



The Mosslands School

Newsletter

Friday 17th September 2021



School Diary

Monday 20th – Friday 24th September

Week B

Date(s)	Event(s)
Monday 20 th September	Year 8 Football v Woodchurch (away) 4pm
	Year 11 Football v Woodchurch (home) 3.45pm
Tuesday 21 st September	School Council Elections
Wednesday 22 nd September	National Fitness Day
	Creative Writing Club AX3 12.25-12.55
Thursday 23 rd September	Eureka STEM Activity
	Year 10 Football v Woodchurch (home) 3.45pm
	Open Evening 6-8.30pm
Friday 24 th September	Open Morning 9am
	6 th Form Bursary Deadline

Message from Mr Whiteley

I would like to thank you for the great start we have made to the new school year. Students have settled well into their classes, despite the trials and tribulations of the past 18 months. For those returning to KS4 in years 10 and 11, baseline assessments conducted over the first few weeks suggest that students are bouncing back very strongly from the impact of the pandemic, with Year 11 already in line to exceed last year's excellent results. It is a pleasure to welcome the new Year 7 students, they seem to be enjoying the start to their secondary education and I have already had a number of them receiving commendations for excellent work, this bodes well for the future.

Students in years 7 and 8 will be taking CAT tests over the coming weeks; this is nothing to be worried about. These tests help us understand their starting points, so that we can better meet their needs in class. No revision is necessary, there is no pass or fail mark and we will be sharing their scores with you when they are complete.

If your son cycles to school, please reinforce the key messages about road safety, ensure that the bike is roadworthy and ask that they respect our neighbours and other road users. Boys travelling to school by bus, be aware that the buses are fitted with CCTV and should we get complaints, we will be taking action against students bringing the school into disrepute.

For students with long hair, please ensure that they have the means to tie it back for lessons such as technology, food tech, science and ICT where hygiene and safety are important. Please note that we do not allow brightly coloured dyed hair in school.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that mobile phones are not used during the school day. The constant use of phones and social media have had a dramatic impact on the mental health and wellbeing of young people and we strongly believe that school should be a relief from the constant pressure that this represents. We will continue to confiscate phones if they are used without permission. We understand that students may need their phones when travelling to and from school, so any phones confiscated during the school day can be collected at 3.10pm from the teacher.

As you may be aware, our open evening is next Thursday, on that day school will finish at 2.15pm to allow us to prepare. Many students have volunteered to help us after school and throughout the evening, we will send permission slips home for these pupils and your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we now have a number of vacancies on our governing body, if any parent or carer would be interested in taking an active role in this essential aspect of school life, please contact me at school.

Attendance

Please read the important letter attached regarding attendance protocols for our school. Can we also remind parents that boys need to be on the school site for 8.45am every morning ready to be in their lesson for 8.50am. Boys who are not in their lesson for 8.50am are late and will be required to do a detention at the end of the day. You will always get a message about the detention, if the school has your up to date contact details.

School Council

The role of school councillors has been discussed in TRACK sessions this week. Elections will be held next week; any boys who would like to stand for election should speak to their form tutor.

TRACK

Organ Donation Week.

National Fitness Day on Wednesday.

TRACK football league starts on Monday 20th

September. Your son should see his form tutor or Mr Fox for more information.

Sixth Form

Unfortunately, due to very low demand, we will not be proceeding with the proposed residential to YMCA Lakeside in Windermere. Refunds will be issued in due course.

UCAS - Year13/14 students who are considering university should now be in the process of completing their UCAS applications. Support will be available during enrichment lessons and TRACK sessions. Students must ensure that they attend regularly to get the required support. Any student who has not yet been allocated to an enrichment lesson should see Mrs Sood or Mrs Danher.

Bursary - all applications (including the required evidence) need to be submitted by Friday 24th September. We are hoping to begin to process payments before October half term and all money will be backdated to 6th September. Please remember that if a student has not attended all lessons scheduled on his/her timetable, payments will be affected.

Year 11 Additional Support

The final touches are being put to the timetable for Year 11 additional support for this term. Further details will be set home early next week.

Courses at Wirral Met

Wirral Met College offers a variety of adult courses, which may be of interest to parents and carers. Please find more information on their website using this link:

<https://www.wmc.ac.uk/our-courses/19-part-time>

STE@M

Today, two former students, (Luke Foley Davey and Ben Williams) who now work at Arrowe Park Hospital, will give talks to Year 7 on working in a hospital during COVID, careers and STEM.

On Thursday, a small group of Year 8 and 9 will be working with the Eureka! Science and Discovery co-creation team developing interactive exhibits for the new museum. When it opens in 2023, it will become Merseyside's newest family focused attraction and will become the UK's hub of science and discovery for young people.

<https://www.eureka.org.uk/blog/eureka-mersey-rebrands-to-eureka-science-discovery/>

New York Trips

A reminder that full payment was due in this week. Next week, we will be contacting any parents who have not yet paid in full. Thank you to all parents who attended the meetings, a copy of the presentation and further information on the trips will be sent out early next week to all parents. Don't forget to email a copy of your son's passport to us as soon as possible. Please use the PEtours@mosslands.wirral.sch.uk email address for all correspondence.

PE

Please see the attached document with details of our extra-curricular clubs.

Football results v St Mary's

Year 7 lost 5-3

Year 8 won 5-0

Year 9 won 3-0

Year 10 match postponed

Year 11 drew 1-1

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to all staff and students who have supported Jeans for Genes Day.

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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