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# THE Mosslands SCHOOL

A STEM Centre of Excellence

# welcome

Welcome to The Mosslands School, a school at the heart of the Wallasey community, where we aim to work together to be happy, healthy, stay safe, enjoy our learning and achieve well. We aim to help students reach their potential, to understand the difference between right and wrong, to show respect for others and to continue learning throughout their adult life.

As the Headteacher of The Mosslands School, I believe that it is our duty to find and develop the full potential of every child and I am committed to offering every student the richest possible educational experience, not only in the classroom but in every aspect of school life.

I want your child to do his very best academically and I will accept no less. It is just as important to me that they become socially responsible good citizens, that they value and respect other people and in turn are valued and respected. I want your child to be happy and enjoy school and I know that if he does, he will do well.

I grew up in Wallasey and it is hugely important to me that parents and students in this area have access to the very best school that will provide them and this community with the very best possible future.

The Mosslands School has a great heritage in providing an outstanding education and a firm foundation for a successful future. I am very proud of the students' achievements. I am looking forward to a very bright future at the school and would like to invite you to be part of it.

Contained within this prospectus is just a fraction of what the school has to offer your child. Please take time to browse through it and see a school that we are immensely proud of.

**Adrian Whiteley**  
HEADTEACHER



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“The school is inclusive and provides a warm and caring environment where all students are valued as individuals.”

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# ethos & values

At The Mosslands School we believe that all students should be rounded individuals who are encouraged to develop in all areas of their life. Our school aims to be an interesting, stimulating, well-ordered community providing challenge and opportunity for all students, allowing each to develop their potential to the full.

The school prides itself on our ethos of 'Care, Commitment and Challenge' and proves that the highest quality of education for all abilities is available in Wallasey at The Mosslands School. Our talented and dynamic staff deliver challenging and purposeful lessons that stretch the learning of all in a fun and supportive way.

Our school expects a partnership between parents, students and staff that maintains a caring and supportive community which places each student at the heart of their individualised education.

Whilst academic performance is of prime importance, what happens in the classroom is only one aspect of a quality education. We are determined to educate each student utilising a full range of learning experiences that take place both in and out of school making the most of the exceptional extra curricular activities that we offer.





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**We provide a welcoming and receptive environment where every student can...**

