## The Mosslands School

## Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



# School Diary Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September Week A

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Residential Trip
	Deposit Deadline
	New York Trips Final
	Payment Deadline
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	No Events Scheduled
	Creative Writing Club AX3
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.25-12.55
September	New York Trip Tour A
	Meeting 6pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographs
	New York Trip Tour B
	Meeting 6pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day

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### Message from Mr Whiteley

Welcome back to the first week of school, it's been a great week and boys seem to be settling in really well.

Just a reminder that they need to come into school in complete school uniform. Even on PE days, they need to arrive in uniform and change back into uniform following their PE lesson. For those that are still waiting on delivery of their PE uniform from EV2, please send boys in with shorts and a T Shirt until their kit arrives.

Please be mindful of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up your children outside school. Mosslands Drive becomes very congested at 3.10pm and room must be left to allow buses and emergency vehicle's to get by. Please do not block driveways.

#### Jeans for Genes Week

This week is Jeans for Genes week, which is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder, including cystic fibrosis. To raise awareness of this campaign, we are encouraging staff and students to wear jeans on **Friday 17th September**. Students MUST wear the rest of their uniform, including school shoes. Any cash donations would be very welcome.

#### **School Photographs**

While Friday is a day to dress down slightly by wearing jeans, Thursday is a day to be as smart as possible, as it is school photo day.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Form

Year 12 students are reminded to complete and return their bursary application forms as soon as possible. Final deadline is **Friday 24th September 2021**. Any students in Year 13/14 who may have had a change in circumstances and feel that they may now be eligible, should collect a form from Mrs Brunton.

Letters for a Sixth Form residential to the YMCA National Centre, Lakeside have been distributed. £20 deposits are required by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Payment can be made via ParentPay or by cash at the main office.

Whilst the majority of the students' timetables are complete, there are still several lessons to be included on timetables such as re-sit lessons, work skills and enrichment. This will happen over the next few weeks. Your patience in this matter is appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to be able to welcome back so many students into Sixth Form. They all look incredibly smart. Please remember any violation of uniform will result in a Sixth Form student being sent home to change. He/she can only return once they are dressed appropriately.

#### Library

This week, to celebrate International Literacy Day, we held a literacy hunt for our new Year 7 boys. They had to gather clues from the English Department to complete a famous quote from Fredrick Douglas 'Once you learn to read, you will be forever free'. Well done to Charlie Whittaker for completing the hunt the quickest, followed quickly by Joe Gallagher and Ryan Hannah.

We kick off another year of celebrating different authors each term with the gritty young adult author Kevin Brooks. Born in Exeter, Kevin worked in a variety of places including a crematorium, a zoo, a garage and a post office before giving it all up to become the critically acclaimed author he is today. His dark and compelling story The Bunker Diary was our Book of the Week last week and should not be missed!

#### **New York Trips**

Monday is the deadline for final payments for the New York trips. Please ensure your balance has been paid in full by Monday. The meetings for parents will be held in school this week at 6pm in the main hall. Tour A on Wednesday and Tour B on Thursday. If you cannot make the correct meeting for your son's trip, you may attend on the other day, but please make Mr Kershaw aware that you are attending the "wrong" meeting, so that you are given the correct information. You can contact him at PEtours@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk

#### **Year 7 Maths**

There will be a letter going out next week, with a reply slip for parents to express their interest in attending a maths session after school. This session will aim to show parents the ways in which we teach maths and how our children learn in our lessons, so that the fear of 'teaching them the wrong way' is removed. These sessions will be capped at 20 people and will be offered on a first come first served basis. If there is a lot of interest, additional sessions may be run. Please ask your son to return the slips to Miss Purcell in A25.

#### **Theatre Trip**

Mrs Brett and Miss Risley took Year 11 and Sixth Form drama pupils to the Royal Court Theatre in Liverpool to watch Bouncers on Thursday evening. Despite the challenge of the trains not running due to heavy rain, our wonderful community of parents pulled together and ensured that all pupils arrived safely for this fantastic, highly energetic performance.

Our pupils' behaviour and attitude was exemplary; with everyone thoroughly enjoying and being inspired by this skilful performance. Sincere thanks goes out to all of the parents and staff who helped get our pupils there.

#### Film Club

Keep a look out in future newsletters for details of text-to-film clubs, for KS3 and KS4, running after school. Details are currently being finalised and will be advertised shortly.

#### **Creative Writing Club**

This club runs every Wednesday lunchtime in AX3, 12.25-12.55pm.

#### **Fundraising for Mosslands**

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





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