



# The Mosslands School

## Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## School Diary

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Week A

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day School Closed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 11 Mock Interviews
	Deadline for New York Additional Payment
	Chess Club 3.10-4pm C11
	KS3 Text to Film Club 3.10-4pm AX7
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Computer Science Taster Day Year 9 – Liverpool University
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 11 Mock Interviews
	World Book Day
	KS4 Text to Film Club 3.10-4pm AX7
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline for Year 9 Option Forms

## News

### **Message from Mr Whiteley**

As this half term draws to a close, we can look forward to a much more stable time ahead. Although it is clear that COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for some time still, restrictions are in the process of being removed and we can at least be confident that school will not go into lockdown again. With a return to normality next half term, students will no longer be permitted to eat their lunches and snacks in classrooms and open communal spaces. From 1<sup>st</sup> March, all food should be eaten in the canteen. Similarly, students will no longer be allowed to wear sweatshirts under blazers or coats in class. Staff and students who still feel vulnerable, will be permitted to continue to wear face coverings next half term.

You will be aware that Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day, students return to us on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please be aware that this year, the Easter break is later than normal and the term finishes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April making this next half term a 6-week block.

For all students accessing the school led tutoring programme, I would ask all parents and carers to ensure that students make the most of these additional sessions, if students miss consecutive sessions, their places will be offered to other

students. As you might expect, we have a long waiting list.

For students in years 11, 12 and 13, examination timetables have now been published and will be distributed as soon as we are able. I would like to congratulate all of the students on their performance in the mock examination series. As well as some outstanding individual performances, the attitude and effort made by the whole cohort is a credit to you all. I understand the apprehension we all feel about the late changes in examinations and the potential impact of the lockdown, but the overwhelming feeling in school is one of confidence. To all of the students in those year groups, I would urge you to remember that time is short and preparation is everything! For all other year groups, there will be school-based examinations and tests shortly after Easter, these are more important than ever this year, because they will allow us to measure the impact of the disruption of the last two years and adapt our teaching to cover any gaps that have arisen.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support; your donations to our food distribution programme, contributions to our charity efforts and letters of thanks to the staff are greatly appreciated. I hope that storm Eunice is kind to you and that you have a restful break. I look forward to

seeing the students return safe and well on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Maths Support Sessions**

After the success of the first two support sessions, we are now offering another session to any parent who would like to attend. It will be an after school session on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 from 4pm – 5.15pm, which will demonstrate the ways in which we teach maths and how your son learns in our lessons.

This session will develop your own understanding of maths, in order to support your son with his maths work. By showing you different strategies of learning and teaching maths, as well as using the concrete manipulatives that we use in most of our maths lessons, we hope that you will come away from the session feeling much more confident in helping your son with his maths homework. If you have previously attended a session, you are more than welcome to come again, as we will be covering different aspects of the maths curriculum. This session will have a maximum capacity of 20 people and will be offered on a first come first served basis; however, we will also allow parents to join online via Zoom if needed. Please email Miss Purcell by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to confirm your attendance.

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Anyone who would like to receive support for their child's maths work can join our Maths Support

Sessions Google Classroom page with the joining code of **g72kcse**.

### **Careers**

Our Year 11 students have this week been given the opportunity to attend a mock interview with a local employer. For many of them this is their first experience of an interview situation and it was great to see how well they performed. Despite some nervous faces and confused fist bumps and handshakes, they did themselves proud. The feedback from the visiting employers was very positive and each student will now get specific feedback from their interviewer about how they came across. This is an invaluable experience for them. Perhaps you could ask your son about his interview experience and share some of your own with him. All students have completed a CV on the online "*Unifrog*" website. These are well worth a read - and you could be really helpful by suggesting improvements they could make. Despite all their bravado - some of them are not so great at self-marketing! There will be two more mock interview days on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March for any students who have not yet had the opportunity.

### **Library**

World Book Day tokens have arrived at school and have been handed out to students in years 7-9 during

English lessons. The tokens allow your son to receive £1 off any book in participating stores from the 17<sup>th</sup> February until 27<sup>th</sup> March. There are also be a large number of tokens available in the library for those boys in upper years who would like one.

Throughout this term, we are celebrating our author Onjali Q Rauf. Our Book of the Week this week is her debut novel, *Boy at the Back of the Class*, a story of friendship, hope and kindness as a group of friends come up with a daring plan and embark on an extraordinary adventure to help Ahmet, the boy at the back of the class. Full of heart and humour and characters that will stay with you for a lifetime, this is a fantastic and easily readable book and is available in our library now.

### **Macbeth**

On Thursday afternoon, our Year 11 students enjoyed a fabulous performance of *Macbeth* in the school hall. *Macbeth* is studied at GCSE and it will have been an invaluable experience for our students to see it performed live.

### **Computer Science Taster Day**

A group of boys from Year 9 will be visiting Liverpool University after half term for their Computer Science Taster Day. Subjects covered during the visit will be

password cracking, drone and robot programming and cryptography.

### **Year 11 Support**

Year 11 support sessions are available after school. Please see the timetable sent out each week with the newsletter.

### **Vaccination Clinics**

Please see the attached letter regarding vaccination clinics being held during half term.

### **Bus Fare Price Increase**

From 28<sup>th</sup> February, Al's Coaches will be increasing their single fare from £1 to £1.50 on their commercially operated services 616. There is no change to the fare charged on the Merseytravel supported services, which will remain at £1. Pupils are able to purchase a MyTicket from the bus driver on the morning journey, which costs £2.20 and is valid on all services all day long, regardless of operator.

### **Art Department**

You can follow us on Instagram at [mosslands\\_art](#) to see some fabulous examples of the work produced by our students.

### **Fundraising for Mosslands**

Don't forget to order your online shopping through "Easyfundraising.com" to help raise money for school.



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