mossley Hollins, we are passionate about developing strong relationships within our local community, and we are delighted to have recently begun a partnership with Emmaus. Emmaus is a charity that supports people who have experienced homelessness and social exclusion while helping to strengthen local communities through its work. As our partnership develops, Emmaus has already made a significant contribution to the opportunities and support available to our students.

Thanks to their generosity, our Knitting and Sewing Club has received knitting needles and wool, enabling more students to get involved in learning new creative skills. Our Board Games Club has also benefited from a range of games that encourage social interaction, strategic thinking and teamwork.

In addition, Emmaus has provided food vouchers to support some of our more vulnerable students and families, helping to ensure that practical support is available where it is needed most.

This partnership reflects our commitment to working with organisations that share our values of community, inclusion and support for others. We are incredibly grateful to Emmaus for their kindness and generosity and look forward to developing our relationship further in the months ahead.

We are excited to share this journey with our school community and will keep families updated as our partnership continues to grow.





www.mossleyhollins.com

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Parent Information

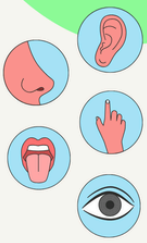
Sensory Processing Workshop

Tameside Neurodiversity Hub

The aim of this workshop is to provide you with further understanding of your neurodivergent young persons sensory needs and what we as parents/carers can do to support them. We have collaborated with the occupational team at ISCAN to create this workshop.

ISCAN

NHS Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust



Healthy Hyde Body & Mind
Clarendon Square
Shopping Mall
SK14 2QT

11.30am-1.00pm

Wednesday 11th November

Click here or scan the QR code for tickets

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Drop ins

Tameside Neurodiversity Hub

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What to Expect

- A member of the Neurodiversity Hub team will be available to welcome you.
- If a Navigator is available, they will offer you a private one-to-one conversation.
- If all Navigators are currently supporting other families, you can make yourself comfortable in a waiting area and will be seen as soon as possible.
- You can ask questions, discuss concerns, and receive tailored information, advice and signposting.
- A hot drink will be available.
- No appointment is needed.

Good to Know

- Children are welcome to attend with you.
- Parents and carers remain responsible for supervising their children throughout the session.
- We are happy to provide general information and advice about neurodiversity. However, if you would like to discuss the personal circumstances of a young person aged 16 or over, we will need their consent before doing so.

North Family Hub
2nd Friday of each month 2.00-4.00pm
St Peter's Children's Centre, Ashton Under Lyne, OL7 0LL

East Family Hub
3rd Weds of each month 2.00-4.00pm
Ridge Hill Children's Centre, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA

South Family Hub
3rd Tues of each month 12:30-2:30pm
Flowery Field Children's Centre, Hyde, SK14 4SQ

West Family Hub
Last Weds of every month 9:30-11:30am
Greenside Children's Centre, Droylsden, M43 7RA



Executive Functioning Workshop



The aim of this workshop is to provide you with a greater understanding of executive functioning and how it may impact your neurodivergent young person's daily life. We will explore practical strategies that can be used to support skills such as planning, organisation, emotional regulation, and completing daily tasks.

5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November 2026

ONLINE

Click here for tickets!

Trafford Neurodiversity Support

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Tameside Neurodiversity Hub

Call us: 0161 3031636 Mon-Fri 9-5pm

W/C 26th October	**Tues 27/10**- Sleep Workshop ONLINE 5:30-7:00pm **Weds 28/10**- Drop In 9:30-11:30am West Family Hub, Droylsden, M43 7RA
W/C 2nd November	**Tues 03/11-** Executive Functioning Workshop ONLINE 5.30-6.30pm **Weds 04/11-** Information stall at Tea and Talk event. Focus around mental health and reislience. 4.30-7.30pm North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL
W/C 9th November	**Weds 11/11**- Understanding Sensory Needs & Differences Workshop, Healthy Hyde, 11.30-1.00pm **Fri 13/11**- Drop In 2.00-4.00pm North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL
W/C 16th November	**Tues 17/11**- Drop In 12:30-2:30pm South Family Hub, Hyde, SK14 4SQ **Weds 18/11**- Drop in 2.00-4.00pm East Family Hub, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA **Thurs 19/11**- Sleep Workshop ONLINE 5.30-7.00pm
W/C 23rd November	**Weds 25/11**- Drop In 9:30-11:30am West Family Hub, Droylsden, M43 7RA

