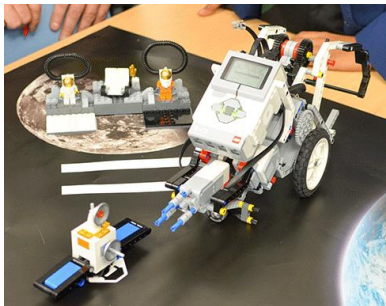
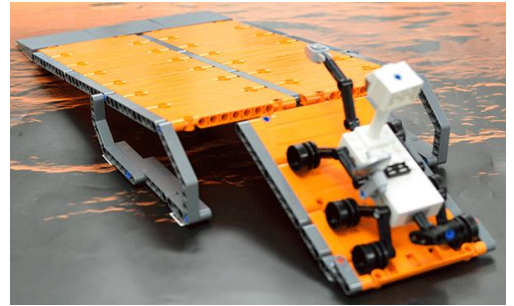


NEWSLETTER 19, 6TH FEBRUARY 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

ROBOTICS TALK INSPIRES GIRLS TO STUDY ENGINEERING

Last week Year 8 students attended a workshop which built on the work of Computing Teacher Mr Duckworth's mission to persuade girls to think seriously about careers in Computer Science and Engineering. Dr. Louise Dennis, a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Autonomy and Verification Laboratory of the University of Liverpool inspired the pupils as she expanded on her role in robotics and raised their aspirations as well as demonstrating the potential of robotics.



Year 8 girls have been taking part in the tomorrow's Engineers Robotics Challenge which involved robot construction, researching how robots can be used in space and a teamwork tasks in which all students responded to a technological problem.

Manchester Academy's team (MARS) will now compete in the regional heats. Teams who are successful in the regional heats will go through to the final at the NEC, Birmingham, on Friday 17th March.

VISIT TO GMP'S SEDGLEY PARK TRAINING COLLEGE

A group of Manchester Academy girls spent Monday 23rd January at GMP's Sedgley Park Training College. The day aimed to highlight the opportunities for black and minority ethnic young people offered by GMP. The event was hosted by former Assistant Chief Constable Daren Daber, who shared her own journey through the ranks and set the agenda for the day.

The first activity highlighted the Policing Code of Ethics which the students then discussed with a range of police delegates, learning why high standards of ethical behaviour are so important in the Police. After this they designed and delivered a presentation based around one of the nine key principals of ethical policing: accountability; fairness; honesty; integrity; leadership; objectivity; openness; respect; and selflessness.

By the end of the day the students' perceptions of Police work had improved and many were seriously considering a career with GMP!



APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

This week saw Manchester Academy hold its Apprenticeship Week, an opportunity to highlight what is becoming a popular pathway into the world of work. Students found out more about apprenticeships: the benefits of learning skills and being taught by experienced professionals, at the same time as earning a wage.

Form tutors delivered information to their tutor groups and an evening event, ASK Apprenticeships, run by the Greater Manchester Learning Provider Network (GMLPN), provided support and information and was attended by Apprenticeship Ambassadors. 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 an apprenticeship to search for and receive updates about them.

Academy partner The Manchester College delivered an excellent assembly to Year 10, which raised awareness of apprenticeships as a viable alternative to the traditional route of college followed by university. The college also delivered a range of CV and interview skills workshops for Year 11 learners who are considering the vocational route and need to 'brush up' on their job-seeking skills.

The Academy's longstanding Reach for the Future programme reached its halfway point and its focus turned to STEM apprenticeships (apprenticeships involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills). The STEM sector is set to create many new jobs in the North West and women and people from ethnic minority backgrounds are massively under-represented. This area represents a great opportunity for Manchester Academy students.

At the end of the week the students have hopefully increased their knowledge about the benefits and potential opportunities apprenticeships offer.

LIBRARY REGISTRATION

Manchester Academy Library has forms which students can complete to register for all libraries in Manchester. The Powerhouse Library is particularly good because as well as borrowing books which are relevant to our students (both interest and academically) they can have access to computers for two hours a day, with free printing.

Also at the Powerhouse, every Tuesday evening, Manchester Metropolitan University students do voluntary tutoring for secondary school students.

ANOTHER TREAT FOR STAFF FROM WOK THIS WAY

Once again the Hospitality students have excelled themselves, this time with Chinese cuisine. As part of the experience, each diner had a place marker showing the Chinese astrology animal for their birth year and, because it's Chinese New Year, each was presented with Ang Pow (red envelopes containing money for luck). Fortunately, the £100,000 notes were only for fun or we might have had a lot of staff jetting off to the Bahamas!

WOK THIS WAY RESTAURANT		
Starters	Main Courses	Desserts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Prawn Toast * Chicken Dim Sum * Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls <p><i>(all served with soy sauce and sweet chili dip)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Prawn Chow Mein * Szechuan Noodles with Spicy Beef * Chicken in Curry Sauce * Chicken Jalfrezi * Crispy Duck in a Fire Roasted Plum Sauce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Raspberry, Vanilla & White Chocolate Cake * Banana Fritters with Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream * Apple & Maple Syrup Upside Down Cupcakes with a Splodge of Whipped Cream * Lime & Ginger Tartlet with Single Cream

As you can see, the menu would not be out of place in any of the best Chinese restaurants in Manchester. It is worth mentioning that all the dishes and decorations were made by the students, who then acted as waiting staff and did a brilliant job in both roles. Congratulations and well done to:

Amira Abdikarim Ali, Abdimalik Abdullahi, Jayden Cronnolley, Kaid Grady, April Oglesby, Ali Sharif and Mohammed Sharif

LOYALTY CARDS

At long last, Loyalty Card Rewards are good to go! Every time a student hands in a completed Loyalty Card, they automatically get a postcard home and 20 merits, useful in themselves for trips and visits, etc. From Wednesday 1st February, students can 'cash in' their merits for rewards ranging from sweets (both halal and non-halal – students need to specify which kind they want) for 20 merits or they can save them up to get larger rewards. Rewards can be claimed from Student Services on Mondays and Wednesdays before and after school and at break and lunch times.

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
Fahim Rashid	9LMC	CV	Fahim always does what is expected and tries his best.
Lakshman Rawat	10WMO	CV	Hard working and good contribution
Kiara Thomas	8DJN	Drama	For an outstanding performance using direct address, still image and character conscience.
Cody-Leigh Bolland	9LMC	English	For their engagement with conflict poetry and their focused responses to the language in the texts we have studied
Shakayah Majid	9EMA		
Lin Abhari	9DSE	Humanities	For being a great geographer
Wala Ehbai	11JCL	Maths	For consistent hard work in all Maths lessons and for being a conscientious and enthusiastic student
Nathaniel Morris	10SDU	Music	For his hard work in building confidence and taking the big step to sing a song in front of class.
Engy Solaiman	8LBU	Science	Always going above and beyond and creating some amazing Science powerpoints
Khawla Zagandi	9SRB	Technology	For outstanding contribution to class discussion and focus in lesson.
Sabrina Aryeetey	11PNI	Textiles	For achieving A* in their mock exam!
Lov-El Nipadadae	11MSA		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th February

Year 8 Progress Evening

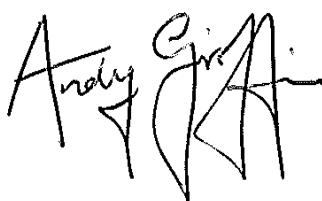
Friday 17th February

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