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Newsletter
April 2022

Back of the net!

Our world class football pitch is completed

We're thrilled with our finished 3G pitch, which has been upgraded into amazing new facilities for our students as well as local residents and community sports teams to hire!

Our students and local residents will benefit from significant investment into football after Manchester Academy was awarded a six-figure grant from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation to upgrade our current sports facilities.

A grant of £348,000 was secured by the Football Foundation and the Manchester FA to refurbish our school's existing 3G pitch and to completely upgrade the facility, which will continue the Academy's ongoing improvement. The refurbishment will enable Manchester Academy to continue to provide a top-quality

environment for our students to develop their football and sports skills in PE lessons and after school clubs. Local residents and sports teams will also have the opportunity to hire the world-class facilities outside of school hours.

James Eldon, Principal at Manchester Academy, said: "We are massively grateful to the Football Foundation for investing in Moss Side through their generous contribution to our sports facilities. We're now proud to provide a top-class sports centre for our students, as well as an excellent facility which will enable Moss Side to 'Make Manchester Magic' in the heart of our community."



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Welcome from our Principal, Mr Eldon

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Spring term began with concerning news that there was a new variant of COVID, Omicron, and we all worried that this would see a return to more restrictions. Despite its impact on attendance at times, I am proud that the Academy continued to flourish over the Spring term.

Throughout the term, we could see our new sports facility being built. This had an impact on the Academy, as we lost a sports venue during the build process, but the students were magnificent and their patience was rewarded when just before the Easter break, the new pitch opened. It's a wonderful facility and provides us with a professional quality pitch to train and play on. We just need to keep winning more trophies now!

Over the two years of the pandemic, Manchester Academy worked tirelessly to provide an excellent education for our students but other aspects of school life had to stop. One of the most important aspects of education that we lost was being able to take students out on visits and trips. During the Spring term, we saw the revival of trips and visits and this presented an exciting range of opportunities for our children. At the end of term, our first Pastoral Pledge trip for ATL 1 students saw 800 students go out and explore both Manchester and Liverpool. This day was a huge success and underlined our commitment to celebrating the huge majority of students who day in day out, demonstrate ATL 1 learning. We also held a hugely successful MACFEST Cultural Day, where staff and students celebrated their heritage, country and its national dress. It was moving to see the array of costumes and diversity within the Academy, and it was a reminder that the whole world comes to Manchester Academy every day and works together in harmony and unity to make Manchester magic.

Alongside all these exciting opportunities, for the first time in three years our Year 11 students will sit formal examinations this summer. After two years of disruption, preparing students for examinations has taken a lot of work but I am confident Year 11 will be successful during the long, summer examination season. We have seen a significant growth in students across the Academy completing online learning to support their in-school studies, and the commitment from students to complete their Big Tests each term demonstrates their ambition to succeed. Academic excellence is vital alongside character education.

This balance of unique and exciting opportunities and academic rigour is at the heart of our ambition for our students and it's been heartening to experience the return of more 'normal' education after such a challenging time. As always, we have been supported by our loyal and committed parents and carers and I want to thank the whole community for helping us get through the pandemic together. The Spring term was an exciting step forward and with our new facilities, over the summer we will continue to improve and offer exciting opportunities for our students.



Year 9 students take part in University survey project

Our Year 9 students are taking part in a Coordinate Project with Manchester Metropolitan University which is carrying out a Europe-wide survey to track the wellbeing of children as they grow up.

Miss Baksh said our students really enjoyed being part of a youth advisory board. They put forward their opinions on important issues, and felt their voice was being heard.

They also received a £10 voucher and are excited to be a part of the project over the next two years until they leave in Year 11.

We look forward to hearing how the project develops over time.



Hearing Impaired students visit Whitworth Art Gallery

Two of our Hearing Impaired students Ndapanda and Khadijah experienced different textiles and handled some delicate pieces of Chinese clothing during a visit to Whitworth Art Gallery.



They also created light pictures using different coloured torches and differing camera exposures.

Mrs Brown, Teacher of the Deaf, said the girls also toured the gallery, connecting with pieces of art which they appreciated.

"It was an excellent opportunity to be out of school and to enrich their education," she said.

