

NEWSLETTER 20, 13TH FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

SUPER LEARNING DAYS

Over the half-term, several members of staff are giving up part of their holiday to offer students in Years 10 and 11 the opportunity to attend an intensive revision session to help them achieve the best possible grades. If your child's class is shown below, please encourage them to attend.

Day	Subject	Teacher	Room	Times
Tuesday 21 st February	Year 10 English	Miss Close	C2	9.00-12.00
	Year 11 French	Ms Taylor	C6	9.00-12.00
	Maths	Maths Team	B2	9.00-12.00
				12.00-3.00
Year 11 Spanish	Miss Baksh	C7	12.00-3.00	
Wednesday 22 nd February	Year 11 CV	Mr Morley	B18	12.00-3.00
	English	Ms George	C4	12.00-3.00
	Maths	Maths Team	B2	9.00-12.00
				12.00-3.00
	Year 11 PE	Mr Smith	C18	9.00-12.00
PE – Football Leaders	Mr Smith		12.00-3.00	
Thursday 23 rd February	Year 11 Hospitality	Mrs McMullen	A10	9.00-12.00

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE AT MANCHESTER ACADEMY



As part of our partnership with the University of Manchester, Professor Michael Wood paid us a visit, meeting with Year 10 Geographers and Historians. Professor Wood gave a talk about the history of Manchester and how it has changed over time as a result of migration and the Industrial Revolution. Manchester Academy Principal, Andy Griffin, commented:

“Our students were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet with Professor Wood and enjoyed learning about the history of the local area.”

MANCHESTER ACADEMY STUDENTS JOIN THE WORLD'S LARGEST SCHOOL CHOIR

A group of students from Manchester Academy were on song when they performed as part of the world's largest school choir last week. Held at Manchester Arena, the Young Voices event saw school children from across the country take part in a series of concerts, with the academy fielding its finest singers from Years 7 to 10 to perform on Thursday 2nd February.

The 'Young Voices' initiative combines the power of singing together as one, with accompaniment from a wide range of musicians and artists, to create an amazing performance. Every year, schools across the country practice their music in class with their teachers, rehearsing for the massive concerts.

At the academy, students prepared by learning 14 pop medley songs, along with dance routines, proudly displaying a self-designed school banner when they took part. Manchester Academy Principal, Andy Griffin, commented:



"To perform at Manchester Arena was an incredible experience for our students and one that they will never forget. They enjoyed it so much, they are now helping the academy form its own choir!"

MANCHESTER ACADEMY SCORES A WINNER

Manchester United's Ashley Young and Henrikh Mkhitaryan paid a surprise visit to Manchester Academy on Wednesday (8th February). The visit, arranged as part of the academy's partnership with the Manchester United Foundation, saw the players take part in Maths, French and English lessons, as well as staging a mini press conference with students. The Premier League players then did what they do best, taking part in footballing activities to showcase the Foundation's 'Street Reds' provision - an evening football programme, held at 12 locations across the city.

Escorting the special guests were academy students Mubarik Yusuf (Y8), Devonie Williams (Y8), Adam Benaicha (Y8) and Abdiaziz Dahir (Y9), supported by Foundation coach Luke Ross.

Commenting on the experience, Mubarik said:

"I was really excited to meet the players and it was an honour to welcome them into our school and show them around. "

ASK EVENT PROVIDES ANSWERS TO BURNING APPRENTICESHIP QUESTIONS

The event took place after school on Wednesday 1st February. 'Ask' is run by the Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network (GMLPN) and provided support and information for Year 11s thinking about taking apprenticeships as an alternative to college. Sarra Smith from QA Apprenticeships delivered an insightful presentation, highlighting why apprenticeships are an ideal pathway for many learners.

Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to get paid while learning and gain a recognised qualification up to the equivalent level of a degree. Sarra was supported by Roman Dibden of The Skills Company and Sharon Sharples of North Lancashire Training Group.



The inspirational and engaging workshop was well received by the Year 11s. The students were also able to register on the Find an Apprenticeship section of the National Apprenticeship Service website, which allows people looking for apprenticeships to search for and receive updates about them.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

On Tuesday 7th February the Year 11 Football Team travelled to Our Lady's to play the quarter final of the Manchester Cup. An already challenging fixture was made harder because, due to injury and appointments, the Academy team was down to just 11 players.

However each and every one gave a performance of which they should be proud, resulting in winning the game 4-3. Our goals come from Yasir Salim (2), Qaasim Abdalla and Munye Munye. The draw for the semi-final will be made after half term.

