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NEWSFLASH

Welcome to the first edition of Newsflash for this academic year.

For parents and carers of students who have joined us this September, Newsflash is a weekly bulletin that you will receive every Friday which will give you news, updates, reminders and messages from the Academy. Newsflash was introduced five years ago and feedback from parents and carers would suggest that they find it interesting and informative; we hope that you will find this the case too. A copy of Newsflash will be emailed out to you every Friday afternoon with future editions including reports and photographs of trips, activities and events that have taken place during that particular week. Thank you for reading this edition of Newsflash and we hope that your child will have a happy, successful and rewarding year!

AWARDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020 – 2021

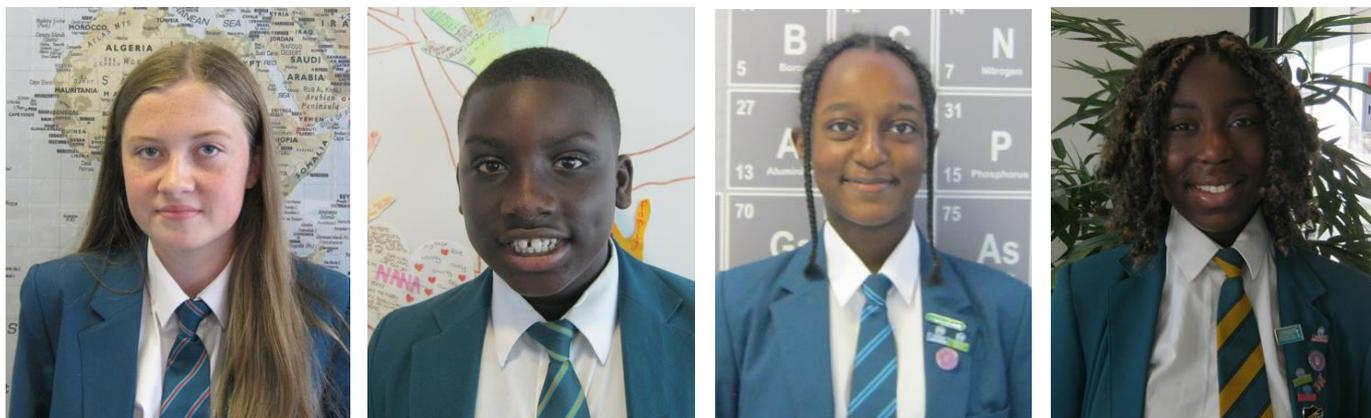
Congratulations to all those students who were nominated for Awards at the end of the last Academic Year. We hope that you were able to attend the virtual Awards Evening and look forward to presenting you with your shields and certificates in due course. We would like to open the first edition of Newsflash for this academic year by celebrating your progress, excellence, successes and achievements and acknowledging the contribution you have made to the Academy.

In particular, we would like to congratulate **Rory Hand** who won the prestigious Headteacher's Award, **Bobby Dean** who won the Peter Ryder PRIDE Award, **Harrison Lear** who won the Jenny Worsdale Hardwork Award, **Alwiya Mansur** who won the Liz Kendal Progress Award and **Isla Earith** who won the Manilal Mistry Achievement Award.



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Congratulations also go to **Georgia Carter** from Year 7, **Bassirou Samb Gueye** from Year 8, **Ikram Gudeta** from Year 9 and **Jerabel Osei** from Year 10 who all won the Awards for their respective Year Groups.



Similarly, congratulations to **Andrew Chen** who won the Award for Performing Excellence, **Erin-Leigh Clarke** who won the Award for Sporting Excellence, **Diya Mistry** who won the Award for Student Leadership, **Lucas Taylor** who won the Excel Student of the Year Award, **Rory Hand** who won the Community Award and **Tyler Knapman** who won the Learning Support Award.

This year we were also pleased to nominate students for our inaugural House Awards; congratulations to **Liam Peppard** for his outstanding contribution to Oakfield House and to **Zachary Devlin, Favour Otabor** and **Charlie Mason-Boardman** for their outstanding contributions to their respective Houses, Albion, Saxon and Victoria.

