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**Newsletter**  
**Sept 2022**

## Our Principal Mr Eldon is a Finalist for Headteacher of the Year in the MEN Schools Awards

The whole of the Manchester Academy community joined us in congratulating our Principal Mr Eldon who was a Finalist for Headteacher of the Year at July's Manchester Evening News' Schools Awards! It's fantastic to receive this well-deserved recognition, as Mr Eldon was among the top three selected in Greater Manchester.

An awards ceremony was held in July in Manchester city centre, and Mr Eldon was accompanied by Mrs King and our Finance Manager, Mrs Hall, our Chair of Governors Mrs

Breckell, along with two students.

Mr Eldon said: "I am

highly proud

that I made the final of Secondary Headteacher of the Year, after being nominated by staff. I am passionate about Manchester Academy and our community, but our success is built upon the teamwork of students and staff, backed up by our parents' support at home. This nomination recognises everyone on the MA team – in school and at home - and to represent our school and

community at the final was a huge honour."

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## Welcome from our Principal, Mr Eldon

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the first time in three years, we had a 'normal' summer term – examinations for Y11 and a chance for all our students to get involved in a wide range of activities which were lost during the pandemic years. This meant that the term was busy and wonderful!



Year 11 had to complete a full examination season, something which hadn't happened since 2019. It's important to stress how long and busy the GCSE exam season is – with many students taking over 24 examinations. The students coped brilliantly with this pressure, supported by all the opportunities given to them by staff. The students demonstrated admirable determination and resilience and by the final assembly, they were tired but proud of what they had achieved. We also saw the return of the Y11 Prom, at the Etihad stadium; an impressive location to say farewell to this fantastic year group, who achieved excellent results in the summer.

Elsewhere at Manchester Academy, a host of opportunities could now be launched and the students took up every challenge we put their way. From Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, to conferences with the top independent schools, from amazing music performances to a powerful and moving school production of 'Noughts and Crosses'. Students participated in the second Pastoral Pledge trip, visiting parks across the region and we made sure that the link between being ATL1 and success was explicit so students could see that hard work brought wonderful experiences.

Everyone looks forward to the Manchester Academy Sports Day and this year's experience was enhanced by the opening of our brand new astro pitch. We ran formal track and field events on the pitch, an amazing array of inflatables, climbing wall, Zorb football on the field and a host of activities across subjects in the Academy. EVERY student participates in our Sports Day – it's not an event for a tiny group of elite sports students, it's a celebration for the whole Academy and I am proud of the success of the event. Huge thanks to our PE team for making it happen!

It's been so long since we had a normal summer term and we have learnt a lot from the success of this year so, as always at MA, next year we want to make things bigger and even better!!!

Mr Eldon

Principal.

## Our Year 11 students celebrate fantastic GCSE results!

Our Year 11 students at Manchester Academy celebrated their amazing achievements after collecting their GCSE results on 25th 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 College.

The Academy's highest performing student Hadia Latif Zaidi achieved grade 9s in all 11 subjects. She said she was "very surprised" and was thrilled when she opened her results. Hadia is going to start a scholarship at Sixth Form at Manchester High School for Girls to study A Levels in Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

Manchester Academy Principal James Eldon said he was proud to celebrate our amazing class of 2022's examination results.

"We are really proud of Year 11 students for overcoming the disruption they have faced during Key Stage 4 to achieve some fantastic results. So many have done so well, from those achieving grade 9s, to students that found exams particularly challenging and worked so hard to achieve what they needed to progress to their chosen destinations."



## We welcomed our new Year 7s to Summer School!

In August, we welcomed our new Year 7 students to Summer School 2022.

They all enjoyed fun activities as part of their upcoming high school experience.

Summer School included educational visits to both the Museum of Science and Industry and Chester



Zoo, and a range of subject specific activities such as History, Maths and Sport.

It was a fantastic week, and students really enjoyed the opportunity to experience high school, making new friends and meeting their teachers.

We can't wait to welcome you back to start Manchester Academy in September!



## Our students enjoy Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Two groups of our Year 10 students had a fantastic time on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Castleton in the Peak District in June, where they all achieved their Bronze award.

They travelled there from school for the weekend, and set up their own camp and cooked their own food.

On Saturday, they did a 10k walk up Mam Tor along Hope Valley Edge, using compasses and maps.

In the evening, they played team games, including football, volleyball and rounders and enjoyed relaxing around the campfire.

On the Sunday, they went to Speedwell Cavern, which is a boat trip in an unused Blue John mine, where they saw an underground waterfall.

Head of Geography Miss Minshull said the students were fantastic role models and she received positive comments from the public about their politeness and good manners. Duke of Edinburgh students will now spend their time focusing on completing other elements of volunteer work and physical skills.

