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Dear Parent / Carer,

EASTER SUPER LEARNING DAYS

To enable students to achieve to the very best of their ability, Manchester Academy teachers are giving up part of their holiday to provide Super Learning Days for Year 11 students. This time will be invaluable to the students in preparing for their GCSEs, so if you have a child in one of the groups listed, please encourage them to attend. Students should report to Reception in good time before the start of the session, bringing with them any refreshments they may need as the kitchen will be closed both weeks.

WEEK 1					
Dates:	Subject	Staff	Room	Start time	Finish time
Tuesday 4th April	French	LTY	C6	9.00AM	2.00PM
	French	EFA	C8		
	English	RTI /CSE	C19		
	Textiles Yr. 11	DJN	A21		
	PE Yr.11	SMM	A10	9.00AM	12.00PM
	Art	CMU/ RWO	A16/ A14		
	Maths	PNI	B2		
	Graphics	GBE	A13		
Wednesday 5th April	Textiles Yr. 11	DJN	A21	9.00AM	2.00PM
	Art	CMU/ RWO	A16/ A14		
	Computing	SRO	A10		
	English	ESE	C12		
	RE/CV	MAG	B19		
	Science	DJO	B13	9.00AM	1.00PM
	Maths	PNI	B2		
Thursday 6th April	Hospitality yr.11	GMM/SAL	A10	9.00AM	2.00PM
	Textiles Yr. 11	DJN	A21		

	Spanish	SBA	C7		
	Media	NBY/ MVE	C13/B7		
Friday 7th April	Spanish	SBA	C10	9.00AM	1.00PM

WEEK 2					
Dates:	Subject	Staff	Room	Start time	Finish time
Monday 10th April	Spanish	SBA	C7	9.00AM	2.00PM
	Business	RTE	B11		
	Maths	DEY	B2		
	Maths	MSA	B1		
	Maths	BLI	B4		
	Maths	WMO	B5		
Tuesday 11th April	Urdu	SAL	C23	9.00AM	2.00PM
	Spanish	SBA	C7		
	Business	RTE	B11		
	History	PDH/DMO	A18		
	Maths	MSA/TMU	B1		
	Maths	PNI	B2		
	Maths	BLI	B4		
Wednesday 12th April	French	LTY	C6	9.00AM	2.00PM
	Science	JVE	B10		
	English	ESE	C12		
	History	PDH/DMO	A18		
	Further Maths	PNI	B2		
	Maths	BLI	B4		

MANCHESTER ACADEMY MAKES THE NATIONAL FINAL OF ROBOTICS COMPETITION



Manchester Academy's Robotics Superstars (MARS) Team made the UK finals of the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge, beating 250 schools to be crowned runners-up!

As winners of the third of three heats held at Preston iSTEM College, the MARS Team saw off competition from 45 regional schools to make it through to the final, going head-to-head with 32 other schools from across the country at the Big Bang Fair on Friday 27th March.

The Academy's team of ten students built, programmed and controlled LEGO robots for a series of 'space missions'. They also had to research, design, plan and present their own solution to a contemporary scientific problem – developed by LEGO Education, supported by NASA.

Commenting on their success, Manchester Academy's Mr Duckworth said:

"Taking part in the Robotics Challenge has been really exciting. We've learnt a lot about the engineering involved in robotics and particularly enjoyed seeing all our hard work pay off with a place in the finals".

Research from [EngineeringUK](#), which runs the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge, shows that promoting engineering careers to young people is vital for the future of the British economy.

Continuing with the winning streak, Omar Binsuwedan was presented with the 'Outstanding Contribution to the Project' Award.



Chief Executive of EngineeringUK Paul Jackson said:

"In order to meet the country's demand for engineers, we need to double the number of graduates and apprentices entering the engineering industry. Programmes such as the Tomorrow's Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge aim to help young people from all backgrounds understand the variety, excitement and opportunity presented by a career in engineering."





POSITIVELY MAD

Over the last 16 years, Positively MAD has developed a formidable reputation in the education market place as one of the country's leading providers of student workshops ... and world-class supportive resources. This week they have been in school inspiring Year 11 students with fun new ways to learn, improve and support their learning potential. Year 11 have been given exam buster and super-speed study skills techniques which will hopefully enable them to achieve their very best in their upcoming exams.

RHS SCHOOL GARDENING AWARDS



The RHS School Gardening Awards comprises five levels that provide achievable goals which will help schools turn their gardens into a valuable learning resource. The scheme is accessible to all ages and abilities, urban and rural areas, and is open to all schools, community groups and educational groups in the UK.

Level 1: Plan your gardening project and identify the benefits to your school or group.

Level 2: Beginning to grow plants, use tools safely and understand basic gardening terms

Level 3: Build on practical skills, grow a range of plants and understand environmental issues.

