

Mossley Hollins High School

Our Newsflash (37)

Friday 7th July



OUR TOP STORIES

Goodbye (for now) Year 11

Last Friday, we said a fond farewell and good luck to our Year 11 students during an emotional, but heart-warming, leavers' breakfast.

During the breakfast, students reflected on the last five years with us, aided by a very special photo montage which captured special memories of the Class of 2023 - all the way back from the Year 6 transition day to the Year 11 Summer Ball!



Our Year 11 students were also treated to a very special video from all the staff, who will really miss them but are equally as excited to see them move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Last Wednesday evening, the Summer Ball was held at the White Hart, where the Year 11 students turned out impeccably dressed to celebrate their time with us at Mossley Hollins. It was a fantastic evening with students demonstrating their immaculate manners as young ladies and gentleman, as well as getting involved with some brilliant dance moves on the dance floor. What an excellent way to say congratulations on an epic five years with us!

Congratulations on all of your hard work Year 11. We will miss you!



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Year 9 Spanish Trip - fue excelente

Last week, Mr Wells, Mr Stevens, Mrs Chapman and Miss Mercurio took 30 Year 9 students to a small town outside of Málaga, in Spain.

Students had a jam-packed itinerary including: private Spanish tuition with native speakers, a visit to 'La Cueva del Tesoro', sports on the beach, a flamenco workshop and performance, a guided tour in Nerja, a visit to a nearby water slide park and plenty of Spanish food!



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The behaviour and enthusiasm of all students was superb and staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to all the students for their participation and to parents and carers for their support. Please enjoy the photos and quotes from students which capture just a small part of an unforgettable trip.



"Everyone made it really special and I will treasure it for the rest of my life."

"I loved being on the beach, trying new food and being with friends."



"My highlight was swimming in the sea – overall an amazing time."



"This has been the best week of my life and I really don't want to go home!"



Changes to Leadership of Year 7 and Year 8 from Monday 10th July

From Monday 10th July our current Year 7 students will be led by their new Head of Year, Mr Hayward. Mr Hayward is excited about this opportunity and really looking forward to working with Year 7, as they move into Year 8 over the summer.

Mrs Allwood-Smith will now focus her pastoral time on ensuring the smooth transition of our new Year 7 students, who spent a successful transition day with us this week and begin with us formally in September. We thank Mrs Allwood-Smith and the Year 7 team for all of their hard work and determination with Redgrave College this year.



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With Mr Hayward taking up the pastoral leadership of our current Year 7 students, Mr Beaumont will take over the leadership of Year 8 with the support of Mr Dawson in his Assistant Head of Year role. We would like to thank Mr Hayward for his relentless work with Year 8 this year and he will say his formal goodbyes as Head of Year to Year 8 students in an assembly early next week.

OUTSTANDING SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our Dance Leaders

Congratulations to River Connell and Megan English (Year 9), Phoebe Whitbread and Madison Delaney (Year 8) who all received their Dance Leadership certificate and badge, last week, for successfully leading Dance sessions to Year 7, 8 & 9 students.

Well done girls! We are very proud of you!

Maia's Tennis Tournament Triumph

Last weekend, Maia Cojocaru (Year 7) participated in the annual tennis tournament at the Priory Tennis Club, in Stalybridge.

Maia demonstrated her exceptional skills and determination, securing the title of Junior Tournament 14U Single Runner-Up.

Congratulations on such an impressive performance, Maia! You have made us all exceptionally proud.



Year 8 Football Tournament

Last week, a group of Year 8 pupils played in a football competition against St Damian's RC Science College. The boys were put into two teams and both teams played 4 games.

They managed to win one of the games, with their best performance on the evening!

The boys demonstrated a high level of football ability and represented the school in the best possible way, with their enthusiasm and positivity in the games.



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Well done to: James Cook-Scowen, Joe Bingley, Liam Wolfenden, Oliver Drury, Jay Chilton, Felix Smith, Leon Jones, Harry Perfect, Jack Mason, Oliver Unsworth, Tom Barrientos Lowry, Oliver Keppie, Dougie Sedgwick, Eric Cox and Reuben Fish.

Tameside Athletics 2023

On Tuesday, a group of Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils competed in the Tameside Athletics competition.

This is the biggest sporting event of the year in Tameside: all the top athletes compete against each other in a range of track and field events.

Our team put in some outstanding performances to win **9 medals overall** with the boys finishing in 4th place and the girls finishing in 7th place.

This is an outstanding achievement from all the pupils involved. Well done!

Tameside Athletics Medal Winners

The Mossley Hollins Athletics team managed to win an astonishing 9 medals in total, on the day. Congratulations and well done to: **Nathan Kayode Ojo (Gold), Connor Alcock (Silver), Joe Taylor (Silver), Leo Moreland (Silver), Abi Gregory (Silver), Sophie Potts (Silver), Harry Grange (Bronze), Jamie Ell (Bronze) and Violet Cassidy (Bronze).**

Netball Success for Amy and Ava

Amy Warburton and Ava Baxendale (Year 7) both play for Manchester Cats Netball Club. Amy plays for Pumas and Ava plays for Wildcats and they recently played in a Netball team, in Somerset.

