



SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS



OUR NEW YEAR 7S GET OFF TO THE PERFECT START

New Year 7s enjoyed a brilliant introduction to their life as Manchester Academy students, spending a week with us in August to learn more about how we make Manchester Magic!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been another magical year for Manchester Academy as we continue to go from strength to strength. The year began with us winning an award at the prestigious Educate Awards - Manchester Academy won the first award of the evening, building on the two national awards we previously won.

The year ended with our Y11s achieving our best ever progress at GCSE. We are so proud of this cohort who lost large amounts of time in their first years of high school due to the pandemic. Hard work, great teaching and strong support means the students have excelled.

In between these two major milestones, so much has happened. A huge range of trips and visits for our students through our Pastoral Pledge programme has seen Manchester Academy students visit so many special places and cultural centres. We have seen student leadership continue to flourish from our Queen Bees female leadership programme and our student leaders team who have shaped many aspects of Academy provision.

We opened our fitness suite at the start of the year and this has proven to be a popular resource for our students - many of whom got in shape through this state of the art facility. We constantly look to improve the Academy and lots of other investments have been made - and more are planned in 2024-25.

Manchester Evening News wrote a long piece about Manchester Academy's success where they described us as 'rewriting the story of Moss Side' and in truth, we have worked with so many community partners to achieve our success. We have supported numerous events across our primary schools, including hosting their plays and sport fixtures and are passionate about being an Academy which serves our locality and being integral to the regeneration of our area.

Most of all, alongside the academic success, we had huge amounts of fun and laughter- this is key to our success. High academic expectations matched to compassion, kindness and positive energy. We know that 2024-25 will be another step forward and huge thanks to everyone who has supported us to achieve our success.

MR J. ELDON
PRINCIPAL



TES AWARD NOMINATION

Thanks to the hard work of our staff, Manchester Academy has been nominated for not one but two TES Awards. Best use of Technology and Subject Lead of the Year.

The TES School Awards are an inclusive event that brings schools together to celebrate excellence across the whole education sector. It's a fantastic way to celebrate individual and school achievements with colleagues and the wider education community!

At Manchester Academy, the use of technology is harnessed to its full potential and is a key aspect in ensuring every student receives the highest quality of education. We are proud of how we effectively use technology to reduce the workload of our staff, so they can prioritise student learning. Students leave Manchester Academy equipped to face the technological world with confidence. Most importantly, they know how to stay safe online.

It's with great pride that we announce our Curriculum Lead for Science, Katie Evans, has been nominated for Subject Lead of the Year Award. Katie has been a part of our magic team since July 2016, her passion and brilliant work ethic has inspired many of our students and staff.

AWARDS CEREMONY!

The TES School Awards Ceremony took place on the 21st of June 2024, in London.

We are proud to showcase how we Make Manchester Magic each day. A big thank you to our brilliant team who made it possible!



Tes Schools Awards 2024

Shortlisted

Subject Lead of the Year
(Secondary)

#TesAwards



Tes Schools Awards 2024

Shortlisted

Best Use of Technology

#TesAwards



GCSE RESULTS DAY

Amongst those high performers celebrating standout results include:

- Muhammad Abdullah, who achieved five grade 9s, two grade 8s and two grade 7s
- Tsz Fung Tsz Fung, who achieved four grade 9s and three grade 8s
- Wing Ching Cheng, who achieved four grade 9s and two grade 8s
- Alia Sharif, who achieved three grade 9s, four grade 8s and three grade 7s
- Danial Bafi Ghadimi, who achieved three grade 9s and three grade 8s

Daniel wants to study Biology, Chemistry, and Maths at Loreto College with the dream of progressing into dentistry. Daniel said: "I've made a lot of new friends at Manchester Academy. Both they and my teachers pushed and encouraged me to do much better in school."

Principal Mr. Eldon said: "All of us at Manchester Academy send many congratulations to our class of 2024. We're thrilled that this cohort, who lost so much of their early years in secondary education to the pandemic, have bounced back with such energy and success."