Great work girls!

Year 8 students compete in Faraday Challenge

Six Year 8 students were invited to a Faraday Challenge at Withington Girls' School where they competed against three other local schools. The challenge was to engineer something that would make life easier for children in hospital.

The students designed and made a prototype of a virtual imaging helmet where children who were bed-bound could use to take virtual walks in the local parks or even anywhere around the world.

They included lots of features that made the product more accessible to different ages, so the very young children were able to use the product without much help. They presented their idea to everyone including a

representative of HEEM, who thought that their design was a viable project.

Science Teacher Ms Maingi said: "They did an absolutely brilliant job and enjoyed the day immensely. We definitely have some future scientists in the making."



No Place for Hate Campaign



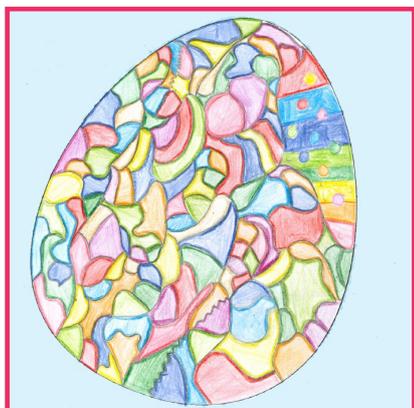
Our students collaborated with Manchester City Council to produce a powerful film to publicise Hate Crime Awareness Week in February.

Mr Eldon is proud that the Academy was chosen for such a prestigious film, and was bowled over by the performance of the students.

We received lots of positive feedback on both the quality of the film and of the powerful messages the students helped to promote. These messages are integral to how we work in our school. You can view the film on our Manchester Academy YouTube channel.

Design your own Easter Egg Competition 2022 Winners!

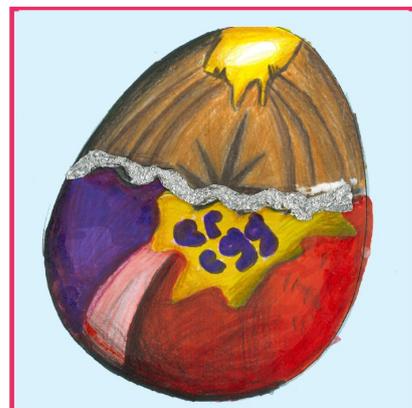
Our Easter Egg Competition was open to Year 5 and 6 children from our partner primary schools. These are the brilliant winning egg designs!



Claremont Primary



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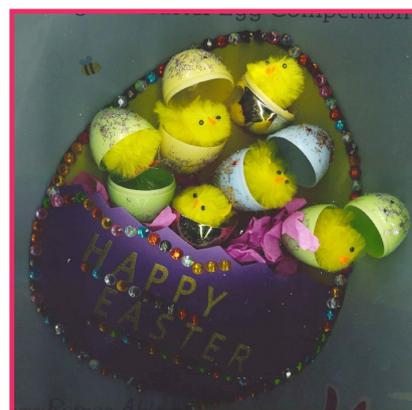
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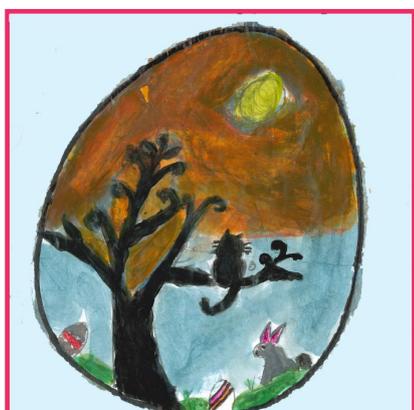
Wilbraham Primary



Heald Place Primary



Heald Place Primary



St Philip's Primary



St Philip's Primary



British Science Week, 11-20 March 2022

Our fantastic Science team put together demonstrations and experiments for students at breaks and after school all week for British Science Week.

Mr Goorani-Nejad and Ms Maingi did a demonstration about the effects of deforestation, which had a crowd of interested students!

Mr Spencer showed plates of bacteria found in different places around the Academy, including a bin, the canteen and the gym, and students had to guess which plate was from which place to be in with a chance to win an Easter egg!