Both teams performed well and reached the semi-final where they played each other. Amy's team finished in 4th place overall and Ava's team went on to win the final and be crowned champions.

Congratulations and well done to Amy and Ava.



Plans for the last day of term – Thursday 20th July

Our Team Sports Day and Mental Health Day will take place on **Thursday 20th July, from 8.45am until 12.15pm.**

All pupils are to come to school in their school PE kit and trainers (school tracksuit top/bottoms can be worn over their PE kit). In the morning, Years 7 and 8 will take part in the Sports Day event and Years 9 and 10 will take part in the Mental Health Day event. After break time, Year 7/8 will take part in the Mental Health Day event and Year 9/10 will take part in the Sports Day event.

The Team Sports Day is the perfect way to end the year with the pupils taking part in sports activities with their year group and form mentors. We hope all pupils will be excited to take part and finish the school year on a high.

Reminder to pupils: full school PE kit needs to be worn. Students must not wear make-up or jewellery. Students are not permitted to have their mobile phone.

AFTERNOON TEA - WEDNESDAY 12th July

We would like to invite our parents and carers into school on Wednesday 12th July for afternoon tea. This will provide an opportunity for us to share our plans for our school improvement work for next year and allow you to share feedback with us, whilst enjoying some sweet treats.

We would like to celebrate the year and thank you all for your incredible support.

The event will begin at 4.30pm in our school's drum.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



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/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please see our website for further details)

Wednesday 12th July
Thursday 13th July
Friday 14th July
Wednesday 19th July
Thursday 20th July

Parents and Carers Afternoon Tea
Year 7-10 Learning Awards
Year 9 Life Skills Day
Summer Showcase
Team Sport and Mental Health Day



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Welcome to our Summer 2023 Reading Challenge: Bookopoly!

Reading challenges can increase students' reading enjoyment and motivation. Our Summer Reading Challenge is designed to be fun and encourages students to read up to eight books over the summer holidays.

Our aim is to keep up the reading momentum over the summer holidays and it is an opportunity to build a love of reading outside of the school setting. It's free, fun and a great way to promote reading for pleasure.

How to play

Read your way round the Bookopoly board completing as many Squares as you can. You can use your game board all summer.

How you play is up to you:

1. Starting from the 'GO' square you can roll a dice and move to the square you land on or simply move round the board one square at a time. If you land on the GO, Chance, Go to Jail, Mossley Station or Mossley Hollins square, roll again as these squares are not in play. Choose and read a book suggested by the square.
2. When you finish reading the book, write the name of the book you have read in the relevant square then roll the dice again or move to the next square for your next reading prompt.
3. Go around the board as many times as you like!

Remember, each book counts for only one square. There is no pressure, just complete as many squares as you can. Don't forget you can visit your school library, local library or borrow from friends and family to find books for the challenge.

You have until the **18th September 2023** to complete the challenge. Please return your completed board to the library to be entered into a prize draw! Don't forget to put your name on it!

The challenge is open to all years, including our current Year 6 students who will be joining us in September.

READY. SET. READ!



BOOKOPOLY

GO COLLECT \$200.00 SALARY AS YOU PASS

Mossley Hollins

Read a book recommended by a friend

CHANCE

Read a book that has an animal in it

Read a Comic book or graphic novel

Read a book set in another country

MOSSLEY STATION

MOSSLEY STATION

Read a mystery book

Wildcard read a book of your choice

Read a book that became a movie/series

Read a non fiction book or a biography/autobiography

JAIL

JAIL

GO TO

Today a reader tomorrow a leader!

LIFE SKILLS AND CAREERS AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS

Life Skills in Form Time

Redgrave (Year 7)	Faraday (Year 8)	Bronte (Year 9)	Nightingale (Year 10)
Tuesday	Friday	Thursday	Friday

The timetable below shows the theme for Summer 2 and the topic for Week 6:

Year Group		
Year 7	Healthy Minds	Support and Guidance for Mental Health Issues
Year 8	Tolerance and Inclusivity	Equality
Year 9	Sexuality and Pride	Bisexuality
Year 10	Sexual Bullying and Equality	Homophobia (continued)



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Year 9 Life Skills Day

The Year 9 Life Skills Day has been rescheduled to Friday 14th July.

Sessions on the day:

1. First Aid- Basic Life Support
2. Gang Awareness: Pressure, exit-strategies and support
3. Knife Crime Awareness
4. Looking Ahead- Potential Future Careers
5. Safe Sexual Relationships

Year 9 will remain in their normal Year 9 classes and rooms for that day with their usual class teacher.

The purpose of this day is to equip students with knowledge and understanding beyond the academic curriculum that will support them to make informed choices outside the classroom and should prove to be of great practical benefit.