"We're especially proud of those students who joined us during their secondary years – for many, the academy is the first school they have attended in the UK. To not only settle in a new country but achieve so well is a powerful and inspiring example of making Manchester magic!"





SIR KEIR STARMER



Students were invited to the offices of the Manchester Evening News (MEN) in January for the opportunity to pose questions to the leader of the Labour Party (and current Prime Minister), Sir Keir Starmer.

Surrounded by journalists, they confidently quizzed him on a wide range of topics that included everything from the cost of living and school funding, to plans to tackle knife crime and how he copes with stress.

The Labour leader answered each question, following up by asking them their views and promising to take away their suggestions and feedback as he plans for possible future government policies.

He urged the group of young people to 'put their fingerprints on the future,' while congratulating our students on their aspirations to make a difference.





SUMMER SCHOOL



New students got stuck into a range of fun activities including:

- Team-building sports challenges
- Funky dance lessons
- Tasty cooking classes
- Trip to the football museum

Mrs Maybury said: "The student's behaviour this week has been brilliant! Their energy and enthusiasm to participate with the activities is always nice to see. I've enjoyed getting to know them more since our first meeting. It's been an amazing week for everyone involved."

Summer School allows new Year 7 students the opportunity to take part in activities, meet new friends, and become familiar with the school before their first day in September. Our magic teachers worked hard to plan an exciting week, with team-building activities and school trips, the students never had a dull moment!

One of the highlights of the week was the graduation ceremony where our summer school students received a certificate of attendance! Proud parents were able to attend the event and cheer as our summer school graduates performed the dance routine they'd been learning throughout the week.



TRANSITION DAY

Students got stuck into a range of activities including:

- Creating artwork
- Football match
- Drama performance
- Team-building challenges

Head of Transition, Mrs Maybury said: "The students have been brilliant. They are engaged with the activities and it's nice to see their confidence grow throughout the day. I'm looking forward to getting to know them better in September."



One of the highlights of the day was the drama performance where Manchester Academy students proudly displayed their end of year show 'Wendy and Peter Pan.' A few brave students were invited on-stage to participate and let their talent shine. Head of PE, Mrs Wellfair said: "This activity was made to challenge the new students. It was great to watch them work together and be encouraged by the older students."

As the day ends, the students gathered for some final words and goodie bags. With big smiles and new friends, we hope our new Year 7s leave feeling settled and prepared for their fresh start in September. Here's to a fantastic year ahead, full of Magic. Welcome to Manchester Academy High School, Year 7!



CULTURE DAY



Our brilliant team have worked hard to ensure this year's Culture Day is as vibrant and unique as the school it takes place in. Here's what happened:

- Indian Band & Staff Samba Band played music as students arrived.
- Cultural Stalls were available for all, including henna art, a retro sweet shop, and photo booth.
- Friday Prayer was led by the local Imam.
- A Cultural Fashion Show and Manchester Academy Disco were some of the not-to-be-missed events!

One of the highlights of the day was the Flash Mob Dance, where staff surprised our students during their lunch period with a Greek dance performance.

Vice Principal (and Lead Dancer!) Mrs McMullen said: "The day has been a huge success. Admittedly, I was a little nervous about the surprise performance, but the students loved it! I have looked forward to this day all year!"

Principal Mr. Eldon said: "We are incredibly proud of the diversity that plays such a huge part in Making Manchester Magic, and Culture Day is one of my favourite days of the school calendar. I'd like to thank students and staff for embracing it and making this another unforgettable experience."



SPORTS DAY



Sports Day allows students an opportunity to de-stress after the long academic term. Many of us are feeling tired, which may have affected our relationships with others.

Our Sports Day challenges students outside the classroom, encouraging communication and team building skills through fun activities!

One of the highlights of the day was the 100ft Extreme Challenge Assault Course. Where our brave students battled against each other to complete the obstacle course.