Congratulations to Dillon Carroll, Darius Parry and Connor Taylor-Lewis who have successfully completed Level 3. As well as all of the above, they had to write a 200-word essay about a mini project or activity based on healthy eating; wildlife in the garden; composting and recycling; or explore a curriculum topic through the garden. They have won Rocket Garden vouchers for three boxes of fruit and vegetable plants worth £150!

YEAR 10 HOSPITALITY STUDENTS EXCEL AGAIN

Once again the Year 10 Hospitality students have shown how talented they are. Earlier this term they opened Balti Towers for lovers of spicy food, then there was Wok This Way offering choice Chinese dishes, and now they've gone quintessentially English with Afternoon Tea!

The students were not only being assessed on their practical culinary skills, but also on their hygiene and safety, working as a team, verbal and non-verbal communication skills. They worked really hard and were an absolute credit to Manchester Academy.

Well done Year 10!



"I just wanted to say how lovely afternoon tea was the other day. The boys worked really hard and the food tasted delicious. I also received excellent service from all of them and thoroughly enjoyed my time. Thanks for having me!"

Ms Holt



"Afternoon tea yesterday was such a treat!! Everything was so soooo delicious, my favourites have to be the scones and the carrot cake!! Very impressed and service was 10/10 – please do it again!!"

Ms Robinson

AUTISM AWARENESS WEEK

This week all students have been learning about autism, what it is, how it affects different people and what they can do to help people with autism cope.

They also learned that people with autism can achieve great success and that some very famous people are or were on the spectrum including: Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton, Benjamin Banneker, Steven Wiltshire, Charles Darwin, Darryl Hannah and Mozart.

MA has also been fundraising for Autism Awareness. Last week members of staff and friends of Manchester Academy cooked a delicious Caribbean Feast for lunch and on Friday there was a cake sale in the staffroom.



PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

For the past few weeks, primary school children in Year 5 at St Philip's and St Mary's primary schools have been coming into Manchester Academy to rehearse a concert, which took place yesterday. To make it even more fun, the children had an Easter Egg Hunt around school to help them relax before their final rehearsal. The concert itself was fantastic – congratulations to Mrs Nicholson-Hickling and everyone who helped make it such a runaway success.

Sadly, this is the final event to be organised by Mrs Nicholson-Hickling as she leaves us this week to take up a new post at St Mary's – we wish her all the best in her new post. Our loss is St Mary's gain.

JOUR DE LA FRANCOPHONIE

During March, students studying French have been taking part in exciting competitions and activities to mark 'Journée Internationale de la Francophonie' – a day celebrating the French language and Francophone culture worldwide.

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils worked hard to produce creative, artistic and eye catching posters for this event. A lot of time and effort has been spent on these, so a big 'merci beaucoup' to all the students who have taken part and supported 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
Farhan Aman	8CMU	Art	They work so hard and help me with the rest of the class, explaining tasks and handing out equipment.
Said Salah	8DJN		
Mohammed Sharif	11PNI	English	For his recent successes in English. Despite several of his friends trying to distract him, Mohamed has produced some of the best work in the class this term. I was delighted when he attended P6 for the first time, staying later than anyone else to make sure he completed an exam question to his exacting standards. Well done Mohammed.
Shazeen Ullah	11NSM	English	For her grit and determination in English. Despite finding it challenging she regularly stays after school to improve her exam technique. Over the past two weeks she has made dramatic progress and she should be commended for her hard work and positive attitude. Well done Shazeen - Keep it up!
Mohammed Al Edil	9LMC	Geography	For always handing out books in Geography without being asked.
Najaf Khalid	7DJO	Humanities	Fantastic and motivating speech in our Year 7 mock court trial of Edward I.
Rehmat Yusuf	7MLE		Great work and some fantastic answers in lesson on Thursday. This week's champion of History!
Emmanuel Johnson	8JMO	Humanities	Hard Boiled Egg History winners!
Beatrice Dosunmu	9RBL		
Amine Mounjid	9CRS		
Zelke Tutagiel	9CRS		
Ibrahim Mohammad	8DJO	Music	Complete transformation in Music in terms of behaviour and attitude. Alongside this, he has been attending regular saxophone lessons.
Wafaa Muridi	7RTI	Textiles	Focused throughout lessons, on task and a pleasure to teach.
Halima Sheikh	8LBU	Textiles	Pushing herself to make a difficult practical idea and using current affairs to influence her designs.
Habiba Begum	7EFA	Transition	For their help supporting the Year 5 Easter Concert on Tuesday. They all did fantastic reading and were great ambassadors for our school.
Guled Bashe	7EFA		
Ikram El Ouargui	7MLE		
Trinity Nelson	7MGA		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19th April

Monday 1st May

Wednesday 10th May

First day of the Summer Term. This will be **Blue Week** on the timetable.

School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday. Open on Tuesday as usual.

Year 10 Progress Evening, 4.15-6.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Griffin, Principal