HUNDERTWASSER CLAY TILES

This term the Year 7 artists have been making clay tiles inspired by the work of the 20th Century contemporary Austrian artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. In his lifetime, Hundertwasser produced many different types of works of art, ranging from paintings and postage stamps to clothes and flags. His work often included bright colours and natural, organic forms. He seldom used straight lines.



#STOPWAR #STOPGENOCIDE



This week, students from Years 7-10 are taking part in a number of workshops to mark the Holocaust and to remember all the genocides that have taken place. The workshops are looking at the conflict in Israel and Palestine and bringing awareness and understanding of both sides of the conflict. At the end, students come together and try to propose a solution which meets the interests of both sides.

Tuesday 7 th February	Year 10	One Voice: What's the Issue in Palestine and Israel?	A workshop led by Palestinians and Israelis
Wednesday 8 th February	Year 9		
Thursday 9 th February	Year 8	Judaism and the Holocaust – a Personal Story	A personal history and account by Freddy Naftel
Friday 10 th February	Year 7		

FROM THE EMPLOYABILITY TEAM

During the week beginning Monday 13th February, two major employability events will be taking place at Manchester Academy.:

Firstly there will be a STEM Employer Engagement Event, which will be the culmination of the Careers & Enterprise Company-funded Reach for the Future Programme. The programme has sought to improve the resilience of the learners involved through development of the four Cs: Challenge, Control, Commitment and Confidence. After undertaking mental toughness training and learning what attributes and skills can help them succeed, the students learnt about the great array of employment opportunities available to people with STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Maths) skills. The STEM Employer Engagement Event ends the programme on a high with an opportunity to receive advice from a range of professionals on career development, networking and the importance of employability skills.

The Year 9 careers and employability focus will continue as the time to pick GCSE and BTEC options moves ever closer. The whole of Year 9 will be involved in a "speed networking" event on Thursday 16th February. Different job roles will be highlighted by guest speakers along with the responsibilities that their jobs entail. The varied nature of each job will be stressed along with the essential transferable skills which are required to undertake it. How these skills relate to what the Year 9s are being taught at the academy or developed in their extra-curricular activities, hobbies or voluntary work will also be flagged up. Entry requirements into careers will be discussed as well as progression and advancement along with local labour market information, highlighting likely future opportunities. As research shows that students who

have more interactions with employers while at school are more successful in securing long term employment the event is both timely, highly relevant and hopefully will generate much food for thought.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Every week the different subject departments select a student who has done exceptionally well and nominate them for Stars of the Week. Each student receives ten merits and on Friday, is invited to breakfast with the Principal.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Ali Aldhufairi	7MLE	Art	For his enthusiasm and commitment to improving his art each week.
Bronwyn Bull	8PDH	Computing	For outstanding effort
Ghosoun Tulaymat	8JMO		
Munir Benotman	11BLI	English	For his excellent enthusiasm in English this week, for persevering and being a positive example to others
Mohamed Fazan	7EFA	French	For his focus, hard work and excellent participation in all French lessons! What a star!
Tanvir Miah	8DJN	Geography	For completing an excellent controlled assessment on St Lucia
Aminat Dosunmu	9RBL	Graphics	For producing some high quality work and responding well to the advice given when writing about her designs in a clear and thoughtful manner.
Georgina Bull	11PNI	Health & Social Care	For her continuous hard work and effort in Health and Social Care lessons.
Leticia Freire	7SNH	History	Excellent effort, attitude and attainment.
Hadia Javed	7KDO		
Jasmin Bartlett-Reid	8JDO		
Najma Abdullahi	10WMO	Hospitality	First lesson from Induction – prepared and cooked Chelsea Buns for her practical lesson, which is a high-level skill. Well done!
Abdullah Alreshidi	8LBU	Induction	
Abdullah Shahzad	7EFA	Maths	Excellent effort in his classwork and showing more assertiveness in class discussions for Maths - well done!
Scott Levins	9ASD	RE	For being phenomenal One Voice: What's the Issue in Palestine and Israel? Event. Scott gave fantastic answers in front of his whole Year Group and the visitors stated that his input to finding a solution to end the conflict was the best they had heard on this tour in any school - which included Bury Grammar, William Hulme, Cheadle Hulme and Manchester Grammar. A true superstar!
Halima Sheikh	8LBU	Spanish	Excellent effort in Spanish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th February

Friday 17th February

Wednesday 8th March

Year 8 Progress Evening

Last day of this half term. Students return on Monday 27th February.

Year 9 Progress and Options Evening

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Griffin'. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large 'A' and 'G'.

Mr A Griffin,
Principal