



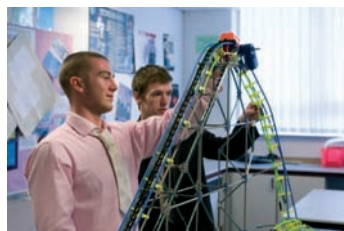
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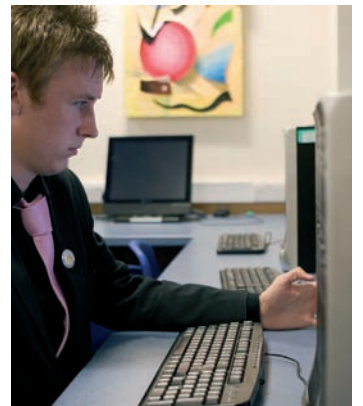
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Sixth Form





Welcome



Our aim in this prospectus is to provide you with an overview of our sixth form and give information and guidance

Each year we welcome back the majority of our year 11 students and welcome students, both male and female, from other Schools.

Ofsted said in 2006 that our students enjoy their time in the sixth form and have a positive attitude to their studies.

We are very proud of the atmosphere in our sixth form and of our students' achievements at all levels.

I hope that you enjoy reading this booklet and take the time to find out more about post-16 education at Mosslands and what we can achieve together.

If you have any questions I will be happy to answer them in person.
Good Luck!

MR S DAVIES
Head of Sixth Form

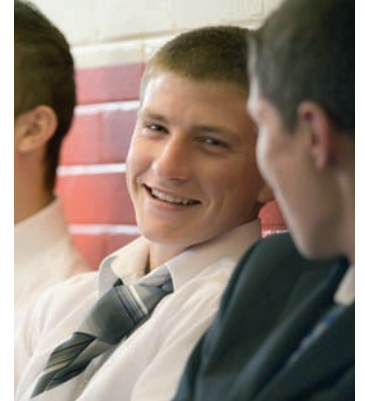


Mosslands Sixth Form

We are a highly successful sixth form

We take great pride in the care, support and advice we provide and in the sense of community in our school.

When asked about what they like in the sixth form, our students mention their positive relationships with staff and the vibrant sixth form atmosphere.



Distinctive Qualities

A separate sixth form centre with spacious, well-planned and well-equipped teaching and study areas including ICT facilities

Smaller teaching groups and a more mature relationship with the staff.

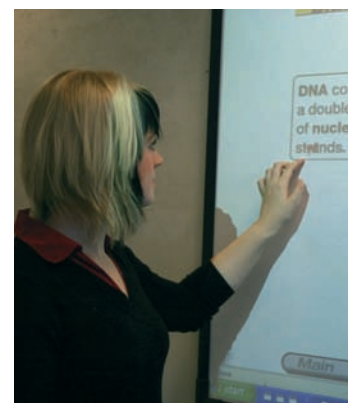
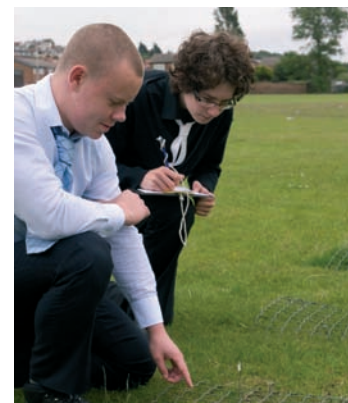
A wide range of courses, vocational as well as academic.

A friendly and supportive environment.

A rich programme of extra-curricular activities.

A full programme of higher education and careers advice and support.

Our quality teaching contributes to your success. With hard work and commitment you will achieve.



Facilities

The school has extensive facilities

There is an extended and refurbished sixth form centre. There are opportunities for study and relaxation as well as dedicated classrooms and an air-conditioned ICT facility. Teaching also takes place in specialist rooms around school: including 14 laboratories, 4 ICT suites, fully equipped Design and Technology facilities and a large modern study centre. There are two sports halls, a multi-gym and 2 floodlit synthetic five-a-side football pitches.

The school is a Specialist Technology College and is consequently well resourced.



Choices

As is often stated in the press, young people are encouraged to continue their education for as long as they can in order to increase their knowledge, skills and qualifications and thereby have more choice in life

One-year courses allow our students to gain qualifications in areas which interest them and represent a first step towards further training or employment and we offer a range of courses through the Wallasey Schools' Consortium. These include BTEC First Diploma courses, City and Guilds Progression Awards and some NVQ courses. Students split their time between The Mosslands School and their course provider.

