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Newsletter
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Ofsted's Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman meets staff and students at Manchester Academy

Ofsted's Chief Inspector spent a morning touring our school and meeting students and staff as part of her visit to Manchester in January.

HMCI Amanda Spielman was visiting Manchester Academy after the school's recent Ofsted Inspection, during which we received a 'Good' rating – her visit was also publicised in the Manchester Evening News.

After a walkaround with our Principal Mr Eldon and our Student Presidents, the Chief Inspector – accompanied by another of Ofsted's senior inspectors for the north of England – met with our Literacy Leads and prefect team before discussing with our own senior leadership team how they've gone about transforming the curriculum at Manchester Academy over the past few years.

Mrs Spielman spent a large proportion of her visit hearing directly from our students, discussing everything from how the school supported them through lockdown to their hopes and ambitions for the future.

Mr Eldon said: "It's been an absolute honour to host Mrs Spielman to showcase the relentless drive and passion of our staff and students to ensure the young people of Moss Side, Rusholme and the surrounding areas receive the best education and opportunities for the future.

"The last few months in particular have been unforgettable in seeing this hard work recognised by Ofsted, but we're not putting our feet up and will now be striving towards Outstanding as we continue to make Manchester magic."



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Welcome from Mr Eldon



Over the Spring Term, Manchester Academy was visited by a steady stream of VIPs – from the head of Ofsted, to the Lord Mayor of Manchester. These visits were such positive endorsements of our journey and I am so proud of the numerous Academy students who met our visitors and talked about our school. We were also visited by a range of school leaders who wanted to come in and see ‘Manchester Magic’! They looked at our reading programmes, our support for students who don’t speak English and at how we develop curriculum and teaching. We also like to go and see excellent practice as we learn from other schools. It is exciting that we are now asked for visits as it demonstrates the quality of our provision.

We have also seen Manchester Academy students winning prizes and awards – from our talented Mathematicians in the national Maths Challenge Competition, to our Year 9 football team winning the league, to our students taking part in an array of competitions at the University and with business. In the summer term we will have a full Careers week, and for Year 10 this is their official transition to being Year 11. Our students need to have the confidence to compete when they leave the Academy, and we are so proud of the number of our ex-students who have gained places at the elite universities – including Oxford and Cambridge, as well as being offered places in Medicine, Law, Engineering and other competitive courses. Our Alumni are taking the message forward about their community and their school.

Finally, we have had lots of primary school children, and Manchester Academy parents visit us. It’s always great to meet face to face and at our Year 9 Options Evening, Year 6 Information Evening and Year 11 Awards Evening it was heartening to hear from so many families. Many of our families have been on our journey with us and to talk to you and hear your questions and opinions, helps shape our future. We have lots of plans to continue developing the Academy to provide excellent facilities for the students and create better facilities. Our new toilet block is opening in the summer term and we’re looking to build a new fitness gym for students to use. Our popularity helps here, as the increase in numbers provides more funding for projects.

I am excited to see what the summer can bring – hopefully some drier days too!!

Our EAL students awarded Young Interpreters status

We are SO PROUD to be awarded a Young Interpreters certificate – in recognition of our students' hard work to go the extra mile to provide additional support to our EAL students and their families.

ESOL teacher Ms Mournier started training a cohort of students in January to become Young Interpreters.

These students are young ambassadors,

who have received specialised training during an after-school club to use their additional language(s) to support other students and to translate for them.

Our Young Interpreters (identifiable by a prestigious badge) have trained in helping new students settle in school, by analysing real life scenarios, by studying translation techniques and by doing role-plays to develop empathy and communication.

The students, from Years 7 – 10, speak a range of languages including Arabic, Somali, Spanish, Latvian and Russian.

Our Young Interpreters can welcome students who speak their mother tongue (e.g. Arabic and Somali) but also English-speaking students. As the Young Interpreter coordinator, Ms

Mournier will manage the Young Interpreters and assign tasks to them.

Ms Mournier explained that new student arrivals will have the opportunity to get support from one of the Young Interpreter students.

