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**Newsletter**  
**Sept 2021**

## Our Year 11 students celebrate their GCSE results

Our former Year 11 students celebrated their fantastic achievements after collecting their GCSE grades on 12th August.

Many were planning to continue their studies in Further Education and were excited to receive the grades they needed to move on to colleges including Loreto, Xaverian and Manchester Grammar School Sixth Form.

They received their qualifications in the Main Hall and Canteen, before sharing their news with family and friends.

The academy's highest performing student Aisha Sheikh, who achieved all 9 grades in every subject.

She said she was really happy and was "speechless" when she opened her results.

Aisha is going to Loreto College to study Biology, Chemistry and Maths.



Our former Head Boy Mohamed was among those celebrating and was looking forward to starting at Xaverian College to study Economics, Law and Accounting.

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# Welcome from Principal, Mr Eldon



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic return to school and the students are thriving with some of last year's restrictions removed. It is wonderful to have a more normal return to school and we all hope that COVID infection remains low so that our students can fully enjoy all the excitement of Manchester Academy. Despite last year, our success as a school continued – we delivered over 700 laptops to students, delivered our full timetable online, supported Y11 to exam success and in the summer we saw the return of some of the fun experiences which make the school special. All of this was endorsed by our Ofsted inspection in March.

The return of extra-curricular activities – clubs, sports fixtures, academic enrichment, performance – is one of the most exciting aspects of this academic year. We are also launching our pastoral pledges, a commitment by the Academy to offer amazing experiences to all our students. This builds upon the success of our 'Attitude to Learning' programme, where we reward the 97% of students who commit every day to our Learning Values and demonstrate ATL 1 behaviours in all their lessons.

Manchester Academy is at such an exciting point on our development. We have transformed the building, from a dark, dirty place to a modern, clean environment. Behaviour is unrecognisable and we have strong, specialist teachers across all our academic subjects. It has been so important to regain the confidence of our community and our students and the success achieved by our Y11 in their exams demonstrated the huge ambition of the children we teach.

We talk about 'Making Manchester Magic' – adding in that extra, the X-factor, something beyond the ordinary and a return to more normal routines allows for even more magic. Our school needs to be world class to serve our students who have come from around the world to receive an education. This ambition continues to motivate us, and our students match these expectations every day.

Here's to a successful year for Manchester Academy and all our families!

Mr J. Eldon

Principal

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**Magic**

## Our Year 11 students celebrate GCSE results (continued)

Ailnd was also pleased with his grades, and is looking forward to studying A Levels in Accounting, Business Studies and Drama at Xaverian College.

Our Head Girl Merab was celebrating after achieving seven 9 grades, and was planning on studying Maths, Business Studies, Biology and Chemistry at Loreto College.



It was also smiles all round for our Sports students, achieving an 100% pass rate!

Head of PE Mrs Patel said she was very proud of them all.

"It has been an extremely tough couple of years for our year 11 Sport students but their hard work, perseverance and determination has been reflected in the results they achieved.

"100% pass rate is one hell of an achievement. It wasn't just about being practically able, but being able to complete written coursework and sitting actual exams requires trust, which they put into their PE teachers and we turned into reality.

"I could not be any prouder of these students! My heart is bleeding with joy. Class of 2021 you have made memories for a lifetime!", Mrs Patel said.

Throughout the morning, staff were on hand to offer advice and congratulate students, before wishing them well for the future.

Manchester Academy Principal James Eldon said he was proud to celebrate our amazing class of 2021's examination results.

"This Year 11 group have demonstrated incredible resilience in studying for their GCSEs during the COVID pandemic. Year 11 worked incredibly hard to produce excellent evidence portfolios for all their subjects and impressed everyone with their work ethic and commitment. Alongside this academic ambition, they also demonstrated leadership and compassion by supporting the younger students in the Academy as well as local charities.



"We are proud of the excellent results Year 11 have achieved and are confident that whichever 6th form or college they attend in September, they will continue to make Manchester magic and be ambassadors for Manchester Academy. We wish them all the very best of luck and thank their families for their loyalty and support over the past five years. ," he said.

## Our amazing Sports Day 2021

After months of planning and organising, 2021 Sports day was a dream turned into reality. It was a jam-packed day filled with love, laughter and competitiveness. The PE Dept wanted to ensure their big day catered for all our students at Manchester Academy because that's what we are all about.

Memories were made for all who competed in traditional sports activities as well as alternative track and field events. Mr Horrigan summed it up beautifully by saying; "I've worked at outstanding sports colleges and delivered sports days in USA, India and Malaysia but never anything like this. A real hybrid of the old/traditional with the new/innovative ideas" Manchester Academy is making magic again.

