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REFLECTIONS AND CELEBRATIONS HIGHLIGHT CORE VALUES

I should like to begin by giving our warmest welcome to the current Year 6 primary students, who will be starting with us in September. We hope this newsletter will give you a taste of the many successes we have to celebrate and why you and your parents/carers have chosen Manchester Academy for the next stage of your education.

2010-2011 has been another incredibly busy year and in this issue we reflect on all that has been achieved. In so doing, this edition highlights the core values which underpin our school community: collective determination; personal excellence; service and leadership; friendship and community participation; support and inspiration and high standards.

Finally, I would like to thank the students, staff, parents and carers, governors and partners for the many different ways in which you have supported the academy over the year. We would not have been able to achieve anything like as much without all of you.

As another academic year draws to a close, I wish you all an enjoyable summer.

Kathy August
Principal of Manchester Academy
and Deputy Chief Executive of United Learning Trust

Read inside what has
been achieved by:

- Working collectively and in partnership
- Leading others towards personal excellence
- Welcoming the local and international community

Regional champions make it to national debate semi-finals and continue tradition

Earlier in June, four of our Year 10 students became regional champions in the national Debate Mate competition and on Wednesday the 29th of June, they travelled to the Royal Institution in Mayfair to compete in the final rounds, chaired by David Miliband, MP.

Facing St. Marylebone School in the quarter finals, our students debated: 'This House Believes That We Should Cease to Use Nuclear Power' and they opposed this motion. Having won the quarters, the team advanced to the semi-finals where they faced Robert Clack School and opposed the motion: 'This House Believes That Celebrities Don't Have a Right to Privacy.' Unfortunately, the students lost this debate but to reach the semi-final of such a

prestigious national competition is incredible.

English Teacher Miss Sanderson said:

"The students debating skills have always been impressive, but having followed the Debate Mate programme and practising their skills collectively on a weekly basis, the students' skills are now truly phenomenal and will play a key part in their individual successes at GCSE next year!"

Debate Mate has completed its evaluation of the 2010-2011 'Core Programme' and has found that 90% of students who took part felt

that their ability to make a clear and structured argument increased or greatly increased. The evaluation also showed that on average, students increased their speaking and listening grades by two National

Curriculum levels (three times the expected rate) through the debating programme.

Congratulations to all involved - we look forward to watching the current Year 9 students taking part next year to continue the tradition (last year's students, the first to take part, came second in the final at the House of Lords)!

2011 Debate Mate semi-finalists:
Shamyra Abbott, Rajid Ismail, Roxanna Sultan, Jabril Sheikhnur.

Students take second in The Junior MasterChef Final

This April, students, in teams of two, took part in The Manchester College's first 'Junior MasterChef competition'. Having submitted menus which had to include a main course using chicken and a pastry based dessert, students Craig Broad and Aaron Tran (Team 1) and Shamyra Abbott and Jamie Carew (Team 2) were chosen from over sixty other partnerships to compete in the final.

The teams had just one and a half hours to prepare and cook their meals at the college's Bistro East restaurant. The dishes were tasted by a judging panel including Stewart Thomson, Head Chef at Harvey Nichols, Peter Cox, Vice Principal at The Manchester College and Lee Woodend, Chef Tutor at The Manchester College.

Event organizer and chef tutor at The Manchester College, Phil Deaville, said: "This is the first time this competition has been run and we hope to do it again next year. There were 60 entries so the final six teams did very well to get picked.

The students really impressed me and the technical standard was incredibly high, but the idea of the competition is really for the students to enjoy the experience and they definitely seemed to."

Congratulations to the four students and a special well done to Shamyra and Jamie who took SECOND with their menu of Chilli Chicken on a bed of rice followed by Strawberry and Chocolate Neapolitans (fresh strawberries, whipped fresh cream and chocolate sauce in a puff pastry basket). They both received a certificate, two recipe books, kitchen utensils and a voucher for a meal at the Bistro Restaurant at The Manchester College.

Jamie commented: "Our feelings when we arrived at the college were ones of excitement as well as nervousness. When we went into the professional kitchen, we were overwhelmed by how big it was and our nerves really kicked in when we met our competitors. I think Shamyra and I worked really well as a team and Aaron and Craig really supported us too."



