



# The Mosslands School

Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> October

2022



## School Diary

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Week B

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y8 Football v Halewood – Merseyside Cup (Home)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Dungeons and Dragons Club 3.20-4.30 - Library
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 9 STEM Visit
	Y7 Football v Chesterfield – Merseyside Cup (Away)
	Y11 Football v Halewood – Merseyside Cup (Away)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 7 Archaeology Club 3.20pm D05
	Homework Club 3.20-4.30pm Library & D22
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term at 3.20pm

## News

### **Message from Mr Whiteley**

You will by now have received your login details for Class Charts. This software is used by staff to record the daily behaviour and attitude of students. Please don't be alarmed by comments associated with off task behaviour or talking out of turn, if they are sporadic. The intention is to enable you to have a view of the broad balance of how your son is getting on at school and to have conversations with him should you see a pattern emerging. This also enables us at school to have an overview of classroom performance. I am sure many of you will see that the vast majority of the comments are very positive, and it is encouraging to see pupils being rewarded for their positive contributions. As this is a relatively new piece of technology, its use will evolve over time.

The school is exploring the possibility of removing all single use plastics from our canteen, this has been highlighted by the misuse of plastics on the school yards. Currently, nearly 4,000 plastic bottles are sold per week and although we try our best to recycle, many of these end up in landfill and we know how damaging that is for our environment. It is our intention to drastically reduce our plastic use this year.

As you may be aware, the topic of vapes (e-cigarettes/e-liquids) has been in the press recently and has been gathering momentum, particularly the use of disposable vapes in schools. Across the country, schools are being urged to crackdown on the use of vapes in schools; worryingly, the proportion of young people aged 11-16 using vapes continues to increase.

The law states, 'You must be 18 or over to use or purchase e-cigarettes or e-liquids in the UK'. The government are encouraging schools to take stricter measures in order to effectively deal with the issue; some schools are responding by closing down toilets at certain periods of the day, conducting searches and issuing suspensions.

For your information I would remind you that it is not permitted to

- bring a vape onto school grounds
- vape on school grounds
- retain possession of a vape for another person
- be seen vaping whilst wearing our school uniform (travelling to/from school)

If you feel your child needs any support regarding the use of vapes or smoking, the NHS has advice and resources available. In addition, please contact your child's house office.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Anti-social Behaviour**

There have been an increasing number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the local area in and around certain shops. We have had formal complaints about the behaviour of some of our students in Asda Liscard, Lidl Leasowe, houses on Mosslands Drive and the Co-op Wallasey Village. The behaviours are verbal abuse of members of the public, theft from stores, riding bikes in the store and items being thrown at the public. We obviously take this very seriously as those involved have been identified as being in our school uniform and are bringing the school into disrepute. We value the relationship we have with our neighbours and residents of the local area and do not not wish this to be damaged. We are currently working with the stores and local residents to identify those involved. Our school liaison officer from Merseyside Police, Emma Hodgeson, is also involved. Please speak to your children about appropriate behaviour on the way to and from school. Further incidents like this will not be tolerated. Please see the attached letter from Merseyside Police regarding Halloween and Bonfire Night.

### **Free Year 11 Private Tuition**

A number of Year 11 students will have received a letter in school this week regarding private tuition of

core subjects in groups of about three students. This tuition is run after school in addition to the exam readiness sessions and is voluntary. Last year, those students who took part in this tuition performed better in their summer exams compared to those who did not. The tuition is completely free and most sessions will be run by teachers your son is already familiar with. Other year groups will have access to similar tuition throughout the year; more information will be released in due course. Please email [admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk) FAO Mr Baas for more information.

### **Bikeability**

Unfortunately, we had been sent incorrect information about the Bikeability course, which we shared last week. We are working with BikeRight to offer Bikeability **Level 3**. Any pupil operating at L2 will be able access the course and pupils will be grouped by ability.

If you are unsure as to the suitability for your son/ward please email school FAO: Mrs Rycroft. Please click on the link below for more information about the course and to provide consent for your child to participate.

<https://bikeright.co.uk/events/81341e8c-c437-4d27-91d8-7ef9eddb83c6/>

### **Year 7 Archaeology Club**

Archaeology Club starts next week. Boys can come along to D05 after school to explore archaeological mysteries, develop their critical thinking and use physical evidence to learn about the past. They can learn skills in history and crime scene investigation and take part in an actual archaeological dig.

### **Young Persons Insight to Engineering Open Day**

A group of Year 9 students will be visiting The Central Group on Wednesday to find out more about careers in engineering.

### **School Photos**

A list of names of boys requiring school photo proofs has been submitted to the photographer. We cannot accept any further requests for proofs.

### **PE Results**

Year 7 Football - National Cup v Lymm High School - Mosslands 3 - 1 Lymm High School

Year 8 Football - National Cup v Woodchurch - Mosslands 2 - 3 Woodchurch

Year 9 Football - National Cup v Helsby High School - Helsby 0 - 2 Mosslands

**Travel Survey**

If your son would like to give his opinion on transport and getting around our local area, please encourage him to click on the link below. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

<https://aspire4u.typeform.com/to/U4o9KODG>

**Medication In School**

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

**Library**

For book recommendations, events and the latest goings on in the library, follow @library\_mosslands on Instagram

**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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