Subject awards were presented to the following students for Excellence or Progress over the last academic year:

English: Ben Lees, Anya Arif, Lucas Turnbull, Philippa Mansell, Tyler Manderson, Maria Bundache, Kiki Akinro and Rosie McCormick.

Mathematics and Statistics: Chloe Canty, Ruben Mistry, Adia Agho, Angelo Moraru, Elisha Holland, Lucas Taylor, Esther Yeboah, Jenna Anderson, Lily Prunty and Libby Whitehead.

Science: Mollie Clarke, Samuel Askew, Oscar Doe Ncha, Helen Ho, Joseph Naylor, Eunice Sarpong, Oluwatoyosi Junaid, Olivia Green, Iqra Zaman and Han Yun Yu.

Computer Science: Haya Noor, Samuel Askew, Quyen Nguyen, Eric Bayo-Vergara, Ahmad Chikhmous, Kwon Leong, Oliver Chaisty and Sebastian Bainbridge-Coombs.

ICT: Rory Newby, Theo Watson, Samuel Amaniampong and Diya Mistry.

Business Studies: Hannah Sykes, Kavita Joshi, Rosie McCormick and Han Yun Yu.

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Geography:	Mohammed Matrood, Millie Haggerty, Zhaine Linney, Philippa Mansell, Calex Yeung, Zach Raynes, Filip Ovcacik and James Mellor.
History:	Lacey-Mae Williams, Alyssa Evans, Lucy Carter-Harrison, Oliver Legg, Gracie Plant, Macel Zdunski, Ciro Lucci and Deonne O'Connor.
Religious Studies:	Georgia Carter, Keiron Ali, Chloe Lucas, Ella Kay-Blackwood, Harmony McCann and Abraham Joel.
French:	Charlie Ricketts, Evie Quinlan, Damola Oseni, Ilir Caka, Yassir Hamdani, Lamech Asamoah-Tannor, Charlotte Whitham-Smith and Malaika Iftikhar.
Spanish:	Zachary Devlin, Daisy Phethean, Tom Cronshaw, Jessica Clarke, Islam Alkhatib, Taylor-Louise Wilson, Maci-Leigh Todd and Nabiha Jannat Talukdar.
Art and Design:	Callum Gilder, Amy Lea, Alfie Weir, Jaaziah Cowan, Skye Linney, Ikram Gudeta, Wiktoria Mecinska and Deonne O'Connor.
Food and Nutrition:	Macie Ward, Ruben Mistry, Robyn Mather, Skye Houston, Telsia Tallon, Molly Nash, Jamie Arora and Jessica Fulton.
Photography:	Roman Nicholson, Gracie Plant, Robert Hill and Olivia Loftus.
Design and Technology:	Ben Hamlett, Katelyn Edwards, Oscar Young, Violet Hodges-Blackshaw, Jack Crowther, Thomas Wilson, Lily Prunty and Diya Mistry.
Dance:	Estera Nastasa and Olivia Green.
Drama:	Millie Haggerty, Charlie Boardman, Megan Murphy, Zhaine Linney, Megan Savage and Stephanie Owusu.
Music:	Liam Tomkinson, Evie Quinlan, Lucas Turnbull, Jaaziah Cowan, Joseph Naylor and Hannah Sykes.
Physical Education:	Emma Samczyk, Callum Gilder, Thomas Weaver, Befekadeselasse Gudeta, Ruby-Jess Taylor, Ruby Johnson, Anthony Fox and Abraham Joel.
BTEC Sport:	Joseph Herod and Sebastian Bainbridge-Coombs.
Health and Social Care:	Zach Raynes, Emma Thomas, Cameron Whittaker-Stelfox and Oluwatoyosi Junaid.
Attendance:	Ella Francis (Year 7), Dylan Stott (Year 8), Nana Kwame Asabere (Year 9) and Ellis McMillan (Year 10).

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IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

The following events and activities took place over the last few days of last term and over the summer holiday.