2011: another year of sporting success

Congratulations to:
Year 7 - Champions of the North West Regional Rugby Finals; winners of The Greater Manchester Developing Schools Rugby Tournament; Champions of the Manchester Schools Futsal Competition; Runners-up in The Greater Manchester Developing Schools Competition; 3rd place in the Manchester Schools Squash Championships.
Year 9 - Runners-up in The Manchester Schools Indoor Athletics competition. Congratulations also go to Tshepo Gaditswalelwe, who became champion of The Central & East Badminton Finals.
Year 11 - Runners-up in The Manchester Schools Cross Country Competition; 3rd place in The Greater Manchester Developing Schools Championships, Runners-up in The Manchester Schools Futsal Competition. Congratulations also go to Jahsida Lewis, who took second place in The Central & East Badminton Finals.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Another chance for learning and achieving collectively has taken place this year with the Duke of Edinburgh Award which is now in its third successful year. Thirteen Year 11 students have been working towards the Silver Award and thirty-two Year 10 students are aiming to achieve their Bronze Award.

Training for the Award takes place throughout the year, including a weekend at Ghyll Head OEC, in preparation for the final expeditions in the summer term. Students complete volunteering activities in the community each week for 3 – 6 months, learn a new skill and also participate in a physical activity in order to gain the prestigious award. These tasks are arranged by the students themselves, allowing them to work independently. The expedition section is particularly important as students are challenged not only physically, but they are constantly required to problem solve. They walked approximately sixty kilometres over three days from Hawkshead to Low Wray on day one, then through the valleys to Great Langdale on day two and climbing up and out of the valley and down into Coniston on the final day - and all this in the scorching sunshine or the pouring rain!



Teacher Leader Award ensures quality maths teachers of the future

Congratulations to the Year 10 and Year 11 students, who have been awarded the Maths Leader Award. Students worked in teams to plan and deliver mini mathematical classes to Year 8 students. Students showed great dedication throughout, whilst also improving their own understanding through their teaching. Qasim said: "It's amazing how actually teaching something helps you to discover just how much you really know and understand. I really enjoyed being the teacher and seeing the Year 8 students learn from me!"

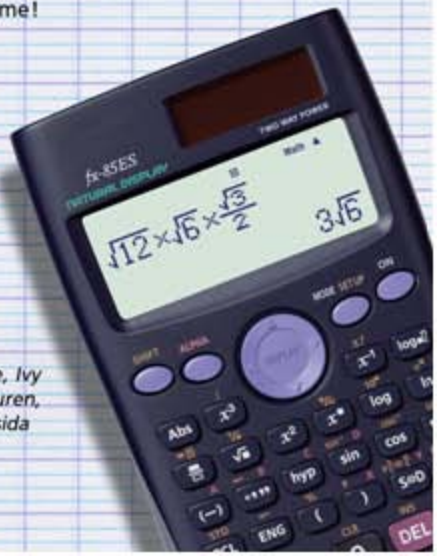
The students have also gone on to inspire several Year 9 students to begin their Maths Leader Award. We look forward to reporting on their successes next time.

Team here at Manchester Academy to plan literacy workshops. Good luck to you all and we look forward to reporting on your progress next time!

and that's not all...

Other students have embarked on their 'National Literacy Leaders Award', which involves working with mentors from Pinsent Masons to develop communication skills and leadership values. Other work includes working with the Transition

Awarded Teacher Leaders 2010-2011: Alex Booth, Marcia Borges, Qasim Khan, David Bailie, Ivy Makhoha, Beston Mobasheri, Abdallah Mohamed, Abdirizak Mohamed, Buyanzaya Purevsuren, Ahsan Shafiq, Ka Yan Yiu, Nader El Misurati, Naim Ahmed, Mohamed Abdullahi Adan, Jahside Lewis [Year 11], Katherine Franche and Zamzam Abdallah [Year 10]



Hit musical reaches out to the heart of the community

Students worked flat out to re-stage the very popular and successful 'Moss High Musical' re-kindling that touch of star quality which touched Moss Side two years ago.

The sell-out show, which was open to the community and the general public was staged at the John Thaw Studio Theatre at the University of Manchester and ran for three consecutive nights and two matinee performances.

Set in the fictional Moss High School, the musical imitates the story of Manchester Academy and Moss Side and is a real celebration of just how far the academy and the community have come since the school opened in 2003.

