

NEWSLETTER 18, 27TH JANUARY 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

KUNG HEI FAT CHOY

As we enter the Year of the Red Fire Rooster on 28th January, we wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr Sealy and Mr Hurst, who have achieved the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership and to Ms Rashid, who has been awarded a certificate for Outstanding Mentoring.

NEWS FROM MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION

Just before the Christmas break, on 20th December, two students from each of the hub schools were given the opportunity to attend a Meet-and-Greet session at Old Trafford. Thomas Mohammad and Davies Yeboah were selected to represent Manchester Academy as a reward for their continued good behaviour and attitude to learning. They played games, took pictures and spent some quality time with Manchester United players.

"I can't believe I got to meet the actual players – I took a selfie with Valencia and everything! I put it straight onto my Snapchat it was so good."

Davies Yeboah, Year 8



KEY STAGE 3 STUDENTS DEVELOP THEIR MENTAL TOUGHNESS

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 this week undertook a mental toughness questionnaire designed to highlight their strengths and identify areas for improvement. The questionnaire was developed by psychologists working with elite athletes. The hope is that the technique can be applied to improve the life chances of our students and is part of Reach for the Future.

Reach for the Future is a Careers & Enterprise Company-funded initiative which seeks to develop resilience and promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects.

Focused around four core principles (control, commitment, confidence and challenge) it is hoped the programme will greatly enhance the employability skills and prospects of those involved.

PARENT FORUM

The Parent Forum met in school on Wednesday. The subjects under discussion were the 'Changing Face of Education in England' and 'How can we make Manchester Academy the Number One Choice Locally?'

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK, 30TH JANUARY TO 3RD FEBRUARY

The week of 30th January to 3rd February is Apprenticeship Week. Students in all years will learn about the apprenticeship opportunities available to them when they move on from high school. Amongst other things, they will learn that Modern Apprenticeships cover paid training in a wide variety of career choices and are a viable alternative to university. Sessions will take place as follows:

	Monday 30th January	Tuesday 31st January	Wednesday 1st February	Thursday 2nd February	Friday 3rd February
FORM TIME	All Year Groups: PowerPoint Activities	Year 10: Apprenticeship Assembly	All Year Groups: PowerPoint Activities		
Period 1					Reach for the Future STEM Apprenticeship focus Year 9
Period 2					Reach for the Future STEM Apprenticeship focus Year 7
Period 3				Year 10 CV/Interview Workshop (targeted pupils)	Reach for the Future STEM Apprenticeship focus Year 8
KS4 Period 4				Year 11 CV/Interview Workshop (targeted pupils)	
KS4 Period 5				Year 11 CV/Interview workshop (targeted pupils)	
After School 2.45-3.45			Year 11 Apprenticeship Awareness Event with guests (all Y11 invited. Targeted & interested Y11 students C15)		

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Wednesday saw Manchester Academy students taking part in a cross-country running event at Wythenshawe Park. It was the highest turnout in several years, with 321 students from 11 Manchester schools taking part, including 32 in Years 7, 8 and 9 from Manchester Academy. We are proud of all of them for finishing the course, but the following deserve special mention:

- Saynab Hassan, who was the only Manchester Academy girl competing in the Year 7 girls' race.
- Hugo Portulez Vemba was the first of 17 boys from Manchester Academy to finish in the Year 7 boys' race, finishing 22nd out of 64.
- Hannah Jan - who finished first out of the five Manchester Academy girls who competed in the Year 8/9 girls' race
- Last but not least, Bassam Al Dhufairi finished 6th out of 67 in the Year 8/9 boy's race, earning himself a place in the Greater Manchester Championships at Heaton Park on 4th February.

Thank you to Mr Bramwell and Mr Marsh for taking our students to this event.

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
Zelke Tutagiel	9CRS	Art	For the amazing Pop Art work she has completed in lessons
Aaron Molloy	9GBE	Computing	For excellent effort
Mustafa Mohamed	9LMC	Computing	For outstanding progress and effort
Mustafa Said Mohamed	9LMC	English	Mustafa has made a massive improvement in English, completes work independently and stays on task
Hamza Farooq	7MGA	Geography	For continuous effort and always offering answers
Xamza Malaq	10DMA	Maths	For showing improvement in his classwork and showing dedication to his learning – well done!
Komalpreet Singh Kaur	10JAR	RE	She constantly works hard and makes excellent contributions in lessons
Nasra Jeylani	11NSM	Spanish	For consistent hard work and always getting 100% on her vocabulary tests
Sabrina Aryeetey	11PNI	Textiles	Attended Period 6 at least four nights a week for the past two weeks to get ahead on coursework. Very impressed
Shazeen Ullah	11NSM	Textiles	
Chekhobia Stubbs	11KGE	Textiles	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th February

Year 8 Progress Evening

Friday 17th February

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

Wednesday 8th March

Year 9 Progress and Options Evening

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Griffin
Principal