

A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF CULTURES!



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A JOYFUL DAY OF LEARNING, AND ACCAPTANCE!

Culture Day is one of the Academy's most anticipated events of the year! Students celebrate and fill the school with music, food, art, and cultural appreciation. The day is packed with exciting activities, allowing students to learn about and embrace cultures.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Spring Term proved to be as busy and impactful as the longer Autumn term. Manchester Academy students worked hard towards key examinations but also took advantage of the dawn of Spring to embrace outdoor activities and opportunities.

- We all enjoyed our wonderful '**Culture Day**' where we celebrate our truly global community and the rich diversity which makes MA such an impressive place to study
- Our brilliant debating team reached the **Debate Mate National Final**
- Our **digital leaders** continued their programme with the large **American IT firm DXC**
- Our **sports teams** successfully competed across a range of events
- Year 9 students **chose their options** and begin thinking about their GCSEs

This term, all year groups completed either a **Big Test or PPE exams**. The results from these assessments can propel us forward into the vital summer term when Year 11 students will complete their **GCSE exams**!

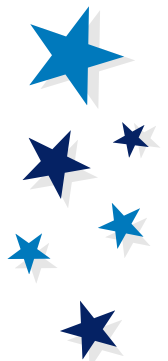
We are excited by the potential of our green tie students. Year 11 have worked hard to **Gain At Least A Grade (GALAG)** across all their subjects in their final set of PPEs. A large number of Year 11 students achieved this goal and were rewarded by getting closer to their target grades and visiting **Alton Towers** as a treat for their consistent high effort. All of our Year 11 cohort have **excellent college offers** if they secure their grades.

Year 10 are preparing for their **work experience week**, and we are excited that this year even more students have placements, right across our city. This is great preparation for the increased maturity of Year 11 and the college application process.

Manchester Magic is a little easier as the relentless cold and wet of the winter disappears and we now look forward to more outstanding success over the summer term.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR FUTURE ACADEMY STARS



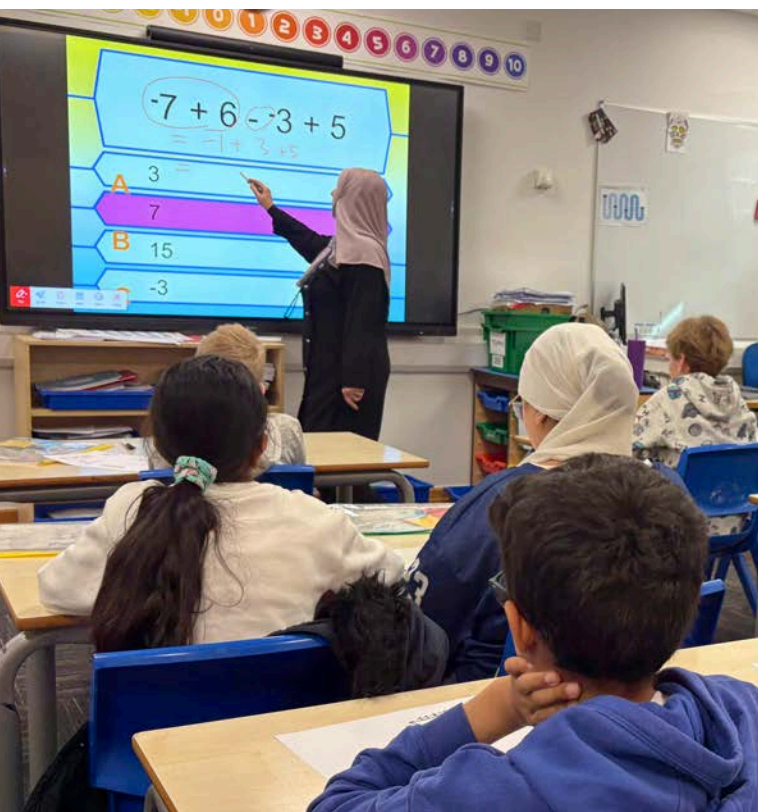
The Academy proudly opened its doors for another successful Year 6 Welcome Day! Students who have secured a place for September were given the opportunity to experience life at Manchester Academy, make new friends, and build confidence.