The feedback received from our students, staff and parents was phenomenal. One of our students said: "I have enjoyed everything, the experience has been amazing, the day was about boosting moral. Sports is all about team work and it has brought us all together as a team. Not only do the Academy work hard but they play hard and made sure everyone had a fun time whilst being competitive".

We had the privilege of being joined by our Chair of Governors, Susan Breckell who was simply blown away with what she saw. She said: "The video doesn't do it justice! An amazing fully inclusive Sports Day! Fabulous job MA PE Dept - my favourite day as Chair of Governors!" To see our Hearing Impaired staff signing to students inside the inflatable Hungry Hippos game demonstrates what a truly inclusive sports day should be.

Mrs Patel, Curriculum Area Leader of PE, said: "To say the least, it has been an extremely difficult few years. Everyone in the Academy has been directly affected by isolation and loss, therefore we made no compromises on what our students deserved. Sport teaches us development. It helps us learn things such as resilience, leadership, accountability, respect and patience. We produced memories that people will remember forever.

"Manchester Academy 2022 Sports Day will only get bigger and better."

## Noah's A.R.T visit for our SEND students



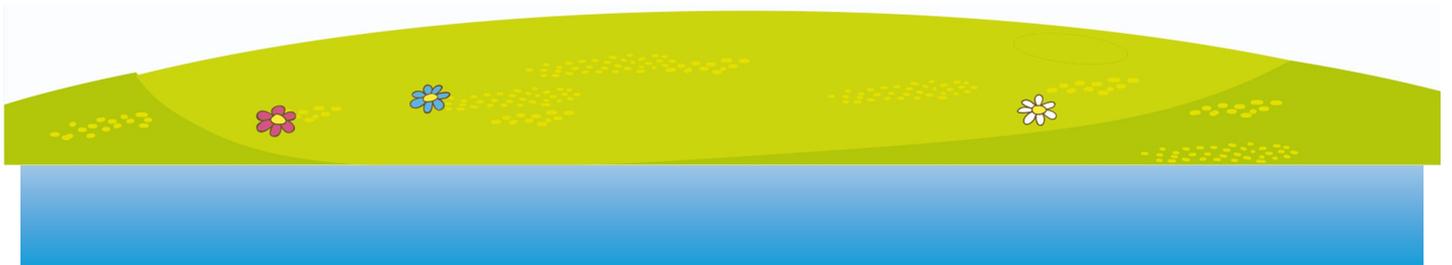
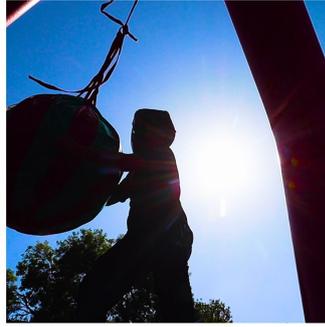
We had a fantastic visit from the staff and volunteers at Noah's A.R.T., who brought a range of animals in to meet our SEND students, during four weekly sessions.

Our students Max, Hish, Ibrahim and Dylan all spent the sessions meeting their therapy dog - a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel called Moose, plus rabbits, guinea pigs and rats/mice.

Catherine Priest from Noah's A.R.T, which is based in Dukinfeld, said their visit was part of a mindfulness program, and our students really gained a lot from spending time with the animals.



# M.A. Sports Day 2021



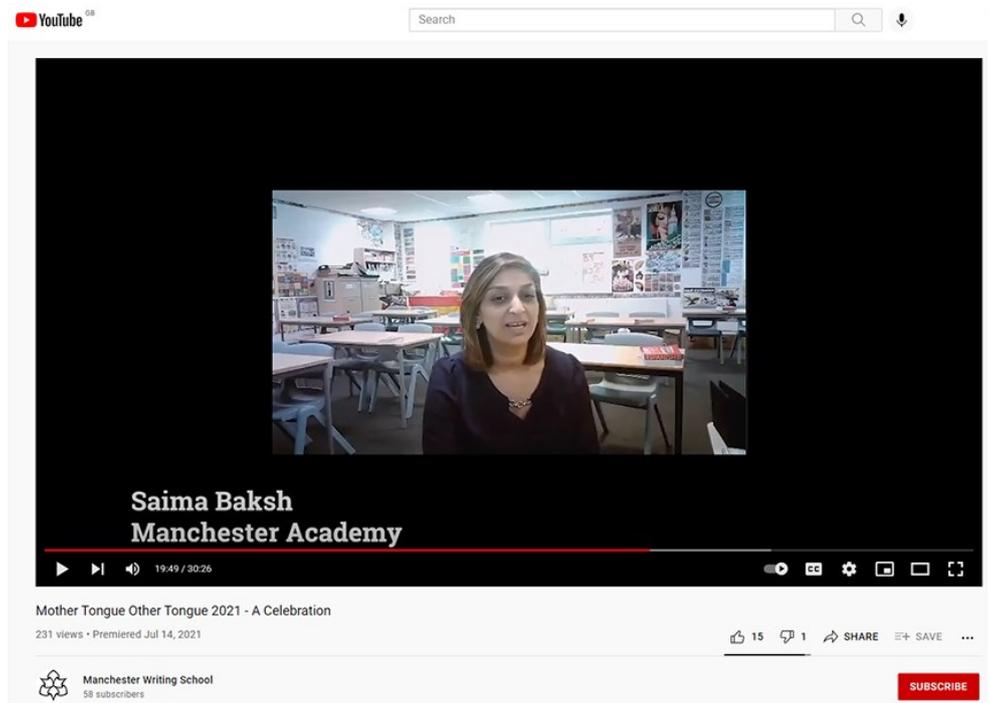
## Our Head of MFL helps support multi-lingual poetry contest in short film with Manchester Met University

