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MONDAY'S ATTACK

Staff and students at Manchester Academy were appalled and saddened by the targeted attack on the city's young people. The Academy held a minute's silence for the victims and their families on Tuesday morning and joined in the national minute of silence on Thursday. Lesson 5 on Friday was converted to an extra Form Time to comfort and support our students. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone touched by the atrocity.

James Eldon, Chair of Manchester Secondary Head's Forum, was personally affected. This was his message to schools on Tuesday:

Dear All,

I am writing to express solidarity and compassion for any school affected by last night's events. My wife was badly injured taking my daughter to see her favourite singer. Having been there to pick them up and seeing the carnage I cannot imagine how the children, of which there were many in the audience, can piece together such evil.

My thoughts and my prayers are with you all this morning and I know that such events will bring out the best in our amazing city and our wonderful school workforce.

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We are black, we are white, we are yellow and brown,
The whole of the world is part of this town,
Christian, Muslim, Hindu or Sikh,
They all make us strong, we'll never be weak.
This is our home, and we all stand proud,
Together we're Manchester and we are unbowed!

YEAR 11 EXAMS THIS WEEK

Date	Time	Subject
Monday 5th June	9.00-10.45	History
	1.15-2.45	Psychology
Tuesday 6th June	9.00-10.45	English
	1.30-2.45	Geography
Wednesday 7th June	9.00-10.30	Computing
	9.00-11.15	German
Thursday 8th June	9.00-10.30	Maths (Calculator)
	1.15-2.45	Psychology
Friday 9th June	9.00-10.00	Biology
	12.45-1.45	Music
		Dutch
		Portuguese
		Turkish

MANCHESTER STANDS TOGETHER

Mr Rogers has created a banner that will serve as a message from Manchester Academy students to the victims of the bombing.

Six Year 7 students, who are preparing a presentation on the impacts of such an attack and the importance of solidarity in our community, visited every Form Room so that students could sign the banner or write a message to the victims.

The banner will be placed at Manchester Arena this weekend as a sign of respect and support from all of us at Manchester Academy.

HALF TERM SUPER LEARNING DAYS

To give Year 11 students the opportunity to take part in dedicated revision sessions, a number of teachers are giving up part of their half-term holiday to provide Super Learning Days, starting on Tuesday 30th May. If their teacher is listed below, please encourage your child to attend.

Day	Subject	Teacher	Room	Start	Finish
Tuesday 30th May	English	Ms George	C4	10.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
		Mr Sealy-Keany	C3	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
		Miss Holt	C1	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	History	Mr Robinson/ Mr Bradley-Green	C5	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Maths	Mr Nizeyimana	C2	10.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 31st May	English	Ms George	C4	10.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
		Mr Sealy-Keany	C3	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	History	Mr Robinson/ Mr Bradley-Green	C5	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Maths	Mr Nizeyimana	C2	10.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
Thursday 1st June	History	Ms Dhillon	A18	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Science (11ab/Sc2)	Mr Hurst	A17	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
Friday 2nd June	English	Mr Sealy-Keany	B20	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Geography	Ms Taylor	B21	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Health & Social Care	Mr Horrigan	B23	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.
	Science	Mr Velasco	B22	9.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.

MANCHESTER ACADEMY'S ALLOTMENT GARDENERS

Well done to Manchester Academy's Allotment Gardeners, who have now achieved their RHS Level 4 Award.

To achieve this they had to write around 200 words about:

a cookery session using their own produce;
a cross-curricular project based around the garden;
or a garden enterprise idea they used to raise money;
then upload six photos and a recipe, lesson plan, poster or budget.

Their skills now include:

- Using tools like a professional gardener to dig, rake and sow;
- Knowing how to protect plants against the weather, pests and diseases;

- Planning seasonally to harvest produce throughout the year;
- Knowing how to use the produce from the allotment;
- Raising funds to buy seeds, plants and equipment.

As well as their certificates they been awarded a seed bundle worth over £100!



ORWELL YOUTH PRIZE 2017

The Orwell Youth Prize is a prize for writing in any form: last year's entries included poems, stories, plays and essays. This year's theme is Identity and seeks to explore any form of identity that is important for the entrants to write about. The writing can be in any form up to 1000 words.

Roukagia Afan in Year 11 has entered a poem into this year's competition, and it has been shortlisted! She has been invited to attend the Celebration Day at Pembroke College, Oxford, on 26th June, when the winner will be announced.

Her poem, perhaps quite fittingly, is about identity and humanity after a crisis.

I-identity

Imagine

A world of infinite destruction;
Where I-identity dissolves, consumed by corruption;
Where your voice is unheard due to unlimited disruption;
Where your building blocks are taken away,
preventing self-reconstruction.

Dreaming

Is the key so vital?
The key that helps you keep your title;
In the very world you imagine and dream;
The world that manipulates your tears as you
drown and scream.
They scream tears of blood, blood of each and
every Syrian;
Blood of Afghani, Iraqi, Palestinian civilian.
So, to the more powerful American and European
community
I ask you to answer: Why we don't try to preserve
our dignity?

To Evolve

From building blocks that we'll create;
From tears and blood which carried my people's
fate;
The blood which is now stepped in like mud;
Their souls float away like a sea or a flood.
But they shall be remembered as we evolve;
From building blocks made of blood which will not
dissolve;
And, one by one, as we stack them tightly together;
Their blood, fates and identities will be preserved in
us forever.

Transform

When you add care and kindness to the building
blocks you form;
And when you then help people to construct their
identity;
You'll have those building blocks, containing amity
and empathy.