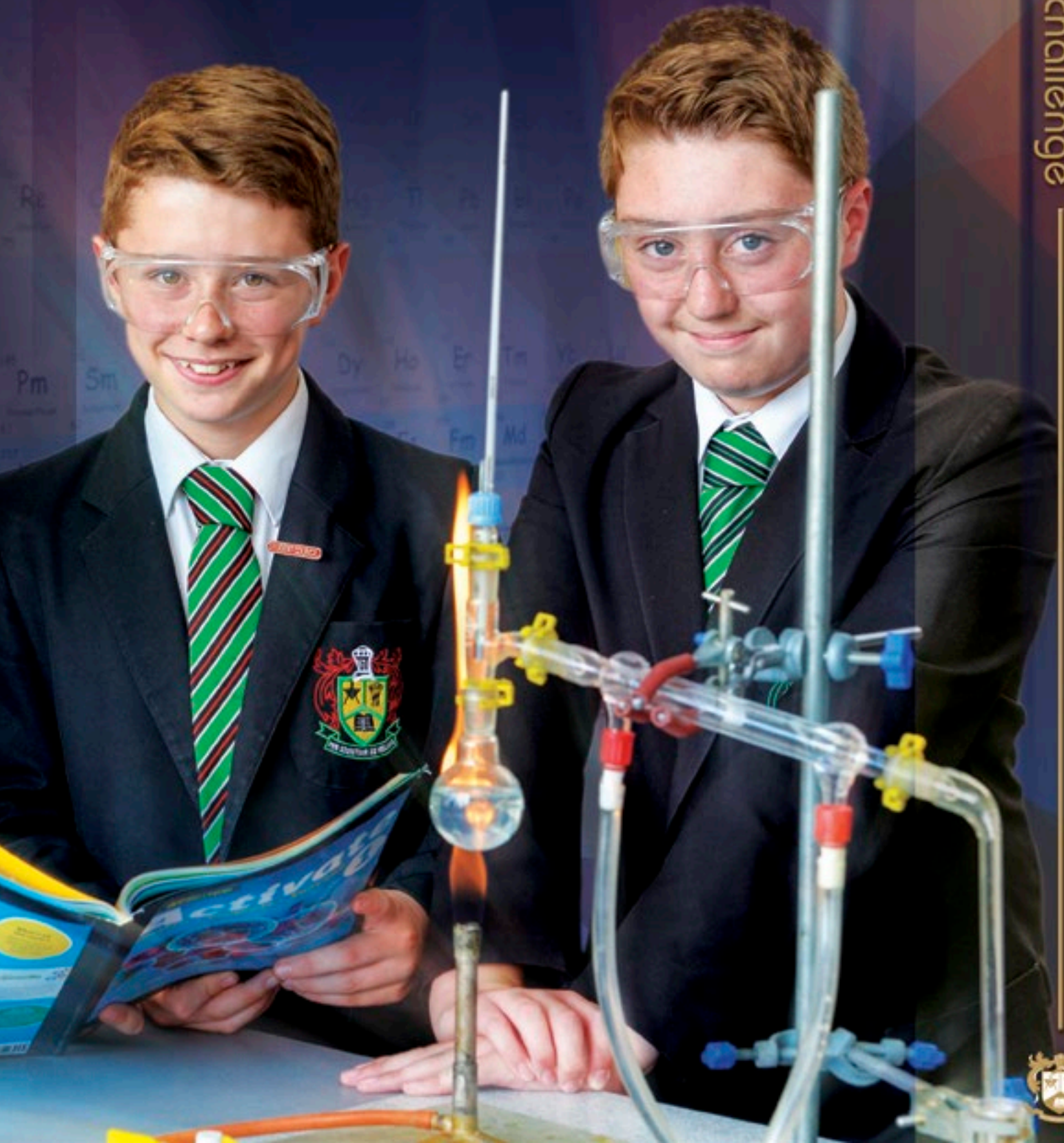
- enjoy the experience of school and learning
- feel secure, happy, and valued, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, religion or social background
- develop a sense of self-confidence, tolerance, self-esteem and value for others
- learn self-discipline and the need for personal responsibility
- recognise the need for moral values and respect for others in the School and the wider community
- enjoy working in a stimulating, attractive, and well-resourced environment

**Our environment includes...**

- purpose built Drama Studios & Music Suite
- purpose built all-weather Astro turf pitch and 2 Sports Halls
- ICT rooms
- purpose built and dedicated Sixth Form facilities
- Library
- all classrooms with interactive whiteboards
- well-equipped subject departments

**We provide...**

- dedicated teaching staff who promote learning
- stimulating lessons catering for the needs of all students
- a supportive SEN department with committed Teaching Assistants
- experienced Pastoral staff to help any child that needs additional support
- well qualified staff who track and monitor student achievement
- challenging targets to enable all students to reach their potential
- early identification of Gifted and Talented students
- challenge and support for our Gifted and Talented students
- supportive and caring relationships between staff and students





**We encourage students to get involved in...**

- Inter-house competitions
- Sports Day
- Drama productions
- The School Choir
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Theatre visits
- Ski Trips
- School Prom
- Battle of the Bands
- School Council
- Charity events
- Extra curricular enrichment programme
- Sports teams
- STEM Club
- AfriTwin
- Music tuition

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**We want students to enjoy lessons by being involved in...**

- group work, pair work and individual work
- challenging activities aimed at developing independent thinkers
- a rewards system that provides competition for all
- active Drama lessons
- practical Technology and Science lessons
- Creative Art, Music and Media lessons
- stimulating debate in History and Personal Development
- widening their experiences through Geography and Languages
- challenging English and Mathematics lessons
- a diverse choice of sports and activities within PE



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The Mosslands School is proud to be the first school in the region to be recognised as **a STEM Centre of Excellence.**

Our STEM scholarships scheme involves pupils who have the potential and interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths being given access to an unrivalled program of learning that involves institutions and employers from Year 7 to Year 13 and is fully funded.

STEM scholarships are available for pupils in the upper band. For information regarding the STEM scholarship scheme please ask any member of the senior leadership team.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 also have access to our North West Gifted and Talented program which runs throughout the year and is also fully funded.