The students got stuck into a range of exciting activities including:

- Sumo Wrestling
- Gladiator Duels
- Climbing Frame
- Tug of war

Head of PE, Mrs Wellfair said: "It's been a brilliant day! The student's excitement to participate and win has made each event unique. I'm proud of our student's behaviour, there's been lots of sportsmanship."





INTERIOR DESIGN WORK EXPERIENCE

In partnership with local design company Material Source, the aim of these trips is to welcome students into interior design industry, promoting diversity and inclusivity within the sector.



The day's activities guided our students through a typical design process. By using real-world examples of interior design, our students were able to better understand and focus on the day's task of renovating the Library at Manchester Academy.

The workshop's success was reflected in the engagement and active participation of our students. Vice Principal, Mr Horrigan said: "The group had a brilliant day, their energy after the trip feels motivated and upbeat. It's clear that today has been a positive experience. I want to thank Material Source for delivering the day's outstanding presentations that clearly made a lasting impression!"





YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE



Thanks to a brilliant collaboration with Henry Brothers Construction Ltd, a select group of Year 11 students had the opportunity to participate in a site visit to the University of Manchester Chemistry Building. The trip was designed to provide a hands-on experience and explore various construction-related skills as part of our Year 11, Post-16 Pathway.

The visit introduced students to the practical aspects of construction and allowed them to witness it's application in a real-world setting. They met professionals in the field and gained insights into the latest construction projects. One student said: "It was amazing to go up onto the roof, because you always think a roof is flat and empty, you would never know how much goes on top to make a whole building work properly."

Many of our students left the site visit feeling inspired and motivated to consider the construction industry as a potential career path. When asked about his experience on the trip, another Year 11 student said: "Looking at the electrical and mechanical plant made me realise how complex a building is and how much there is to learn about various trades. I really enjoyed it!"





MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK



Our bodies and minds are connected! One of the most important things we can do to better our mental health is regular movement. Exercise can help reduce feelings of stress, make us feel better about our bodies, and improve sleep.

We recognise that exam season is a stressful period for both our staff and students. We want to help find moments for movement in everyone's daily routine.

Each day of the week, our brilliant Mental Health Lead, Mrs Essafi has organised after school activities for our staff members to enjoy:

- Walk in Plattfields Park.
- Badminton class.
- Cooking class.
- Staff football match.

Mrs Essafi said: "The week has focused on providing a space for everyone to de-stress and re-energize themselves after their learning day. I hope our staff and students feel happy and supported."

36%
of UK adults find it challenging to find the time for physical activity

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
13-19 MAY 2024

Data collected by Optimum Research. Sample 6,000 UK adults, weighted to be nationally representative. Survey from 13 to 21 March 2024.

Find moments for movement every day

Why not use the time you spend waiting to move? Like when the kettle's boiling!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
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#MomentsForMovement

Join us for **Mental Health Awareness Week**

LET'S MOVE MORE FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
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#MomentsForMovement

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH ISN'T A LUXURY

Everyone deserves the opportunity to move more for their mental health.

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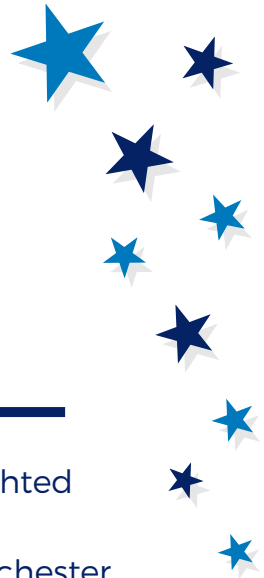
FIND YOUR MOMENTS FOR MOVEMENT

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
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HEALTHY SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS

