



OUR TOP STORIES

Mossley Students Rock Out at Charity Showcase

Last Saturday, 22 students from the cast of *We Will Rock You* brought the house down as they opened the Rotary Club Charity Showcase at The George Lawton Hall.

They put on an incredible performance of 5 songs from the show and wowed the audience with their energy and professionalism.

Danny Power - who organised the event - said, "the cast performed magnificently, every single one of them. The comments that have been made since the performance have been very complimentary - and rightly so.

Please thank all your performers on behalf of Dukinfield and Stalybridge Rotary Club for providing such a stunning opening to the show on Saturday.

As well as performing, they were a credit to the school as their behaviour was exemplary.

The cast played a massive part in raising the total of £4,000 for our charities"

Congratulations to all involved.



Scholars' Club Success

Throughout the year, we have continued to work with the *Brilliant Club* to provide opportunities for our young people to participate in the *Scholars' Club*.

Thirteen Year 7 and 8 students made up the latest cohort. They worked with our visiting academic, from the University of Cumbria, on a project entitled '*The secret to living a long and happy life*'. Students explored a number of topics looking at how life expectancy is calculated, how it has changed and the inequalities of life expectancy around the world.

Students enjoyed the event and were challenged with a range of activities, such as analysing complex sources of data and debating the conclusions that can be drawn from the information.



What have the students achieved on *The Scholars' Programme*?

- *The Scholars' Programme* involves a small group of students working with a PhD Tutor (who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one) in a series of university-style tutorials to study a 'super-curricular' course that explores topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum.
- Many of these researchers currently act as lecturers to students at university level, so it has been a unique opportunity for students to experience university-style teaching.
- Students have worked towards an extended final assignment that has challenged them to work above their current key stage.

The visiting PhD tutors have all commented on the enthusiasm, manners, engagement and hard work students at Mossley Hollins display.

They have all graduated with excellent scores, having gained valuable skills and knowledge they can take forward into their future studies.

On Thursday 13th July the students attended a graduation ceremony hosted by the University of Leeds where their outstanding achievements were celebrated. Students also got a chance to quiz current undergraduates about life at a Russell Group University before being taken on a tour of the campus.

We are very proud of them. Well done!

More information can be found here: <https://russellgroup.ac.uk/>



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Graduating Students

Congratulations to the following students for graduating from the *Scholars' club!*

Year 7

Bella Parry, Bria Etchells, Amelia Buckettt (1st class pass!), Charlotte Potts, Evie Hartley and Dulcie Pallister.

Year 8

Erin Ogden, Freya Goodwin (1st class pass!) Bethany Lamb, Tim Langley, Megan Lawley (1st class pass!), Nominoe Duncan-Franc (1st class pass!).

First day back for students – arrangements for Wednesday 6th September

Year 7 students are to arrive at school no later than 8.40am. They will start the day with an assembly. Once assembly is finished, they will spend the remainder of period 1 and 2 with their form mentors.

Students in Years 8-10 are expected to arrive between 9.30 and 9.40am.

Form lists and rooms will be displayed in the Drum and on the door at the student entrance on the 3rd floor. Students will attend their form rooms for Period 2. Break will be at the usual time for all students and the normal timetable will commence at 11.15am with period 3 lessons.

Please note that next year form time will not be called P3, therefore on most days we will have 5 timetabled lessons, apart from Monday which will have six timetabled lessons.

OUTSTANDING SPORTS NEWS



Year 9 and 10 Girls Football

On Thursday last week, a group of very talented football players competed in a 3 versus 3 talent programme, organised by the England Women's FA Lionesses Campaign.

The girls produced some outstanding performances on the day and managed to **win all 4 games** scoring an incredible 28 goals between them!

Congratulations to Gracie Naggs, Sophie Potts, Ava Hanson, Maddie Crosby and Nell Sedgwick.



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Mossley Olympics 2023

On Monday night, a group of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students took part in the MCSP Mossley Olympics 2023.

The event was an outstanding success. There was an incredible level of ability on show with students taking part in sprint races, the hurdles, long jump and shuttlecock throw. The students competed at the highest level. The positive energy and team spirit from all 4 schools was a real highlight.

Congratulations to all the students for taking part and a huge congratulations to the Mossley Olympics 2023 Champions – MICKLEHURST ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL!!!



Year 10 Sports Leaders

A group of Year 10 students helped to support the PE faculty and the primary students at the MCSP Mossley Olympics. They were positive role models to the students and made sure the event was a huge success.