The day began with a warm welcome from staff. Head of Year 7, Ms. Maybury said: "This is one of my favourite days. We get to meet our new students and build connections before their first day!" The students arrived excited and it wasn't long before they were chatting and getting stuck into the activities.

One highlight of the day was the Academy Hunt, where students raced around the school solving clues. This fun activity helped them learn their way around the building while working as a team. The winning group walked away with a special chocolate prize!

Don't worry if your child missed our Welcome Day event! There's plenty more opportunities to get involved over the summer term:

- Year 6 Induction Day, Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd July
- Parent's Coffee and Cake Evening, Thursday 3rd July





A CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Linked to the Academy's Silver Rights Respecting School status. Students and staff came together and donated 50p to raise funds for the Academy charities, Cancer Research and Alzheimer's Society.

The day began with a form-time quiz, where students worked together and tested their knowledge of world cultures. Despite the celebrations, learning remained at the heart of the day. Teachers delivered culture-inspired lessons across subjects.

ATL1 students were welcomed into the main hall, where a variety of cultural stalls were set up. Mr. Wisdom played his guitar and sang, adding to the lively atmosphere! Students explored henna art, bracelet making, and photobooths, creating a buzz of excitement that made the event unforgettable.

One of the many highlights of the day was the lunchtime performances from the brilliant music students. Their talent was met with an outstanding round of applause!







BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE ON WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day 2025 was a magical celebration filled with fun, laughter, and love for reading. The school was buzzing with excitement as teachers arrived dressed like their favourite storybook characters!

From Harry Potter to Alice in Wonderland, the costumes sparked conversation. Students were thrilled to learn about their teachers' and classmates favourite stories.

One of the highlights of the day was the breaktime activities in the school library. Students got stuck in and enjoyed working together to complete a literacy themed quiz and design their own book covers.

The literacy quiz was designed to help students familiarise themselves with the school library and discover books they might have missed! School librarian, Ms Selmane said: "It was nice to see so many students getting involved and enjoying reading in a new and exciting way!"





APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025!



National Apprenticeship Week is an exciting event that inspires Year 11 students. The Academy welcomed a range of guest speakers and alumni who shared their experiences and advice. From engineering and health-care to digital marketing and business. Year 11 students were inspired to consider different career pathways.

Lunchtime workshop sessions helped Year 11 students build confidence when applying for colleges. The CV writing masterclass was very popular and students could also book 1-2-1 meetings with the Academy's Careers Lead to discuss their plans for their future.

One of the highlights of the week was hearing from former Manchester Academy student, Exose Grant. Who spoke about his experience as a professional chef working with James Martin and Hotel Football in Manchester. Students enjoyed listening to Exose speak about his time on Bake Off the Professionals and finalist on Masterchef. The Academy's aspiring chefs asked important questions about what it takes to be successful!





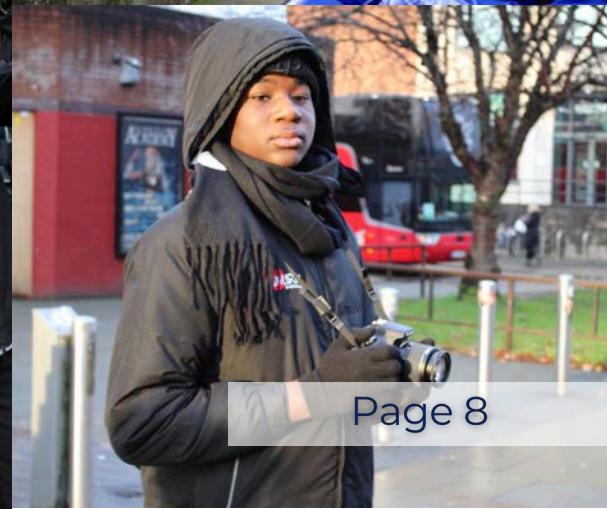
INTRODUCING GCSE PHOTOGRAPHY!