So, inspire

The fellow souls you meet;
Open your heard and don't let the evil defeat;
Your humanity; the vital key that unites you with
everyone;
Humanity is your identity and it can never be un-
done!

I Trust you

With an open heart, an open mind;
That humanity understands identities are forever
intertwined;
Even when identity is in its own way unique;
And each human has an unparalleled, extraordi-
nary, physique.
I trust you with every ounce and drop of integrity;
To understand:
Our main I-identity is Humanity.

Roukagia Afan

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

This week the Midland Hotel was holding interviews for an apprenticeship place. The interviews were open to every school and college in the Manchester area and to individuals who wished to apply.

We cannot tell you how proud we are of Samsam Sharif Ali and Shazeen Ullah from Mrs McMullen's Hospitality and Catering Group.

They presented themselves at interview so well, and demonstrated so much skill that the Midland created a second apprenticeship so that they could employ them both!



NEWS FROM MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION

Match Ticket Winner

As a result of his excellent performance in the recent Year 9 Football Cup Final, Abdulrahman El-Arifi was awarded tickets to watch Manchester United's final fixture at home against Crystal Palace. Congratulations and well done!



Manchester United 'Meet the Business'

Well done to the Year 9 Computing students who travelled to Old Trafford to complete the final day of 'United Meet the Business'. Over the last six months, the select group of students has been involved in a three-day interactive project aimed at giving them an insight into how Manchester United operates as a business and the different jobs available at a football club.



On the third and final day the students took part in a variety of interactive workshops run by employees from the club's various departments including Sports Science, Catering and HR. As a nice end to the event they were taken on an all-access tour of the stadium.



Year 8 Hub Tournament

On 12th May the Year 9 Boys' Team visited Oldham Academy North to compete in this year's Year 8 Hub Tournament for the Cup previously held by Manchester Academy. Despite a tremendous display from all the boys, the team narrowly missed out by goal difference on the final stages of the tournament.

A huge well done to the following students who we are sure will be back to challenge Albion Academy for the cup next year:

Abdullahi Ahmed, Omar Binsuwedan, Ric-Anju Fergus, Emmanuel Johnson, Darian Joseph, Antonio Kalocaj, Ahmed Khan, Sadeeq Lawal, Amir Naveed and Davies Yeboah



Year 7 & 8 Girls' Three-Team Tournament

Congratulations to the Girls' Team, who last week hosted the first leg of a three-way tournament between Loreto, Manchester Academy and Trinity. They were a credit to the school and now look forward to building on a good start when the travel to Loreto for the second leg. The team members are: Aisha Abdulrahman, Ikram Ahmed, Malak Aw-Abdi, Empress Mesteajah Burrow, Caitlin Daniels, Ruweda Hassan, Tahibatou Norris-Marong, Chloe Taylor, Gemma Taylor, Kirsty Taylor and Shilaya Weekes.

Well done also to Y10/11 Young Leaders Dylan Crewdson, Shanyia Weekes and Bassat Hussain who helped officiate during the tournament.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Name	Form	Subject	Comment
Balazs Nagy	8NAY	Art	Balazs is always happy, smiling and willing to try everything we ask of him
Habib Sharif Taha Al Mansouri	7LTY 10DMO	Computing	Excellent Effort
Roukagia Afan	11PNI	English	For entering the Orwell Youth Prize and being invited to Oxford University for her poem on Identity which was both powerful and masterfully crafted.
Sumaya Mohamed	7LTY	Food Technology	Sumaya consistently works very hard in every lesson
Abbey-Leigh Broad	9C4C	History	Fantastic change in effort over the last few weeks. I am really impressed with her—she should be very proud!
Abdullahi Ahmed Yasmin Al-Kabani Ammar Omar Lehan QI	7DJO 7MLE 7EFA 7LTY	History	For winning the end-of-term History Quiz with a great display of enthusiasm, effort and prior knowledge. Congratulations!
Renee Dunn	9EMA	Maths	For consistently working hard in all Maths lessons—well done!
Ossiyd Abudaber	7BAN	Maths and Science	Fantastic change in attitude and behaviour in Science and for great effort, engagement in classwork in both Science and Maths. Keep up the great work, Ossiyd!
Abdulrahim Ibrahim	7CSE	Science	For going back to being a Science Superstar! Abdulrahim maintains a positive attitude towards his classwork and classmates and has made exceptional progress! Keep up the fantastic work!
Mahad Baily	9DSE	Science	For his complete turnaround in effort and behaviour in Science. He now consistently answers questions, regularly completes extension tasks and recently achieved his highest grade yet in the end-of-topic test. Keep it up Mahad!
Shakiyna Bell	7RTI	Transition	Always approaches tasks with enthusiasm and tries hard. Although reluctant to share ideas with the whole class, she is always keen to please and help in any way in the classroom.

STARS OF THE WEEK (CONTINUED)

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Hassan Raza	7KDO	Transition	Hassan is always helpful towards other students in the class
Lamees Alfifi	7LTY	Transition	Amazing effort and progress in all her subjects, great positivity. A Manchester Academy Superstar!
Abdirahman Ibrahim	8MAG	Transition	Amazing effort in all that he does. Lovely manners with everyone.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Manchester Academy will be closed this week for the half-term holiday (apart from the Super Learning Days above). We return at the normal time on Monday 5th June, which will be Blue Week on the calendar.

There will be a Staff Training Day on Monday 26th June to allow our Muslim colleagues, students and their families to celebrate Eid. In the meantime, we wish them Ramadan Mubarak.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Griffin,
Principal