If you have any queries regarding our Life Skills curriculum or our Pastoral Programme please email m.o'donnell@mossleyhollins.com

	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions	Sessions
1	First Aid BVM 2.08	First Aid DV 2.07	First Aid GWE 2.05	First Aid JAT 2.09	First Aid AMO L.03	First Aid VCH L.04	First Aid JSV L.01
2	Gangs RL 3.01	Gangs BM 3.06	Gangs SBR 3.04	Gangs DV 2.07	Gangs MHI 2.14	Gangs MFR G.04	Gangs LHA 2.09
3	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>	Form Time <i>Go to your normal room.</i>
BREAK							
4	Knife Crime AFN 3.07	Knife Crime ADA 3.09	Knife Crime GCH 4.04	Knife Crime LT 3.11	Knife Crime AJC 4.02	Knife Crime HM 4.07	Knife Crime VDO G.04
5	Looking Ahead- Your Future GWA 4.01	Looking Ahead- Your Future VR 3.11	Looking Ahead- Your Future JOB 4.06	Looking Ahead- Your Future GH 2.10	Looking Ahead- Your Future LTO 2.05	Looking Ahead- Your Future BK 2.06	Looking Ahead- Your Future MBY 2.01
LUNCH							
6	Safe- Sexual Relationships JSV L.02	Safe- Sexual Relationships VCH L.04	Safe- Sexual Relationships AMO L.03	Safe- Sexual Relationships APR 4.04	Safe- Sexual Relationships CBY 3.05	Safe- Sexual Relationships SBR 3.06	Safe- Sexual Relationships SMR 3.03



Call for Old School Uniform

If you have any uniform items that are no longer required, but are in good condition, please can we ask that you donate these items to our School Reception.

Measles

Anyone with potential symptoms for measles is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or Accident & Emergency. This is because measles spreads very quickly and easily and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further. People who have symptoms should also especially try to stay away from areas where you could come into contact with vulnerable people such as schools, nurseries or care homes.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Communication with 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 on heads.pa@mossleyhollins.com. Our staff will do their very best to assist in any way that they can. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Communications from School - Ensure Notifications are on for School Gateway App

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. On your phone, go to settings
2. In here, scroll down to the 'Notification Centre'
3. Select School Gateway
4. In here, ensure that under the heading 'Notification Centre' is switched on
5. Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through



Android

1. On your phone go to Settings > Applications Manager
2. Scroll down the list of apps until you find School Gateway and select it
3. In here there will be a tick box that says 'Show Notifications'. Ensure this is selected
4. Close the screen; you will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.



Huawei

1. Tap the Apps icon on your home screen
2. Tap settings
3. Tap Apps or App Manager
4. Scroll down and tap School Gateway
5. Tap Notifications
6. Confirm 'Block all' is toggled OFF (Samsung / other devices - toggle 'Allow Notifications' ON)
7. Restart your device



Samsung

1. On your phone got to Settings > Notifications and Status Bar > Notifications Centre
2. Scroll down your list of apps until you find 'School Gateway' and select it
3. Activate 'allow notifications' and also 'priority display'
4. Restart your device
5. You will now receive notifications when new app messages come through.



Making contact with your child's Head of Year (Progress)

Please ensure that you use the new email address listed below to make contact with 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:

Classof2023@mossleyhollins.com – Year 11 – Mr Beaumont

Classof2024@mossleyhollins.com – Year 10 – Mrs Burns and Mr Howarth

Classof2025@mossleyhollins.com – Year 9 – Miss Fogg

Classof2026@mossleyhollins.com – Year 8 – Mr Hayward

Classof2027@mossleyhollins.com – Year 7 – Mrs Allwood-Smith

OUR VACANCIES AND TRAIN TO TEACH OFFER

Support Staff Vacancies

Role: HR Assistant

Pay Scale: Grade D (Point 7-10)

Actual starting salary at Grade D Point 7: £15,622.07

Actual salary at Grade D Point 10: £16,495.75

Hours: 30 hours per week/Term Time Only

Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Friday 7th July 2023 (8am)

Interview Date: Tuesday 11th July 2023

Start Date: 4th September 2023



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Role: IT Support Engineer

Pay Scale: Grade F (Point 17-22)

Actual starting salary at Grade F Point 17: £26,845

Salary at Grade F Point 22: £29,439

Hours: 36 hours per week/full year

Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Wednesday 12th July 2023 (8am)

Interview Date: Tuesday 18th July 2023

Start Date: August 2023

Interested applicants should complete an Application Form available on the school website at www.tret.org.uk/vacancies/mossley-hollins-vacancies

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We are currently recruiting for **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Geography, History, Maths, PE with Ebacc, Art, RE, Design & technology, Computer Science and MFL**. We lead and host training and placements in strong schools at secondary and primary level. Bursaries may be available.

For more details, please contact eduggan@tret.org.uk or look at the **Train to Teach** Section of the Trust Website: www.tret.org.uk

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
Teen+ on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBT issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Source: <https://www.pewresearch.org/journals/2022/06/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-are-mostly-individuals-not-organizations/>

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