Thank you to: Taylor Williams, Lucy Keating, Honey-Leigh Cheetham, Nieve Walne, Imogen Tray, Mia Griffith-Hall, Jaidon Roper, Kian Fadries and Leighton Mounsey.

Maddie Crosby – Player of the Year

Maddie Crosby (Year 10 and our new head girl) attended her end of season awards evening last week and she was rewarded for her outstanding performances this season for Ashton Pumas.

She received the clubs prestigious 'Player of the Year' award after being nominated by the coaches. She was rewarded for her performances, commitment in games and also for being a role model to the younger players.

Congratulations Maddie, an outstanding achievement. The perfect end to the season.



Joe's Cross-Country Success

Last weekend, Joe Taylor (Year 10) competed in the Mossley 10km race.

He was one of the youngest athletes in the race, at 15 years old, and put in an outstanding performance. He competed with his brother Jacob (former pupil) and also Mr Moore. He finished in 44th place out of over 300 runners with a time of 44 minutes 18 seconds.

Congratulations Joe. An outstanding achievement!



2023 National Futsal Finalists

Last week Finn Jones, Kane Bove-Mavrantziotis and Jacob Tohill all represented Sala Soccer at the Under 16s National Futsal Finals.

The boys have put in some outstanding performances on their way to the final to defend their title from last year, the first time a team has ever reached the final in consecutive years.

Unfortunately, despite a close game, they went on to lose on penalties. It is a fantastic achievement to reach the final and hopefully they can go one better next year.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Cricket

On Tuesday, a group of Year 7, 8 and 9 students played an indoor cricket match against St Damian's.

This was the first time the boys had played together and they produced an impressive performance, both with the ball and bat.

Daniel and Oliver Glover were the last two batters and scored 30 between them to take the team to



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75 runs. The team then bowled St Damian's out for 75 to draw the game, with Isaac Price bowling the last over to get the result.

Well done to: Oliver Glover, Daniel Glover, Lucas Mason, Ralph Bolton, Isaac Price, Richie Dodd, Ewan Potter, Tom Lees, Georga Zahra, George Bull and Jay Chilton.

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/

Useful Tools and Links

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

Report Harmful Content.com – A website to provide advice and support and allow people to report harmful online content :

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

Internet Matters – offers advice to parents and schools regarding internet use and tackles online hate :

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Qustodio – A FREE Parental Control App

- Allows each parent to filter and monitor on 2 devices – this level of cover should be appropriate for most families. It allows parents to filter content, monitor activity and set time limits – this is free forever!
- For vulnerable students, there is a premium subscription that parents can pay for (approx. £40 per year for 5 devices + 30-day free trial). This allows parents to track, monitor calls/messages, get reports and alerts.

Online Safety

The following sites may be useful in keeping your child safe online.

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<https://www.qustodio.com/en/>

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<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/reportremove/?scrllybrkr=f1b5124c>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please see our website for further details)

Monday 4th September 2023

Teacher Inset Day 1

Monday 5th September 2023

Teacher Inset Day 2

Wednesday 6th September 2023

Students return to school for the next academic year

POWER OF LANGUAGE



A big thank you to our wonderful student librarians: Grace Odlin, Max Buckley, Catherine Donnelly, Emily Warrington, Amelia Stewart, Hollie Broad, Lexi O'Mara, Natasha Connell, Isabella Tetlow and Lexi Rogers.

We have achieved so much in the library in a short space of time and this would not have been possible without your help and support. You are all amazing!

Myself and the student librarians have been planning some exciting events in the library for when we return in September.

Watch this space!

Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!

LIFE SKILLS AND CAREERS AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS



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Careers Education: Online Careers Service for Your Child

<https://gmacs.co.uk/schools>

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

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

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

Other useful websites

National Careers Service

<https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>

Students can explore, research and develop their career ideas linking subjects to possible careers.

UCAS

www.ucas.com

For early research into entrance requirements for university.

Apprenticeships

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

OUR REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

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



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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



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 /



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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.



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.

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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

Train to Teach

Train to Teach with us here at **The Tame River Teaching & Curriculum Institute** through School Direct in partnership with **everyonelearning@ Hawthorns Kingfisher**.

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

Get into Teaching with the everyonelearning@ Teaching Partnership.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

W APP



on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play

LIBRARY

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll: not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a 'gold membership' package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but that may alter as the app evolves.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases; £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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<https://techcrunch.com/2023/01/19/german-teens-went-crazy-for-this-compliments-app-and-now-ves-are-backing-its-next-phase/>

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