A Level courses are studied over two years. In the first year students study three or four AS levels plus General Studies. Each AS and A2 level comprises two or three modules, each of which is examined or sometimes assessed by coursework. A2 modules are done in the second year. The total points scored in a subject at AS and A2 level are added together to give an overall A level grade in the subject. Exams are taken mainly in June, sometimes in January. We also offer re-sit courses in English and Maths GCSE to all members of Lower Sixth who require them.





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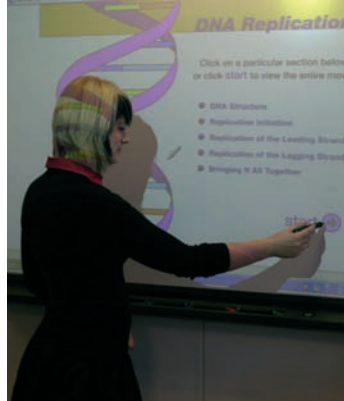


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Making Decisions



At Mosslands, students are seen at least once in the spring term of year 11 for consultation about subject choices

In general, you should choose the subjects which you are best at, enjoy the most and lead to a career you have in mind. Many careers and university courses will accept a varied combination of A Levels, but some, especially in the areas of Medicine, Science, Engineering and Technology will only accept specified subjects, often including Mathematics and/or Science.

It is common for students taking one-year courses to make their decisions later than those doing A level courses. The important thing is to obtain all the information you can about the range of options available. It is wise to make your choice as soon as you can, as vocational courses can fill up quickly and places are offered on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you need advice, you should not hesitate to speak to staff or to our careers advisor.



What is expected of you?

Obviously, you will be expected to work hard, as it is impossible to succeed in any of the courses without a high level of commitment and without completing all the required work

We are first and foremost an educational establishment with student success as its main aim and everything we provide for our students and expect of them is geared towards achieving this. Mature adult behaviour is also expected.

The relationship between staff and students post-sixteen is very different from that in Key Stages three and four and it relies on co-operation and mutual support.



Key Skills



An important part of the sixth form programme is encouraging students to improve their learning and personal skills

One-year students take part in Key Skills programmes that help to develop skills in Communication, ICT and Application of Number as well as providing the opportunity to gain three extra qualifications at the end of the year. This programme is delivered in discrete lessons by qualified staff.

All other sixth form students are offered the opportunity to improve their communication skills as part of their academic course and are encouraged to enter for the Communication Key Skill qualification in the second year of their course, using work carried out in their subject areas.



Activities

All sixth form students are involved in an activities programme on alternate Wednesday afternoons

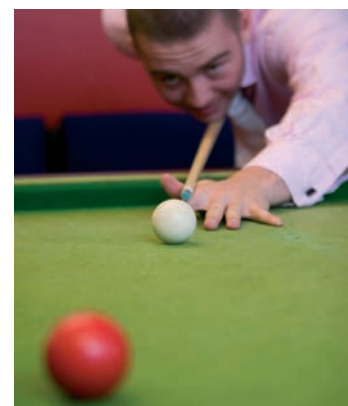
The main aim of this is to encourage students to pursue activities, sporting or cultural, either outside or as an extension of their academic studies.

Activities can be either on-site or off-site and are wide-ranging. They include badminton, basketball, weight-training, football, rugby, table tennis, ten-pin bowling, snooker and pool, golf, squash, tennis, fitness training at local gyms, swimming, voluntary work within the community, work experience, music, DT, art, ICT and many others.

Some students play for the sixth form rugby or football teams and there are regular fixtures organised on a Wednesday afternoon.

Students also organise their own tournaments in five-a-side football, pool and table tennis.

Subject to the level of interest, we are also able to offer the St John's Ambulance Lifesaver Plus first-aid qualification and the Community Sports Leader's Award.



Community



The Sixth Form Volunteer Sports Leaders Team regularly helps to organise and run a variety of sports events within the local community

Activities include athletics and games for primary school children and swimming galas and fun activity days for children with special needs.



The team is closely associated with the Wirral Sports Development Unit and is frequently called upon to assist with sports events throughout Wirral. This reliable and enthusiastic group plays a vital role in the school's community links.

There are other opportunities for students to undertake work in the community, either during afternoon activities or outside school time, and we have links with various organisations. Students who have particular careers in mind (for example medicine or teaching) undertake appropriate voluntary work in order to acquire relevant experience.





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