# STEM

Science  
Technology  
Engineering  
and Maths





We want all students to feel excited and confident about coming to The Mosslands School and to feel welcome when they arrive.

### Our transition programme involves...

- a visit from the Headteacher to your primary school
- Focussed STEM days for Year 5 and 6 pupils prior to entry
- meeting your Form Tutor before arriving in September
- taster Days for Years 5 & 6
- Open Evenings for Year 5 & 6 students
- a specific Parent's Evening for Year 6 students and parents
- constant communication between primary schools and The Mosslands School
- early identification of Gifted and Talented students or students with Special Educational Needs
- close working relationship between our Special Needs staff and the primary school
- welcoming parents and students for visits at any time during the school day

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Pastoral care at The Mosslands School is provided by a House system which has been in place for over a hundred years. Indeed many ex-pupils retain affection for the House they belonged to long after leaving the school. All students are allocated to one of three Houses – Faraday, Grenfell and Ruskin - as are all staff in the school, both teaching and non-teaching. This system provides a smaller, more personal unit within the larger school, support and care throughout a student's education and allows a strong emphasis on standards of achievement, presentation and behaviour.

Each House has a dedicated House Staff team that has its own office where students know they can find support if required. The role of House staff is to develop a real partnership between school, student and parents and to monitor the progress and behaviour of each individual student in their House. The work of the House Teams is line-managed by an Assistant Headteacher, ensuring consistent practice across the Houses.

Students in each House meet regularly at their own assemblies and, through the House system, have the opportunity to accept positions of responsibility in the school including participation in the School Council. Students are encouraged to contribute to the wider life of the school and House Teams encourage keen inter-House rivalry and competition. Houses also choose a charity to support and organise fund raising throughout the year.

**The House system provides students with a real identity within the larger school community and provides opportunities for students from differing year groups to mix together.**



pastoral



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care & support

“ The Pastoral systems of the school support pupils very well, providing continuous secure relationships as pupils move through the school. Pupils feel safe and free from bullying. They trust the adults and know where to turn for help. Arrangements for the safeguarding of pupils are excellent and the most vulnerable are quickly identified. The Learning Support Unit’s outstanding support and guidance contributes significantly to pupils’ confidence and self esteem.”

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**Within the variety of subjects that are offered within the school your son will experience...**

- exciting and stimulating learning opportunities
- supportive and dedicated staff to guide them through each Key Stage
- lessons that develop lively enquiring minds, physical skills, the ability to question and argue rationally and to apply themselves with thought and persistence.
- mixed ability and set classes
- close tracking and monitoring of progress
- a variety of qualifications to suit your child's needs
- supportive transition from KS3 to KS4 and KS4 to KS5
- an understanding of the world in which they live; to accept, appreciate, and value other individuals, cultures and religions
- careers guidance through Personal Development
- work experience opportunities

**Working in partnership... we work closely with parents to make sure the school experience is what you want for your child, involving you in all aspects of your child's learning...**

- A home school agreement
- Reporting regularly on progress
- Communications via the Student Planner
- Meeting at Parents' Evenings and Open Evenings
- Communication through text and the SIMS Learning Gateway
- Accessing your views through parental surveys
- Regular updates thorough the school website
- Tutor support and contact



curriculum



**We celebrate success through...**

- Assemblies
- Sports Awards
- Music Awards
- Presentation Evenings
- School Colours
- Newsletters
- Displaying achievements
- The school website
- Reward trips



**“**The curriculum is highly personalised and has a positive impact on behaviour, motivation and achievement.**”**

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# ready for the future

We want your child to stay on at our Sixth Form to pursue a higher education.