Our Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Saima Baksh, has appeared in a special celebratory film to promote our students' participation in a multilingual poetry competition.

Called 'Mother Tongue, Other Tongue,' the project, which has been running since 2012, was originally devised by Manchester Metropolitan University and Routes into Languages North West and is officially endorsed by Malala Yousafzai, youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner and education activist.

It wasn't possible to host a celebration at the end of the competition this year due to Covid restrictions, so Manchester Metropolitan University decided to celebrate online, creating a short film that could be shared in school assemblies and classes.

Ms Baksh explained: "One of the reasons I've been running this competition for so many years at Manchester Academy is because our school is so multi-cultural. It's a fantastic way for the students to show off their language skills, and helps them understand their background, culture and roots. It also helps students feel proud of their heritage and language, and gives them the opportunity to take part in something where languages are recognised."



The competition is aimed at primary and secondary schools and is a national Laureate Education Project, led by the Poet Laureate Dame Carol Ann Duffy and coordinated by Routes into Languages, with regional competitions and events taking place throughout the year.

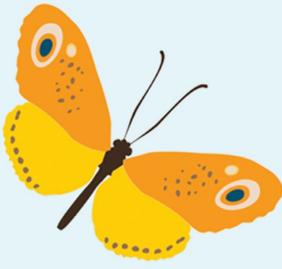
The 'Mother Tongue' part of the project challenges pupils who do not have English as a first language to write a creative poem or song in their native language, while 'Other Tongue' asks pupils to create an original poem in a second language they are learning at school (French, German, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Urdu and Mandarin).

A regular participant in the competition, Manchester Academy won the North West final in 2016, with student Khadijah Mahmood taking top spot in the Key Stage 3 'Mother Tongue' category, with a piece about an attack on a school in Pakistan.

The film, featuring Ms Baksh, is available on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/AIO3EVTvxiA>

What fun we had at

# SUMMER SCHOOL



# Term Dates

Term Dates		
Autumn Term 1	<b>INSET Day 1</b>	<b>Monday 6th September 2021 – All Staff in School</b>
	First Day of Term for Year 7 students	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
	Start of Term for Years 8 - 11	Thursday 8 <sup>h</sup> September 2021
	School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
	<b>Autumn Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 25th October to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Autumn Term 2	Return to School	Monday 1st November
	<b>INSET Day 2 and 3 (Training/Planning Days)</b>	<b>Thursday 25th November and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November – School closed for students</b>
	School Closes	Friday 17 <sup>h</sup> December
	<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Monday 20th December to Friday 31st December</b>
Spring Term 1	Return to school	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
	School Closes	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	<b>Spring Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February</b>
Spring Term 2	Return to School	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	School Closes	Friday 1st April 2022
	<b>Easter Break</b>	<b>Monday 4th April to Friday 15th April</b>
Summer Term 1	Return to School	Tuesday 19th April 2022
	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 2nd May 2022</b>
	<b>INSET Day 4 (Eid) Planning Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd May 2022</b>
	School Closes	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
	<b>Summer Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3rd June 2022</b>
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
Christmas Day: 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2021		Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
Boxing Day: 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2021		Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
New Year's Day: 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022		Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Good Friday: 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Easter Monday: 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		
May Day: Monday: 2nd May 2022		
Spring Bank Holiday: Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022		
Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday: Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022		
Summer Bank Holiday: Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022		

## 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.

M.C.S. Stores is based at 220-222 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester. M20 6EL.