Design and Technology

Year 7 students finished off their projects with Ms Hickman where they applied the knowledge and skills they had learnt in the workshop to design and produce their own clocks.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Amy Outram** who achieved her 'Swim England' Synchronised Swimming Grade 5 Award!

Amy is currently preparing for her National Age Group Championship and, who knows, we may see her in the Pool in Paris in 2024!

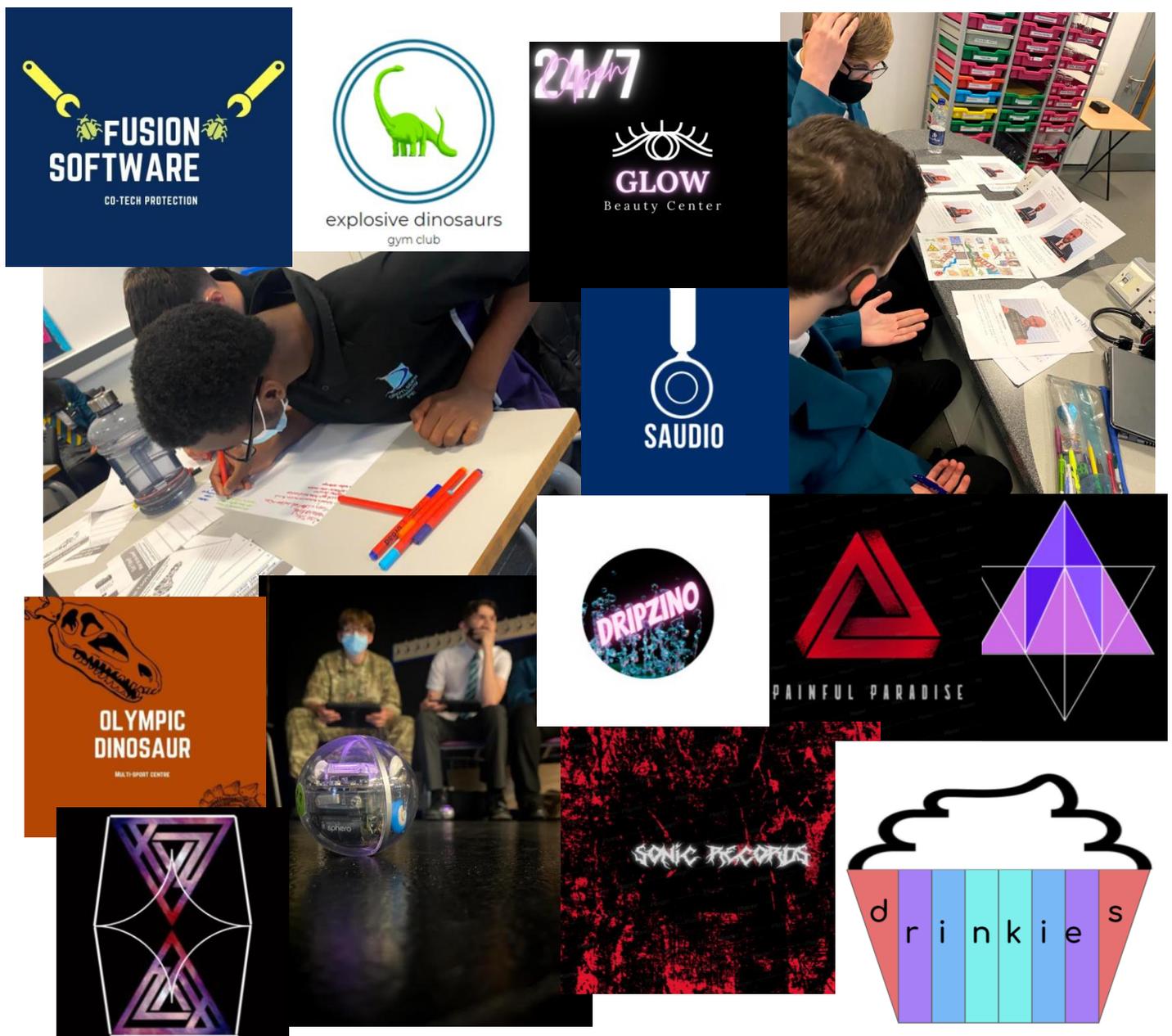


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Computer Science

During the last week of term, Year 10 students took part in a Computer Science 'Drop Down Day' where their normal timetable was suspended and they completed a number of workshops instead.

