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Dear Parent / Carer,

READING CELEBRATION

To celebrate and recognise the success and efforts of the Y7 readers our Y10 students, led by Gihan Achaiba, organised a special event in the hall on Wednesday 8th March. Students were given two lessons off timetable to enjoy a buffet of their favourite snacks and were treated to a reading themed film.

Both sets of students have come together determined to improve reading at Manchester Academy, where the importance of every child being able to access our rich curriculum is at the forefront of our school ethos.

Year 10s applied for the much sought after 'Literacy Leader' position back in the New Year and quickly took on board their specialised mentor and reader training to work alongside the first cohort of younger students who needed that little bit of extra support.

Seven weeks later, the first intake of paired readers shared their views on the project, with the majority now more confident and ready to read in class alone: Year 7 students said,

"These sessions have built my confidence and really calmed me down",

"My literacy leader broke down the words and showed me how to do the same, now I can read".

Year 10 students have also enjoyed the process and are looking forward to supporting the next cohort of children and continuing the support of those students who have expressed a desire to continue with the scheme. Nafhad Abdi commented

"The reading sessions have been going so well and their progress has been excellent".

Several Y10s are using this volunteering work to count towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award and some are using the work to help them qualify for a nationally recognised leadership award.

We are very proud of the manner in which these students have conducted themselves and their commitment to improvement has been a pleasure to see.



MANCHESTER ACADEMY ROBOTICS SUPERSTARS (MARS)

This week ten Year 8 students took part in the 'Tomorrow's Engineers Robotic Space Challenge', ably led by Mr Duckworth. There was very strong competition, but we are delighted to say that the Manchester Academy team was awarded joint first place in the Regional Finals! Out of 250 teams, only 30 are left and these will now compete in the national version of the competition.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

This month, Year 11 students are being offered the chance to join the National Citizen Service. They will take part in activities and workshops in school before deciding if they want to take part and in what way. The National Citizen Service is an opportunity for young people aged 15-17 years old to take on exhilarating challenges, make their mark and build skills for work and life. They can learn skills valued by employers, how to budget and they will meet incredible people.

NCS is delivered by a series of charities, colleges and voluntary, community, social enterprise and private sector partnerships across England. All staff are fully checked and are trained to work with young people.



UCAS (the university applications service) recommends students to include NCS in their Personal Statement.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YEAR 10





There is a limited number of Work Experience placements available to Year 10 students over the Easter Holiday, to give them a taste of the world of work. As with a real job, interested students must collect an application form (from the Employability Team in B21) and return it no later than Monday 20th March. They will then go through an interview in school and may even be interviewed by the placement provider. This will be good practice for applying for their college/apprenticeship/training places next year.

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
Gihan Achaiba	10JAR	English	For helping to organise the Literacy Leaders event
Harith Mohamed	9RBL		For his articulate and impassioned acting during Act 1 Scene 1 of Romeo and Juliet.
Nathanial Morris	10SDU	Geography	For being the most improved in Geography
Hannah Jan	8PDH	History	Excellent effort and attitude
Ayoub Ragab	10DMA		
Renee Rattan			
Jaineba Saho	11JCL		
Afshan Basharat	10DMA	Hospitality	For working consistently hard in BTEC Hospitality. Well done!
Aqil Matin	11NSM	Maths	For his enthusiasm and dedication in all Maths lessons - his resilience in completing tasks independently is very commendable. He also

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			achieved the highest A* Grade mark in his recent Further Maths assessment
Zara Bakari	7CSE	RE	For an amazing Agony Aunt letter
Bronwyn Bull	8JDO	Robotics	 Manchester Academy Robotics Superstars! 
Omar Binsuwedan	8DJN		
Tamim Faizi	8PDH		
Hamiz Gohar	8NAY		
Warda Hafeez	8LBU		
Ismail Miah	8PDH		
Mir-Shamama Mohamed	8JDO		
Nadia Solaiman	8CMU		
Ghosoun Tulaymat	8JMO		
Sana Zaidi	8JMO		
Amayna Solaiman	11NSM	Robotics	Creative Consultant to MARS
Nashif Mohammed Nawferdeen	11PNI	Sociology	For his hard work in revising out of class.
Mohammed Sheikhnur	7KDO	Transition	For having a fantastic attitude during World Book Day activities, on trips and generally during lessons.
Said Saleh	8DJN		Said always completes his work and is working hard to achieve his individual targets

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 31st March Last day of term. Students return to school at 8.30 a.m. on **Wednesday 19th April**.
 This will be **Blue Week** on the timetable.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Griffin,
Principal