Telephone: (0161) 445 7740 or email: [sales@mcsstores.co.uk](mailto:sales@mcsstores.co.uk) or visit their website: [www.mcsstores.co.uk](http://www.mcsstores.co.uk)

More information about Academy uniform is available on our website:

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



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Manchester Academy 2020

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Ties	All	£6.50		
Blazer Navy with Badge	26"-28"	29"-32"	33"-36"	37"-42"
Girls/ Boys	£28.00	£30.00	£35.00	£38.00
Blouses/Shirts	White	from £6.99		
Skirts	Black	Various range see in store		
Trousers	Black	Various range see in store		
PE Polo Shirt	upto 13 Yrs	Adults		
Navy with Badge	£11.99	£13.99		
PE Hoodie	All Sizes	£19.99		
PE Track Pants	Childrens	Adults		
Navy with Badge	£19.99	£20.99		
PE Shorts	All sizes	£6.99		
PE Leggings	All sizes	£18.99		
PE/ Outdoor Socks	All sizes	£4.50		
Iron-On Name Tapes	40	£4.00		
PE Bag	with Badge	£6.50		

**220 Fog Lane, Didsbury, M20 6EL**

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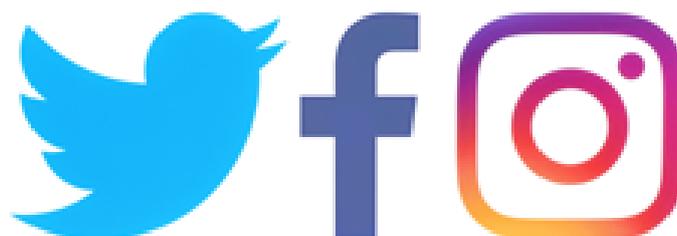
## Follow us on Social Media

Don't forget to follow us on social media to keep up to date what's happening in school.

Twitter: @mcracademy

Facebook: @MCRAcademyHighSchool

Instagram: @mcracademyschool



# My Ed Parent App

We are very pleased to announce that we are introducing a fantastic new way to communicate and share information with you, our parent community. At Manchester Academy we want you to feel as much a part of your child's education as possible. With the increased use of smartphone-technology, we want to make the best use of it.

MyEd is the free parent app that provides you with a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school, which has replaced our WEDUC app.

MyEd app provides direct access to yourchild's attendance, timetable, absence records, achievements, behaviour and much, much more.

You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along.

We are able to send you messages directly to the MyEd App relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school.

You will receive a notification if we send you a message and there is no charge for the messages you send to us. The MyEd App is available for both iOS and Android devices and can be found on either the App Store or on Google Play by searching for MyEd.

Once you have installed and opened MyEd, search for Manchester Academy and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

We hope you enjoy using the app and find it a useful source of information.



Connecting parents, students and schools



**Step 1: Go to your app store** | **Step 2: Search for My Ed** | **Step 3: Download the app**

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## Information about your student and school direct into your pocket.

<p><b>Attendance</b> Keep up to date with your child's attendance details.</p>	<p><b>Forms</b> Fill in forms securely on your app and return them directly to school.</p>	<p><b>Timetables</b> Get regular updates on timetables.</p>	<p><b>GET THE APP HERE</b></p> <p>SCAN ME</p>
<p><b>Key Dates</b> Important dates the school needs you to know.</p>	<p><b>News</b> Access the latest school news.</p>	<p><b>Info Packs</b> Digital information packs reduces time, hassle &amp; paper.</p>	

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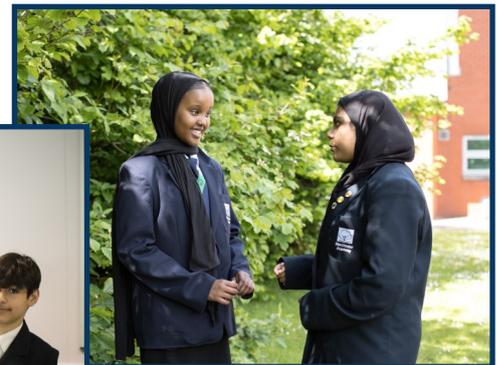
[www.myedschoolapp.com](http://www.myedschoolapp.com)

## 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 7 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 8 student.

"I enjoy being a student at Manchester Academy because I feel I get constant support and guidance from teachers." Omar Eltoukhy, Year 9 student.



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# MANCHESTER ACADEMY OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 7TH OCTOBER 4PM - 7PM

*Let's Make Manchester Magic together!*

*Last entry at 6.30 please*

***Chance to win an Amazon Fire 7 tablet on the night!***



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