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Newsletter

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Manchester Academy's transformation journey recognised with 'Good' Ofsted report

Ofsted inspectors have judged Manchester Academy 'Good' in all areas following a two-day visit to our school earlier this term. Inspectors were impressed with all aspects of the Academy and found strong evidence to show that pupils' achievement and behaviour have improved in all areas of the school.

Inspectors were highly complimentary about the Academy's curriculum which they described as **'broad and ambitious in all subjects'**. They found our students demonstrate tolerance and respect. Describing students as **'friendly and polite'**, inspectors found that they **'behave well in lessons and around the school'**. Importantly, inspectors reported that pupils **'feel safe in school'** with the leaders ensuring a **'strong culture of safeguarding'**. Manchester Academy students are **'polite to each other regardless of gender, race, or culture'**.

James Eldon, Principal of Manchester Academy, said: "We are greatly encouraged by this report which showcases all the fantastic work underway at Manchester Academy. It is very pleasing that the inspectors noted the improvements in our curriculum and recognised the Academy's transformation journey in such positive ways.

"But above all, I am heartened that the inspectors found that our students are happy and feel safe at Manchester Academy. Students are proud to come to our school and be part of our thriving, inclusive and welcoming community."

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Welcome from Mr Eldon

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term 2022 was a momentous one for Manchester Academy. In late September, we had our inspection from Ofsted – a visit that was hugely important for us as a school. All inspections are pressured but everyone connected with the Academy was determined to demonstrate to our families, our city and to the wider world the improvement within our school. It can be a frustration that you need the comments of strangers to confirm your success, but we were very aware that Ofsted's judgement was an endorsement which would give our families, our community and our partners' confidence in the transformation achieved.



I have been through such a journey before at my previous school, but the success at Manchester Academy was like nothing I have experienced before. When the inspection team told the Governors and the senior staff the inspection outcomes, I think they thought that we would be clapping and cheering. However, many people in the room and in the staff meeting the following day were simply overcome with emotion.

Our community now have the school their children deserved and we had categorically proven that the ambition of our families and our children now had a school to match their expectations.

This outcome has not led to any complacency, we know there are areas of improvement that we still want to address and are making sure that positive change happens quickly. Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our parental survey, we have already taken on board your feedback and are working on solutions. We have noticed though a change in the way the Academy is perceived.

Finally, I would like to thank our families for your support and loyalty during our improvement journey. When I first started, many of the meetings I held with parents and carers were tough as I listened to your frustrations and had to ask for patience.

Our partnership work with you during the COVID pandemic helped keep our students learning despite all the challenges and as our student numbers have soared, more and more of you have given up time to feedback and get involved with the Academy.

It's a cliché to say 'we couldn't have done this without you' but in this case it's the truth.

I wish all our families a successful 2023, good health and luck to the whole Manchester Academy team. Let's make more Manchester magic over the next 12 months.

Mr J Eldon, Principal.

Our student leaders present to Manchester City Council

Our student leaders did a fantastic presentation at Manchester City Council as part of their 'Our Manchester' programme in late November.

Iman Ismail, our school President, made an outstanding speech to other schools and key staff, with suggestions on improvements for the city for young people. She also put across possible ideas to consider for the future at Manchester City Council Town Hall.



Everyone in attendance commented on how impressive our students were and the useful insights they had into Manchester City and its future. The Lord Mayor said they showed great potential as future leaders! This really was a "Making Manchester Magic" moment!

Noah's A.R.T. visits for our SEND students

We've had fantastic visits from the staff and volunteers at Noah's A.R.T., who brought a range of animals in to meet our SEND students during regular sessions. Our SEND students 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 Dukinfield, said their visits are part of a mindfulness program, and our students really gained a lot from spending time with the animals.



Derby day for Year 10 against rivals Cedar Mount

Our Year 10 football team met with Cedar Mount Academy for their final game before the end of the first term.