There were four workshops altogether, one where they programmed 'Spheros', a robotic programmable sphere, to navigate a maze, a second where students used the digital application 'Canva' to design their own company logos, the third workshop looked at the consequences, difficulties and issues that can result from a person's 'digital footprint' and, in the final session, students learnt basic cryptography skills to crack codes and discover who had stolen Miss Fernandez's cat! Feedback would suggest that Year 10 had a really informative and enjoyable day and we think you will agree that some of the logos designed and produced using 'Canva' are really quite impressive!



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The Combined Cadet Force

Over the summer we ran our first leadership camp for some of the older cadets who, due to lockdown, had not had the opportunity to complete their Half Star Award. The cadets completed and passed two sections of the Award, 'Navigation' and 'Drill and Turnout', in what was an intense and challenging week. Well done to **Bobby Alderson, Evan Hughes, Deonne O'Connor** and **Jamie Fernandez** on their dedication, commitment and positive attitude and in gaining your Half Star awards; your training officers are extremely proud of you!



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The following events and activities have taken place since our students returned this week!

Food and Nutrition

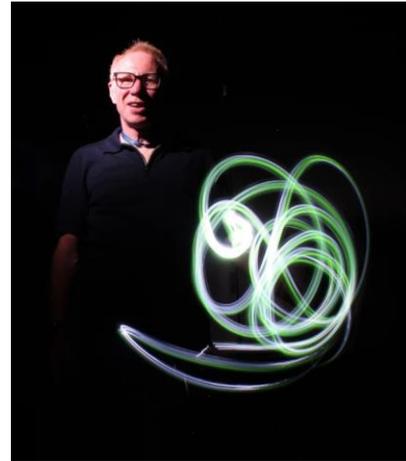
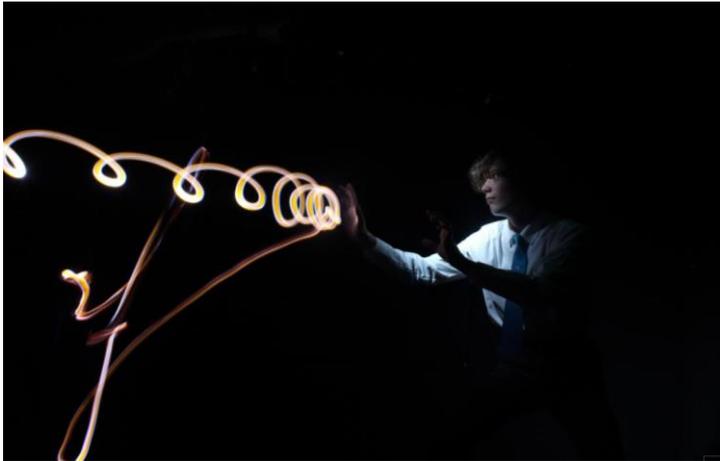
Welcome back to your GCSE Food and Nutrition Course Year 9! This week, the group made Apple Crumble, using apples from Mrs Arnold's garden. The students also learned about the nutritional and other associated benefits of locally sourced, organic fruit.



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Photography

Professional Photographer Tim Simpson came into the Academy this week to work with the Year 11 GCSE Photography Group. As well as demonstrating a number of techniques, Tim talked about his experiences and the opportunities open to students who chose a career in Photography. The students took part in a question and answer session as well as a workshop which focussed on the group's 'Light and Dark' Coursework Project. The photos below were taken by Year 11 student Edward Bradley.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Good luck to the Year 10 and 11 students who will be completing their Bronze Award Expedition this weekend.