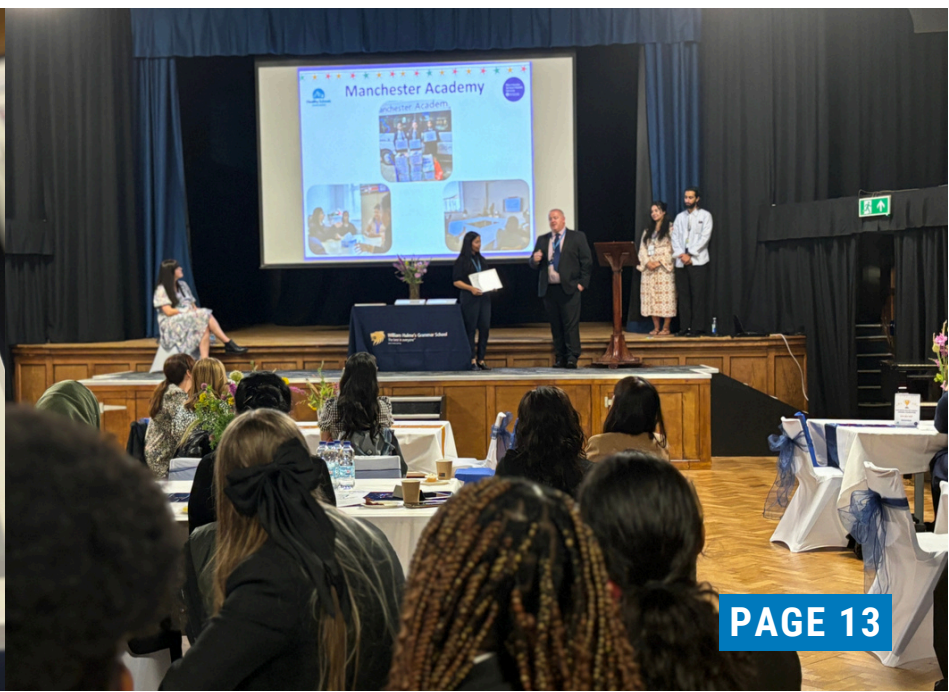


Manchester Academy is delighted to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious Manchester Healthy School Award for mental health. The award celebrates our school's commitment to prioritizing student wellbeing and creating an inclusive and supportive environment for learning.

The award recognises the collective efforts of the dedicated staff who drive this important initiative. Their innovative programs and compassionate approach ensure that mental health remains at the forefront of the school's mission.

Mental Health Lead, Mrs Essafi said: "The award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff. Their commitment to student wellbeing is truly inspiring, and this recognition highlights the positive impact we are making in our students' lives."

Manchester Academy continues to lead the way in promoting mental health awareness and support. This is how we Make Manchester Magic each day.





WELCOME NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS



Our amazing Transition Team worked hard to create a day of activities, designed to support students with making new friends, becoming familiar with the building, and getting to know our school values.

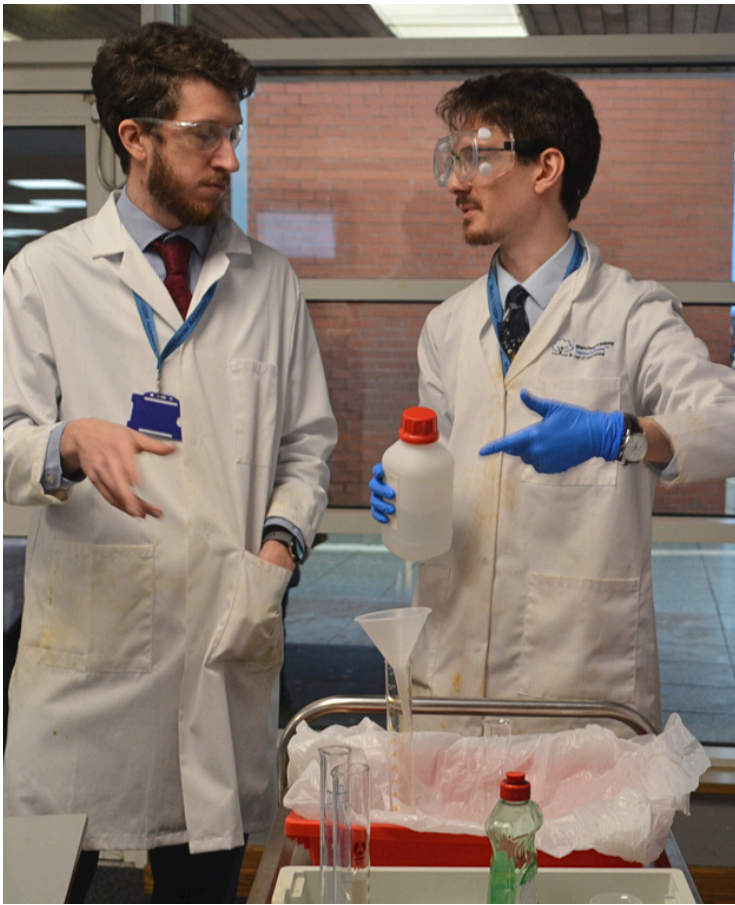
The day offered a range of exciting activities that helped show students how their lessons would be structured. From sports to art, maths, and games. It was a busy day for all!