"When we have new students who don't speak English as a first language, they might be very nervous about starting at Manchester Academy. Whenever possible, I can assign them a buddy/Young Interpreter for a specific period of time to help them settle in. I am very proud of this group of passionate and dedicated young people. Our Young Interpreters embody our school values and have a strong sense of community".



British Science Week, 10 - 19 March 2023

We had an amazing time in March celebrating British Science Week with the theme of 'Connections'. We started off by discovering 'connections in chemicals'. Students raced at break time to create molecules out of molymods faster than their peers, made molecules out of plasticine in Key Stage 3 lessons and created slime after school. We then discovered



'connections in our mind'. Students completed mind-bending riddles at break time, completed personality tests in Key Stage 3 lessons and discussed the benefits of personal reflection and using journals after school.

Lastly, we discovered 'connections to our world'. Students competed against each other to classify organisms as fast as possible at break time, created giant independence webs in Key Stage 3 lessons and made windmills after school.

Throughout the week, we also ran a family tree treasure hunt for students to work out a mystery person using clues they had found around the building. Some of our amazing ATL 1 students were selected to visit exotic animals, such as a corn snake and giant millipede, as a reward for their fantastic efforts in science lessons.

Finally, we finished off our celebrations with an amazing show called 'Fires and Fizz' from Year 12 students at Withington Girl's School. Our students, along with all of Year 5 from

Heald Place Primary School, were astounded by all the explosive chemical reactions!

We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to our Science Ambassadors for running the break time sessions and being wonderful representatives of Manchester Academy: Hanna Eldos, Praneetha Sriharan, Maryam Abasheikh, Hyfa Mohammed Noushad, Isra Mohammed Noushad and Saanvi Vijaya Kumar.



We welcomed Year 5 students from Rolls Crescent Primary School, St Mary's CE Primary School, Webster Primary School, Heald Place Primary School, Claremont Primary School, Wilbraham Primary School and St Philip's CE Primary School to take part in various classroom activities over the past term, including Science, Food Technology, T-shirt printing, Robotics and Business Logo design.



Can you spot yourself in any of the photos above? If so, please email us at: marketing@manchester-academy.org to win a prize!

Fantastic turnout for Year 6 Parents Information Evening

We were thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout for our new Parents Information Evening on 15th March.

It was great to see so many of our new Year 6 students - soon to become our new Year 7s in September.

The evening gave a brilliant opportunity to hear from our Senior Leaders, the



Transition Team and experience a tour around our facilities.

Assistant Vice Principal Ms Trivedi said:

“I am delighted to say this was an excellent turnout for this annual event. It was wonderful to meet so many of our new students and their Parents/Carers for the first time, and discuss their child’s future as a Manchester Academy student.

“We are privileged to spend time talking to them about the support we can offer and loved taking many of our families on a tour of our school on the night as part of the event. As an Academy, we are humbled by the enthusiasm of our newest cohort in

getting involved in our unique community.”

We also held an Easter School on 5th April. This was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 students to familiarise themselves with the Manchester Academy building, our staff, and of course meet their new classmates.

We hope everyone enjoyed finding out lots more about your new school as well as our amazing transformational journey!



Design your own Easter Egg Competition 2023 Winners!

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



Claremont Primary



Rolls Crescent Primary



St Mary's Primary



St Mary's Primary



St Philip's Primary



Webster Primary



Wibraham Primary



Wilbraham Primary



Year 9 Students get valuable insight into Health and Social Care Careers

A group of 15 Year 9 students were inspired to follow careers in healthcare at an NHS Health and Social Care event at Old Trafford for National Careers Week.

They took part in five workshops in nursing, midwifery, dietetics, clinical scientist work and paramedic training.

For the paramedic training they practiced basic life support including CPR, rescue breathing and defibrillation.

In Clinical Science, they applied the Science they learnt in school to understand how medical devices such as an ultrasound doppler, pulse-oximeter, ECG and blood pressure monitoring device works, and then practiced using them on their friends.