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The Expedition will take place around Greenfield and Dovestones and students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the orienteering and camp craft skills that they have learnt on the practice expedition at Clayton Vale and Daisy Nook Country Park. The group will camp out overnight on Saturday so we hope that the weather is kind to you!

GCSE COUNTDOWN

Year 11, there are only 29 school weeks left, just 145 days in school, until your first GCSE exam.

Remember the route to GCSE success is a marathon and not a sprint. Your GCSE grades will depend on your hard work and commitment throughout the year and not last minute revision the week or night before an exam.

The first Year 11 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 14th October. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

Information from Travel for Greater Manchester (TfGM)

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To assist with public transport information for schools in Greater Manchester, TfGM have also created a bespoke webpage for every school in the region.

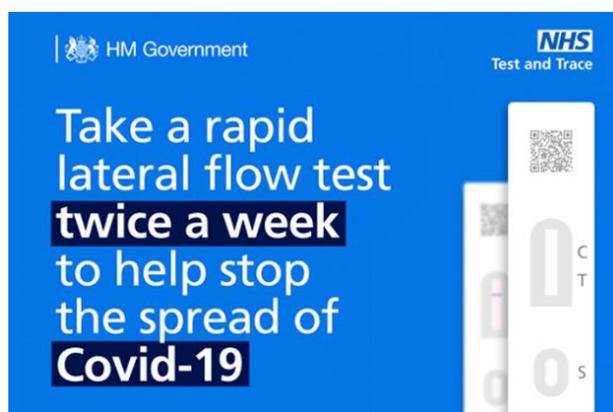
You can use the link here to find information about Droylsden Academy:

tfgm.com/schools

The page for the Academy includes information on public transport services to our school and the school bus service which runs each evening from Droylsden to Ashton.

Please note there is an error on the page which specifies that our nearest Metrolink Station is Droylsden when it is, of course, Edge Lane, which is only 5 minutes walk away!

Help to stop the spread of Covid-19



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition will take place over the weekend of 11th and 12th September.

The Academy Open Evening will be held on Thursday 23rd September.

The first Year 7 'Maths Battle' will take place after school on Friday 1st October.

Year 8 students will be offered the HPV1 injections in week beginning Monday 4th October.

Year first of this year's two 11 Parent/Carer Evenings will be held on Thursday 14th October.

Year 9 students will be attending a 'Drop Down Day' on the theme of Health, Sex and Relationships on Monday 18th October.

There will be a visit to the Palace Theatre on the evening of Thursday 21st October to watch a performance of 'Grease'.

The Academy will break up for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd October.

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Finance Manager

Pay Scale: Grade G, Points 23 – 28, starting at Point 23 (£27,741 per annum)
Contract: Full Time, Full Year
Hours: 36 per week, 8.15 am – 4.00 pm (3.45pm on Fridays)
Closing Date: 26th September 2021
Start Date: As soon as possible

We are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic, knowledgeable and committed Finance Manager to lead the Finance Team at our Academy, reporting to the Director of Business and Finance.

We require a candidate who has:

- Has/or is studying for an Accountancy Qualification
- Significant experience of financial management
- Knowledge of education funding and finance
- Strong ICT skills

Design and Technology Technician

Pay Scale: Grade D, Points 7 – 10, starting at Point 7 (£16,908 per annum)
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 36 per week
Closing Date: 3rd October 2021 at 12.00 noon
Start Date: To be confirmed

We are excited to recruit a proactive, friendly and organised Design and Technology Technician to join our team at Droylsden Academy. We are looking for someone who enjoys working with tools and wants to help teenagers learn a trade.

As our Design and Technology Technician you will organise the use and maintenance of tools and materials within the Design and Technology area.

You will also provide assistance to students and the Technology team during practicals.

Information about the Academy and the application process for both posts

Droylsden Academy is enjoying a period of rapid improvement; this is a very exciting time to join us as we are building a team of committed professionals who are driven in making our vision of becoming outstanding a reality.

The Academy was recently inspected and Ofsted noted the rapid progress our school is making. The result of this inspection was the **school being judged good in all areas**.