Online Sleep Workshop

This workshop will provide information, advice and strategies for parents/carers of neurodivergent young people who struggle with their sleep.

Click Here to buy tickets or scan the QR code

5:30-7pm

Thursday 19th November

Tameside Neurodiversity Hub

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November Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

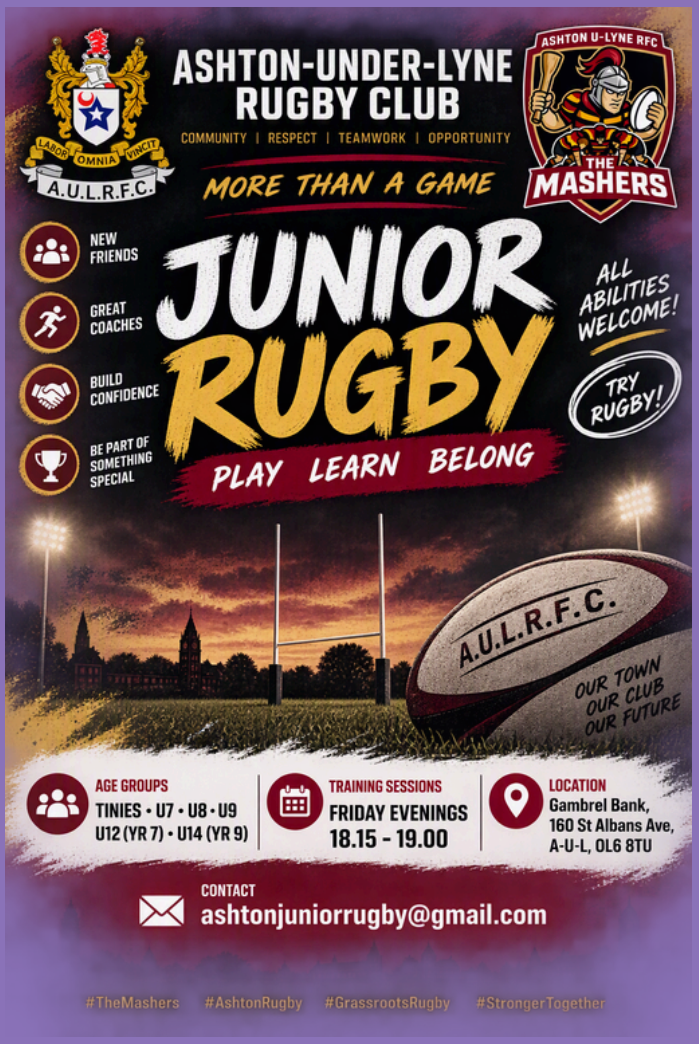
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 7pm

Parent Information





Respect Me Tour – Thursday 5th November

We are pleased to welcome the Respect Me Tour to Mossley Hollins on Thursday 5th November as part of our Life Skills and Personal Development programme.

Delivered by an external charity, these sessions encourage pupils to build confidence, develop healthy and respectful relationships, and consider the impact of their choices both online and in everyday life.

Each year group will attend a session exploring the following theme:

'NO MORE' TOURS

Year 7: Self-Esteem
Year 8: Bullying
Year 9: Relationships and Sex
Year 10: Positive Relationships and Sexting
Year 11: Abusive Behaviours

Sessions will take place during the school day, with school staff present throughout.

If parents or carers have any questions or concerns regarding these sessions, please contact your child's Head of Year before the event.