



The Mosslands School

Newsletter

Friday 8th April 2022



School Diary

Monday 25th – Friday 29th April

Week A

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 25 th April	School Reopens
	Year 9 Exams
Tuesday 26 th April	Year 9 Exams
	Year 10 Business Studies Trip to Alton Towers
	Drama Club 3.15-4pm 607
	Chess Club 3.10-4pm C07
	KS3 Text to Film Club 3.10-4pm AX7
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 10 PHSE Event
Thursday 28 th April	Year 7 Archaeology Club 3.20-4.20pm D05
	KS4 Text to Film Club 3.10-4pm AX7
	Year 10 & 11 Drama Trip – Liverpool Playhouse 1.30pm

News

Message from Mr Whiteley

We have reached the end of another term. Sadly, the removal of COVID-19 related restrictions has had the predictable effect of seeing an all too familiar rise in the rate of infection. This, alongside the normal colds and seasonal flu has interrupted the usual flow of the school year once more. Consequently, overall attendance is well below normal, although I can give you some assurance that this is a national issue rather than a school one.

Despite these challenges, staff have responded heroically going to great lengths to bring back many of the enrichment programmes below to support the pupils, which I hope gives you a sense of what our pupils have experienced this term.

During this term, we have made use of the National Tutoring Programme which has been rolled out to students from KS3 and KS4 and covers the core subjects (English, maths and science) as well as geography, history, computer science and our three languages. Most of the tutoring is run by teachers; however, the school is also employing ten external

tutors. In total, over 250 students are taking part outside of school hours. There will be well over 3500 extra student teaching hours when further sessions are finalised over the holidays. So far, feedback shows that the selected students are working harder in lessons, relationships with their teachers are stronger and attainment is higher.

Our English Department secured a production company to perform in school to Year 11, giving the students a live experience of An Inspector Calls. In the library, a group of Year 9 and 10 students have taken part in the Wirral Book Awards and meet after school every Thursday. In January, we had the opportunity to hear from five of the eight authors as part of a virtual author day and discuss their books with them. This was a fantastic opportunity for our boys to broaden their reading, develop their communication and debating skills and further harness a love of reading for pleasure.

The Maths Department have run a very successful Pi Day, Year 11 Maths Inspiration Day, they have developed links with Liverpool University for further maths GCSE and A level students and taken part in the UKMT Maths challenge at all levels - Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

Linking very tenuously with Pi day, From the DT Department, Mr Bradshaw's students have re-started

the Bread Club, running a small artisan bread company which produces wonderful bread to sell to staff and the wider community every Friday.



The PE Department are fully up and running with their extra-curricular programme. In football, years 7, 8, 9 and 11 have progressed to the semi-finals of the Wirral Cup and despite the many trials and tribulations; we are still able to provide the amazing sports tour to New York in June. Other activities reintroduced this term include our 6th Form students coaching at St. George's Primary School.

Our careers programme has redoubled its efforts this year with a range of events intended to broaden experiences and understanding of life beyond school.

Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme is back up and running with 15 students from years 12 and 13 involved in the Gold Award. Their expedition date set is for 10th - 14th July in the Lakes. Due to the pandemic, we have no Silver Award students, but have 25 Year 11 and 42 Year 10 students participating in the Bronze Award programme. Expedition dates are set for June and early July in North Wales, having such positive numbers should mean a return to all three levels operating from September.

Mr Cauldwell, head of history, has been running the year 11 inter-form quiz, which culminated in an all-Ruskin final last Friday. This aspirational quiz is run on the same lines as University Challenge testing the students' broader and cultural knowledge. The final was an absolute pleasure to watch and congratulations to the Ruskin boys!

Our Year 11 students have recently completed their second mock examination series and our Year 10 students have just completed their first formal examinations. I am delighted with the manner in which they have approached these exams and I am confident that they will perform well. There is, however, great uncertainty about what the grade boundaries will show this year, given the uneven national landscape.

Easter Revision Sessions

Over the holidays, there are a number of revision sessions in school for students in years 10 and 11. Staff have communicated the details of these sessions to the relevant students. Boys must enter and leave the building via reception.

New Staff Introduction

We have recently appointed a new member of staff to the position of senior pastoral manager, Mr Ken Hughes. He is no stranger to the school, having worked here for the last twelve months on the National Tutoring Programme, tutoring some learners in English and maths. He has been in the education sector since 1991 as a teacher, headteacher and consultant and has worked across primary, secondary, apprenticeship and adult learning. The majority of his work has taken place in specialist sectors such as secure units, PRUs and special schools. Mr Hughes says he has really enjoyed his first few weeks at Mosslands and has received a very warm welcome from everyone.

Careers

We are always looking to improve our careers provision. You will find careers information on our website

<http://www.mosslands.co.uk/page/?title=Careers&pid=534>

We also have a Google Classroom for students where opportunities and information is posted, please encourage your son/ward to sign up with the code: wvlzdhq

We are also asking parents to complete the survey below so that we can plan events and actions for 2022-23. Please access it here:

<https://www.questionpro.com/t/AVNI3Zr9xE>

Literary Prize Winner

This week, we received a copy of the book containing Larry Marsh's winning piece of writing: a very creative example of what his future would look like in a charming letter to his past self, along with the other winners from across the nation. As a reminder, out of over 10,000 entries, Larry's was selected and was awarded the winning story for the North West. For his efforts in writing so creatively, he has also been rewarded with £100 of vouchers, had an article published in magazines regarding his win, and now has his own published work. Very well done Larry!

Alton Towers

Over the last two days, almost sixty boys from years 10 and 11 have been enjoying a residential trip to Alton Towers. Hopefully the weather has been kind to them and they have all had a wonderful time.



Medication In School

If you have any questions or concerns regarding medication in school, please contact the SEND Department.

Year 11 Support

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

Art Department

You can follow us on Instagram at [art_mosslands](#) 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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