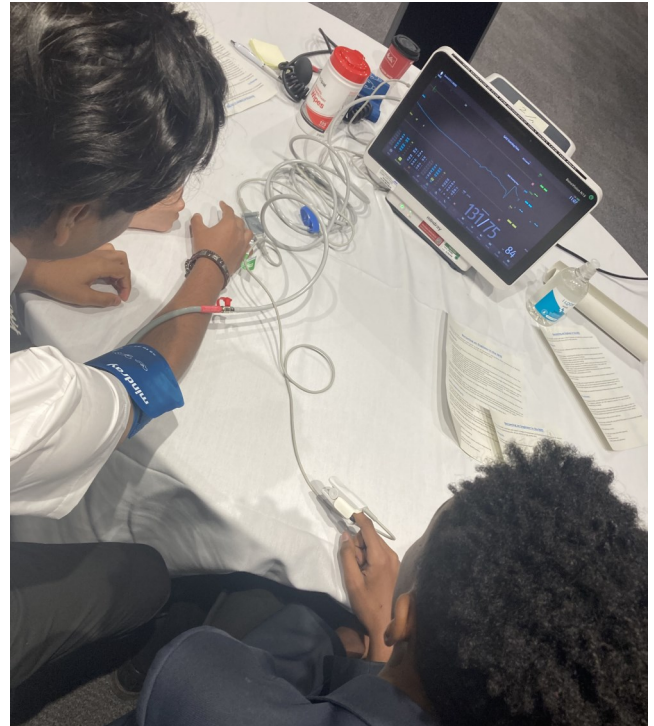
In Nursing Dietetics, they learnt the importance of nutrition, using their knowledge of nutrients to making balanced healthy meals, and practiced inserting a nasogastric tube for a patient who needed tube feeding. In Midwifery, they guessed how soon each mother animal was due to give birth, and helped deliver a baby (using a simulation doll).

In Practice Nursing, they performed annual Health MOT checks, including learning how to measure height and weight, calculating Body Mass Index and used medical equipment to

listen to a patient's heart and lung sounds. Our students were accompanied by Mr Dugdale, our School Partnership Officer at Manchester United Foundation, who said students had got a lot out of the experience. Year 9 student Rahmo Ahmed said: "I really enjoyed this experience, it helped me be more aware of my future and education and how important it is. The things I learned included how to do CPR, check heart rate, check a pulse and many more."

Nafisa Rufai, Year 9 student, said: "I enjoyed the various activities we did as well as the fun facts we learnt about certain medical jobs. It gave me an insight on what careers I may want to do in the future!"

Glad to hear everyone had a great time!



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 or visit their website: 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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Trousers	Black	from £9.99
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Iron-on Name Tags	40 Tags	£4.75

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New Year 7s had an eggcellent time at Easter School

Our New Year 7s had a fantastic time at Easter School on 5th April.

They took part in a range of fun activities including designing Easter eggs in Business Studies with Ms Mustafa and making a parachute to catch an egg in Science with Mr Khan. They also played Easter games with Mr Dugdale, our Manchester United Foundation School Partnership Officer, and took part in an Easter Egg hunt with Mr Moreton to get to know their way around our school.



Plus, they made Easter cupcakes in Food Technology with Mr Stapleton and Miss Passey, and programmed a Spike Prime Robot, learnt to fly a drone and competed in Retro Gaming Arcadia, in Robotics with Ms Rashid and our Year 10 student helpers. Student Sze said the day had been brilliant and he loved his day here!

Another student said she enjoyed the cooking session and they had made a lot of new friends already. She said the teachers were very nice and helpful and she's looking forward to starting here in September.

Our Assistant Vice Principal Ms Trivedi said: "It was great to see so many smiling faces at Easter School. The feedback from everyone who attended has been really positive, and the Robotics sessions and Easter Egg hunt went down particularly well."

We're glad everyone had a brilliant day!



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SUMMER TERM 2023		
Monday 17 th April 2023	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 21 st April 2023	INSET DAY 4	Only Staff in School
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 26 th May 2023	Last day of term	All students still in school
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023		Half-Term
Monday 5 th June 2023	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 30 th June 2023	PLANNING DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Thursday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term for students	All students still in school
Friday 21 st July 2022	INSET DAY 5	Only Staff in School

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

Bank Holidays (School closed):

Monday 1st May 2023 – May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023 – King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 29th May 2023 - Spring Bank Holiday

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