The Academy's creative students are buzzing with the arrival of the new GCSE Photography course. This term, students are learning how to use professional digital cameras and how to edit images in Photoshop.

Students enjoyed an introductory lesson where they photographed nature in the city centre. The new photography students had an exciting opportunity to participate in a walking tour of Manchester where they explored the theme of 'city life.'

Photography Teacher, Mr Fitton said: "The students had a fantastic day developing camera skills! They took hundreds of photographs, and everyone enjoyed the experience." The GCSE students are looking forward to developing their skills further. They will work to produce beautiful and meaningful photographic work and build their portfolios.





TRIP TO FACTORY INTERNATIONAL



Manchester Academy's new GCSE Photography students had a brilliant opportunity to visit Factory International, where they explored the work of David Hockney. The exhibition gave students a new perspective on photography and art, leaving them inspired and eager to create their own masterpieces.

The exhibition was like no other. Instead of simply viewing framed photos on walls, the students were taken on a one-hour journey through Hockney's life and work. The huge exhibition space was filled with projections, videos, and music.

Before stepping into the exhibition. Students met a successful event photographer who shared her journey from college, to university, and into the industry. She provided valuable insights into the world of professional photography, offering tips on building a career in the creative arts.

One Academy student said: "It was interesting to hear her journey into the photography industry. It made me realise that a career in photography is possible if you work hard."





JOYFUL SENIOR COMMUNITY LUNCH

Manchester Academy students and staff worked hard to decorate the main hall for the event. Guests were greeted with smiles and festive cheer! Over a delicious roast dinner, students and guests chatted and shared stories. The opportunity to speak with young people was a highlight of the day for many of our visitors.

Vice Principal, Mrs McMullen said: "Events like this make me so happy, I'm proud to be part of Manchester Academy and build connections with our vibrant community."

Guests took part in a lively game of bingo, followed by a festive raffle. Students were excited to deliver prizes to the lucky winners! The Academy's talented music students performed much loved songs that got everyone singing along.



TERM DATES 2025-26

For more information, visit the Manchester Academy website:



SUMMER TERM		
Monday 20th April 2026	School re-opens	All students back in school
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday	School closed All students
Friday 22nd May 2026	Last day of term	still in school Half-Term All
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026		students back in school All
Monday 1st June 2026	School re-opens	Students still in school
Friday 17th July 2026	Last day of term	Disaggregated to twilight
Monday 20th July 2026	INSET DAY 4	Disaggregated to twilight
Tuesday 21st July 2026	INSET DAY 5	

School Holidays	School Closed to Students
INSET/Planning Days	School Closed to Students

Academic Year 2025-26 Bank Holidays - School Closed:

- 05. 05. 2025 - May Bank Holiday
- 26. 05. 2025 - Spring Bank Holiday
- 25. 08. 2025 - Summer Bank Holiday
- 25. 12. 2025 - Christmas Day
- 26. 12. 2025 - Boxing Day
- 01. 01. 2026 - New Year's Day
- 03. 03. 2026 - Good Friday
- 06. 04. 2026 - Easter Monday
- 04. 05. 2026 - May Bank Holiday

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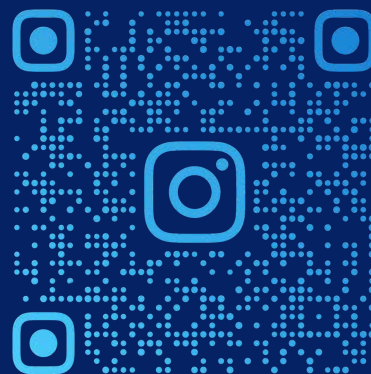
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