“Pupils behave well, they are proud of their school and take on leadership roles readily”

“The school’s core values of politeness, hardworking and honesty are in abundance”

“Pupils are interested in their learning because teachers have excellent subject knowledge and plan carefully”

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Interested applicants for either post should complete a Droylsden Academy Application Form and Equal Opportunities Application Form available on the school website at:

<http://www.droylsdenacademy.com/work-at-droylsden-academy/3527.html>

Completed applications should be returned by email to hr@droylsdenacademy.com or posted to Human Resources Department, Droylsden Academy, Manor Road, Droylsden, Manchester M43 6QD.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. To ensure this, successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

JOB VACANCIES AT MOSSLEY HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Teaching Assistant (Identified Student)

Pay Scale: Grade E, Points 11 – 16, Actual Salary of £13,656 at Point 11
Contract: Fixed Term in the first instance until 31/08/22 (subject to further funding thereafter), Term Time Only
Hours: 27 hours per week (worked over 4 days)
Closing Date: Monday 27th September at 12.00 noon
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a well organised and committed individual to join the Learning Support Faculty. The post carries some responsibility for an identified student with Special Educational Needs and you will be expected to provide some cover supervision. You will provide support with school display and undertake exam amanuensis support at key points in the school calendar. You will also receive training to become a school first aider. We will be interested in you if you: work well with adults and young people; have appropriate literacy and numeracy levels; have strong communication skills in speech and in writing; and if you are able to ensure positive discipline. Qualifications & experience in working with children/youth will be considered an advantage.

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Level 4) MFL

Pay Scale: Grade F, Points 17 – 22, Actual Salary of £5,696 at Point 17
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 10 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday 27th September at 12.00 noon
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (Level 4) to tutor students in MFL (in class or in small groups) to ensure they make accelerated and sustained progress and are able to access the full curriculum, joining a team in Learning Support and the MFL Faculty. Education to degree level in the relevant curriculum area or spoken Spanish to native speaker is essential. The posts carry responsibility for planning, tutoring, marking and assessing the learning and progress of students.

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Cover Invigilators for School Examinations

Pay Scale: Grade B, Point 3 (£9.88 per hour)
Hours: Casual
Closing Date: Monday 20th September at 12.00 noon

We are looking for invigilators to supervise our students during exams at certain times during the course of the school year. The main external examination period takes place during May and June with **occasional** pre-public exams scheduled at various other times in the Autumn and Spring terms. Training will be provided and you will work under the supervision of a Senior Invigilator.

Teaching Assistant (Numeracy+)

Pay Scale: Grade E, Points 11 – 16, Actual Salary of £15,174 at Point 11
Contract: Permanent, Term Time Only
Hours: 30 hours per week
Closing Date: Monday 27th September at 12.00 noon
Start Date: As soon as possible

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant (Level 3) to tutor students in Mathematics (in class or in small groups) and other lessons, to ensure they make accelerated and sustained progress and are able to access the full curriculum, joining a team in Learning Support and the Mathematics Faculty. Education to degree level in the relevant curriculum area would be an advantage but, not essential. The posts carry responsibility for planning, tutoring, marking and assessing the learning and progress of students. The successful candidate will be expected to provide some cover supervision for absent colleagues and to be trained as a school first aider. In addition to this, you will be required to provide amanuensis support during busy exam periods and support your faculty area with ensuring pupil displays are current.

Applying for any of the above posts at Mossley Hollins High School

Application forms and further details can be found on the school website at:

www.mossleyhollins.com/vacancies

Completed applications should be returned by email to admin@mossleyhollins.com or posted to Mossley Hollins High School, Huddersfield Road, Mossley, Greater Manchester OL5 9DP

Mossley Hollins High School is currently in the process of converting to an Academy. This role will be affected by the transfer, meaning that the successful applicant will transfer to the Academy, along with all other school staff. The conversion to an Academy will be undertaken in accordance with the DfE and legal requirements.

Mossley Hollins High School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post requires an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)

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