We also had a fantastic visit from Animal Club, who brought a range of reptiles to meet Year 5 students from Claremont Primary School, plus our Year 7 and Year 8 students. They met Rocky the corn snake, Greg the bearded dragon and other lizards and geckos.



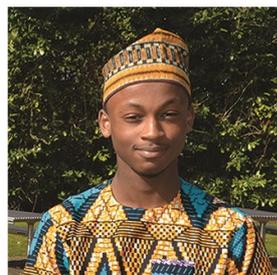
Lastly, Miss Cattell showed pupils how to make a terrarium, which had a crowd of eager students!

Year 5 students at our nearby primary schools - Claremont, Rolls Crescent, Heald Place and St Mary's CE Primary School also enjoyed taking part in our flat pack science experiments for British Science Week!

Thanks to everyone who took part and made it a huge success.

MACFEST, 25 March 2022

We loved seeing all the colourful clothing worn by our staff and students at our Cultural Diversity Day for MACFEST, everyone looked amazing. It was so great to celebrate our diverse cultures and traditions across school, here's some of the highlights!



Term Dates

Term Dates		
Summer Term 1	Return to School	Tuesday 19th April 2022
	May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022
	INSET Day 4 (Eid) Planning Day	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
	School Closes	Friday 27 th May 2022
	Summer Half Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Summer Term 2	Return to School	Monday 6th June 2022
	School Closes for Summer	Friday 22nd July 2022

Public Holidays 2021-2022	Staff Training (INSET) Days
May Day: Monday: 2nd May 2022	Tuesday 3rd May 2022
Spring Bank Holiday: Thursday 2 nd June 2022	
Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: Friday 3 rd June 2022	
Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 29 th August 2022	

Boost course for Parents/Carers

Join us this Summer for BOOST - a FREE six week course for our parents/carers.

There will be an Introductory meeting on Wednesday 27th April, and the course starts on 4th May.

For more information call Shanaz Essafi or Mohammad Adam on 0161 232 1639 or email: office@manchester-academy.org



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Our School Uniform - Stockist Details

Just a reminder to make sure our students have the right uniform at all times in school.

Manchester Academy insists on black leather school shoes not trainers.

Students should wear black trousers or a black skirt, white shirt and their year group's tie. All our uniform is available from our uniform stockist, M.C.S. Stores.

The old royal blue sweatshirts are no longer part of our uniform and should not be worn. We also need all students to wear the Manchester Academy PE kit for their sports lessons and this is also available from our stockist. We regularly get positive feedback regarding how business-like and smart our students are, and this sets a business-like tone for the day.

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More information about Academy uniform is available on our website:

<https://www.manchester-academy.org/information/uniform>

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Blazer Navy with Badge	26"-28"	29"-31"	32"-35"	36"-42"
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Blouses/Shirts	<i>White</i>	from £6.99		
Skirts	<i>Black</i>	Various range see in store		
Trousers	<i>Black</i>	Various range see in store		

PE Kit

PE Polo Shirt	upto 13 Yrs	Adults
Navy with Badge	£13.99	£14.99
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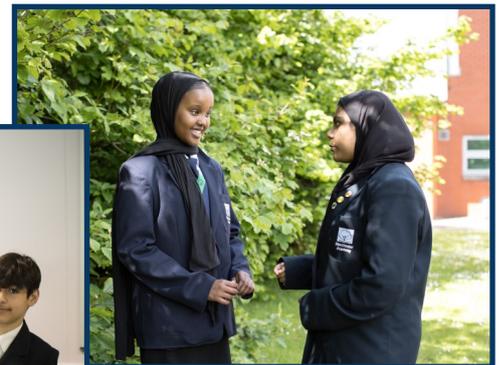
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Student Testimonials

"I like Manchester Academy because it feels like you're part of a big family or community. There are so many great opportunities and I feel very happy here, Alishba Shaikh, Year 8 student.

"I like Manchester Academy because I feel I am encouraged to achieve my best potential and there are so many fantastic extra-curricular activities to do after school." Lyndsy Banza, Year 9 student.

"I enjoy being a student at Manchester Academy because I feel I get constant support and guidance from teachers." Omar Eltoukhy, Year 10 student.



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