The musical starts off eight years ago (the very time Manchester Academy took over a school that was at the bottom of all performance tables) with a rendition of Pink Floyd's 'Another Brick in the Wall'. The feeling of hopelessness and disaffection is palpable. Just as palpable, however is the determination of the Head Teacher played by Shamyra Abbott, a Year 10 student who struts on to the stage to deliver the exact same words that our very own Mrs August used seven years ago: "No excuses!"

The musical, written and directed by the talented Mrs Langley tells how one girl's dream and one woman's determination to make it happen,

inspire a whole community to work together to achieve their ambitions. This musical is sad, clever and witty but above all, it sends a very clear message: with friendship, hard work and a lot of guts things can change. The performance is professional and slick. It hits hard and the audience is literally, as Sir Elton John's song goes "still standing" as the final lights go down. This may be in Moss Side but it's West End material. Shamyra Abbott the leading lady said, "The experience of working in a real theatre will stay with me for the rest of my life. I am more determined than ever to become a professional actress."



Hard work leads to highest academic point scores

The following students have all achieved the highest academic average point score since KS2:

- Year 7 – Omar Jeylani, William Phung, Sami Bader Mehse, Mohammed Alnutaifi, Jonathan Cain,
- Year 8 – Nawal Abdullah, Adam Anazim, Vanesa Franciscova, Faiza Mohamud, Abrar Khan
- Year 9 – Mubariz Mujtaba, Eslam, Alshami, Abbass Wali, Muhammed Usama, Thulani Mosiakgabo
- Year 10 – Zamzam Abdullah, Janethan Jeffery, Osman Habib, Omran Alferjani, Katherine Franche, Hong Tian Bi
- Year 11 – Jahsida Lewis, Ka Yan Yiu, Arif Ahmed, Zaya Purevsuren, Idris Sheikhnur

The following students have all made the most progress since KS2:

- Year 7 – Leah Gilham-Macaulay, Ebtehal Eshhubi, Jonathan Cain, Elekilebo Odey, Mohamed Hussein
- Year 8 – Mawume Zormelo, Farid Abdi, Amira Abdullah, Nawal Abdullah, Asha Habib, Sattar Abdul Sattar
- Year 9 – Mohamed Osman, Mubariz Mujtaba, Filora Abulimiti, Giovanni Appiah, Eslam Alshami
- Year 10 – Hassan Rauf, Ming Fu Zhang, Zamzam Abdullah, Hong Tian Bi, Mohamed Abdul Samad
- Year 11 – Ahmad Bashir, Cosmina Popa, Abdallah Mohamed, Samira Abdi, Shukri Abukar, Obaidur-Rahman Hamdard

Years 8, 9 and 10 lead the way...

Students in Years 8-10 are ensuring that service and leadership are at the forefront of academy life by organising several sporting festivals for primary school children. Students have also officiated and coached the primary children for the city-wide sporting finals in athletics, basketball, cricket, football, netball and rugby inspiring them to practice and strive to reach their true potential.

Well done to the following students, who have all achieved 100% attendance for the entire academic year:

Nawal Abdullah, Zamzam Abdullah, Ahmed Abdulle, Jibril Abtidon, Mohamed Abubakar, Naomi Adigun, Benjamin Adjabeng, Sumeya Ahmad, Fahim Ahmed, Tasnim Ahmed, Balsam Al-Ajeely, Ghada Albadi, Mohammed Albadi, Maryam Ali, Malik Annafi, Yumna Asif, Kwame Awoko, Jannat Bari, Kaif Bhana, Tian Hong Bi, Deon Davis, Ahmed Elmusrati, Ebtehal Eshhubi, Cole Grimes, Sadiya Habib, Mohammed Hassan Yusuf, Mohammed Islam, Marwa Jabeen, Zainab Jafar, Omar Jeylani, Omar Jeylani, Sukhvinder Kaur Pritam, Joe Kelly, Abrar Khan, Abigail Leicester, Murtaza Mahmood, Rhonda McKenzie, Hamdi Mohamoud, Ahmed Mohamud, Lequorne Morgan, Shavon Morrison, Rajina Muridi, Djo Muzembe, Mohammed Aways Nasim, Hanaan Nassir, Beatrix Nassir, Abdulkadir Nur, Nawal Nuur, Oladimeji Oke-Raheem, Samira Osman, Mohamed Osman, Giovanni Owusu Appiah, Saira Rawufi, Mohammed Rob, Ise Samow, Adetutu Sanni-Surakat, Conor Tucker, Mojir Ullah,

Well done to all of you, keep up the hard work!