## Sixth Form

### We offer...

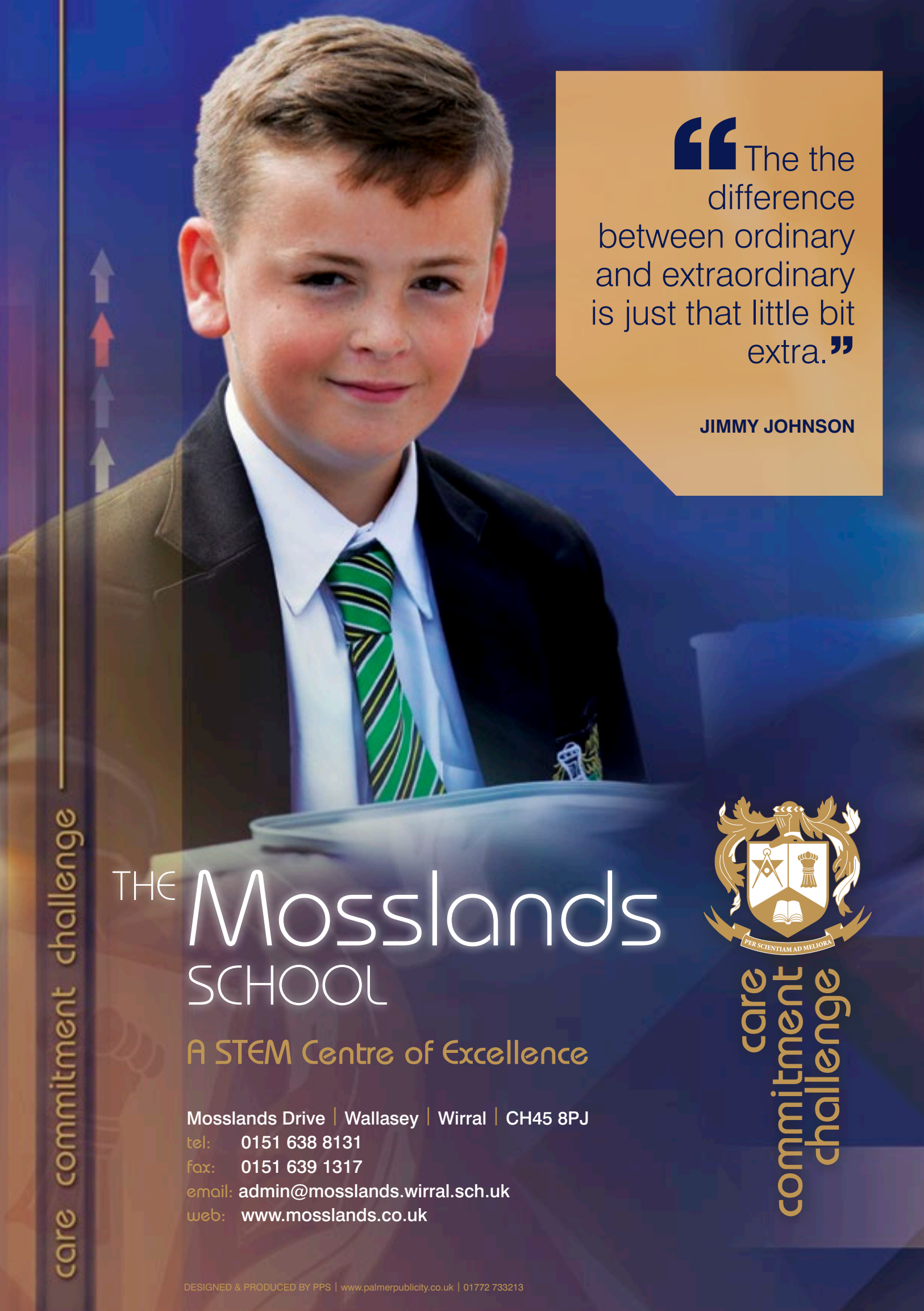
- a supportive application process
- a range of academic and challenging AS and A Levels
- a range of higher level vocational subjects that give opportunities for progress into Higher Education and Employment
- a number of routes for students to gain vocational Level qualifications that lead directly into employment
- a professional and friendly environment
- a mixed Sixth Form
- dedicated and knowledgeable teaching staff
- supportive form tutors
- excellent careers guidance and UCAS support
- the opportunity to become School Prefects
- involvement in the Student Council
- opportunities to help students at KS3 and KS4 in and out of their lessons.
- Sixth Form Study Room
- Sixth Form Common Room and Cafeteria
- a Sixth Form that is part of the Mosslands Community

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“The the  
difference  
between ordinary  
and extraordinary  
is just that little bit  
extra.”

JIMMY JOHNSON

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