A highlight of the day was the treasure hunt. Students were challenged to race around the school, answering questions to help their search for tasty treats. Staff members also got stuck in with the search, interacting with the students throughout their hunt. When asked about their experience

on the day, one student said: "The school is a very nice, loving, welcoming, and safe place."

Head of Transition, Mrs Maybury said: "Welcome Day has been the perfect introduction for our new students. All the staff were impressed by their positivity and determination throughout the day. Today has been a brilliant experience for everyone, we can't wait to get to know the students even better over the coming months!"





BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week is an annual event that celebrates the world of science and technology. The week-long event creates a formula for success, offering our students an opportunity to engage with various scientific topics through hands-on activities and workshops.

Hosted by the dynamic duo, Mr Axenderrie and Mr Randell, each break time saw a unique demonstration for students to engage with. From elephants' toothpaste to iodine clocks and reversible blue bottles, the students' curiosity never failed to excite!

A week of after school sessions also took place each day, thanks to the hard work from our amazing Science Department at Manchester Academy. Students could experiment with practical skills whilst measuring and building Sand Timers, making Nocturnals, and working with Geological Timescales.





MAGIC BREAKFAST



At Manchester Academy, we believe the old saying that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. By offering a free breakfast each morning, we ensure our students get the fuel they need to focus, learn, and thrive.

Magic Breakfast ensures our students start their day the right way! With the fuel they need to tackle their most important lessons at school. Students have a choice of toast, bagels, crumpets, beans on toast, and a selection of cereals.

Did you know that millions of children and young people start their day without breakfast. Research conducted by the University of Leeds found that secondary school students who regularly have breakfast can achieve 2 GCSE grades higher than their peers who do not (Education Endowment Foundation 2016).

Vice Principle, Mrs McMullen said: "Breakfast helps our students concentrate and be ready for learning throughout the day. A hungry student cannot concentrate, so could miss out on half a day of learning every school day."



Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM		
Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	First day of term (Year 7 only)	YEAR 7 ONLY IN SCHOOL
Wednesday 4th September 2024	Back to school (all other years)	ALL YEARS IN SCHOOL
Friday 18th October 2024	Last Day of Term	All students still in school
Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2024		Half-Term
Monday 28th October 2024	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Thursday 28th November 2024	INSET DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 29th November 2024	PLANNING DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025		Christmas Holidays
SPRING TERM		
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 7th February 2025	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 14th February 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025		Half-Term
Monday 24th February 2025	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Monday 31st March 2025	PLANNING DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Tuesday 1st April 2025	INSET DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Friday 4th April 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025		Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM		
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of term	All students still in school
Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025		Half-Term
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 21st July 2025	INSET DAY 4	Disaggregated to twilight
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET DAY 5	Disaggregated to twilight

School Holidays	School Closed to Students
INSET/Planning Days	School Closed to Students

Academic Year 2024/25 Bank Holidays (school closed):

Christmas Day - 25/12/2024
 Boxing Day - 26/12/2024
 New Year's Day - 01/01/2025
 Good Friday - 18/05/2025
 Easter Monday - 21/04/2025
 May Day - 05/05/2025
 Spring Holiday - 26/05/2025
 Summer Holiday 25/08/2025



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