This was a must-win game. The boys had to treat it like a cup final, it was all or nothing. Going in to this game, our top scorers were Paul, Jose and Jamal. All had two goals each to their name. All three continued their hot streak, each scoring to give us a 3-1 win against a tricky Cedar Mount team.

The atmosphere in the changing room was an amazing experience. The lads now have a taste of victory again and fingers crossed that it remains.

The bar has been set and the season ahead looks positive. We are expecting big things this year. We have four more games remaining for the season and we are hoping for four more victories.



Student's book fit for a Queen

Year 8 student Khadijah started making a book about the Queen back in the summer term of Year 7.

Khadijah is one of our deaf students at Manchester Academy.

She is so proud of her book but also sad that the Queen never got to see it.

She did lots of research about the Queen as part of her English work in our support room and then spent many lessons completing the art work.

Miss Somers in our Hearing Impaired Department has wrapped it up and sent it to King Charles, so we're keeping our fingers crossed she will get a response from Buckingham Palace.

Excellent work Khadijah!





Manchester Academy's Christmas **PANTOMIME!**

Year 5 pupils from our partner primary schools and our own Year 7 had a wonderful time at Aladdin, this year's Christmas pantomime performed by the fantastic theatre company Chaplin's Pantos 4 Kids.



Year 7 students take on challenges with the Army

Our Year 7s enjoyed a whole day of exciting and engaging outdoor activities delivered by the Army in partnership with Manchester United Foundation in September.

Pupils participated in team building exercises, problem solving and an inflatable obstacle course.

Pupils were put to the test both physically and mentally, embracing and promoting the MA ethos of community citizens, whilst demonstrating the learning standards so pivotal to the Academy success.

Mr Clarke, Head of Year 7, said: "It was amazing

to see the new Year 7s outdoors and experiencing some very challenging activities, witnessing friendships develop, building confidence, and witnessing our future school leaders! A huge thank you to Mr Dugdale, our Manchester United Foundation coach and KS3 team member for all his hard work in making this happen! It was a fantastic opening session for our Year 7s."



Year 7 boys play well in Emerging Talent Contest



Our Year 7 boys took part in the Manchester United Emerging Talent competition against four other teams at The Cliff training ground in early November.

They played with such great determination, experiencing all forms of a win, draw and loss. It is always a great experience provided by Manchester United Foundation, thank you for giving us the opportunity to take part.

Design a Christmas Jumper Competition

We had lots of fantastic entries from our Primary Schools. It was a difficult job choosing the winners as everyone put in such a fantastic effort with creativity and use of festive colours. Here are our winners with their prizes.

Well done everyone who took part!



Top performing Year 8 students attend Climate Event

Three ATL1 Year 8 students attended this year's Green Summit Schools Climate Event at The Lowry in Salford, hosted by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham.

They took part in activity sessions, from renewable energy to slow fashion, and 3D printing to carbon literacy, and discovered the every day and innovative ways we can all think and act differently to make a positive impact on our environment.

Our students joined interactive sessions uncovering sustainability challenges and solutions, with the opportunity to make their voice count by sharing feedback on climate change priorities and what they think Manchester can do to become a greener city.



Students get fantastic insight into coding at AutoTrader



A group of our Year 9, 10 and 11 students enjoyed a brilliant insight event linked to coding at AutoTrader offices in Manchester to celebrate Ada Lovelace Day in October.

The day included employee spotlight talks and inspirational coding demonstrations from software developers.

It was organised by our Vice Principal and Careers Lead Mr Horrigan, and our students said it was a fantastic experience!

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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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		

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Navy with Badge	£13.99	£14.99
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Term Dates 2023

SPRING TERM 2023		
Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 17 th February 2023	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023		Half-Term
Monday 27 th February 2023	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Friday 31 st March 2023	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023		Easter Holidays
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):

Friday 7th April 2023 – Good Friday Bank Holiday
Monday 10th April 2023 – Easter Monday
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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