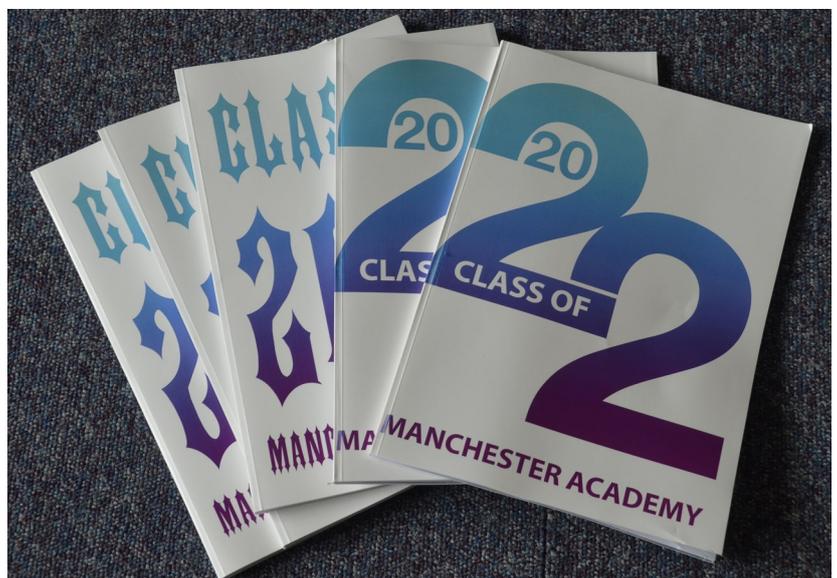


## Goodbye Year 11!

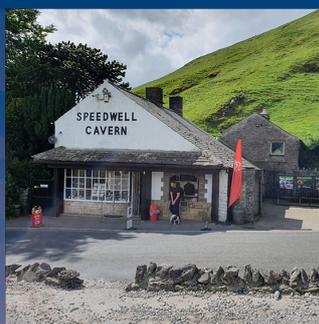
After a marathon six-week GCSE season, Y11 finally finished their full-time education with us.

This year group had their GCSE course interrupted by COVID lockdowns and were the first cohort in three years to take examinations at the end of their courses. Y11 dealt with this pressure brilliantly, their attendance, conduct and effort throughout the long exam season was exemplary and they set the standard for other year groups to follow.

Their final assembly was a lovely occasion where we shared collective memories and shared some collective memories and photographs.



# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME - A YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS



The DofE empowers young people to do the things they love to do or try something completely new, help their community, test their limits, enhance their skills, and grow their confidence. At MA, the DofE award is open to Year 10 students, who this year completed their bronze award at Castleton in the Peak District, camping under the stars, caving in the Speedwell Cavern and hiking 10K up Mam Tor.



## Our Music students realised their dreams

Our Year 10 Music students enjoyed taking part in a Young Artists Saturday Programme at the Royal Northern College of Music, aimed at aspiring artists and pop musicians from the North West.

The Young Artists Saturday Programme focused on children aged 11-18 from under-served communities.

The programme expanded on RNCM's work to develop world-class artists and creative practitioners who can help drive the music industry forward in a relevant and inclusive way.

This was a course with selected music students from Manchester Academy and other schools taking part in workshops with lecturers and undergraduate students on their Popular Music course.

The prestigious conservatoire for music offered 12 free places to our students on a course where our musicians wrote, performed, recorded and released their own music. Thanks for inspiring us!

Our Music Teacher Mr Kraweckyj was so proud of the comments we had about our students, their abilities and their attitude.

He said: "I am immensely proud of our students across all age groups, their commitment to studying at the weekend and their passion and excitement for such a unique opportunity. Their musical and ensemble improvement has been immense over the six weeks that they were on the pilot scheme, it has raised their game to an even higher level than before. "They have also been given an insight into a potential future pathway for their musical education that they never thought was an option before. They all want to go to the RNCM now!"



The students have all applied for the whole year scholarship after having so much fun and learning so much.

The Young Artists Saturday Programme is the latest beneficiary of Sony Music's Global Social Justice Fund.

"This is a hugely exciting new programme that will support and inspire the next generation of musicians, songwriters and producers in the region," said Professor Linda Merrick, Principal at Royal Northern College of Music.

# Sports Day—15th July 2022

Our epic Sports Day in July really was spectacular! Our PE Department pulled out all the stops with football darts, inflatables, zorbs AND a climbing wall, along with traditional sporting activities!

## MANCHESTER ACADEMY SPORTS DAY 2022



## Year 10 students take part in cooking taster day

Our Year 10 NCFE Food Technology students enjoyed a taster day at The Manchester College in May.

They watched a range of cooking demos and tried a variety of food samples. Max and Tempitope were chosen to do Chocolate Eclair decorating, which was judged by one of our former students Exose, who is now a successful chef who has appeared on 'MasterChef The Professionals' and 'Bake Off The Professionals'.

It was a brilliant day, thanks to everyone who took part and made it a huge success!



## Year 8 football team show resilience in tournament

Our Year 8 football team took part in the Manchester United Foundation's School's Tournament in Carrington in June. The players competed in a round robin group stage against their fellow best schools within Manchester.

Eight schools competed and all played one another in 10-minute matches.

Our team got off to a flying start with a 1-0 victory with a brilliant finish from Ayub Kahin.

In our last game against our local friends William Hulme's Grammar School, we found our best performance and battled to a 0-0 draw.

Despite only drawing, this was by far the best performance of the tournament and the boys were delighted to cancel out our neighbours from down the road.



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



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Blouses/Shirts	<i>White</i>	from £6.99		
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### Term Dates 2022-2023

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2022</b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2022	INSET DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	INSET DAY 2	Only Staff in School
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>First day of term</b>	<b>YEAR 7 ONLY</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>Back to school</b>	<b>ALL YEARS</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	Last Day of Term	All students still in school
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	INSET DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	PLANNING DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023</b>		<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>SPRING TERM 2023</b>		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>		<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM 2023</b>		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	INSET DAY 4	Only Staff in School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Last day of term	All students still in school
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	PLANNING DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last day of term for students	All students still in school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	INSET DAY 5	Only Staff in School
<b>School Holidays</b>		<b>School Closed to Students</b>
<b>Inset/Planning Days</b>		<b>School Closed to Students</b>

#### **Bank Holidays (School closed):**

Monday 2nd January 2023 – New Years Day Bank Holiday  
Friday 7th April 2023 – Good Friday Bank Holiday  
Monday 10th April 2023 – Easter Monday  
Monday 1st May 2023 – May Day Bank Holiday  
Monday 29th May 2023 - Spring Bank Holiday

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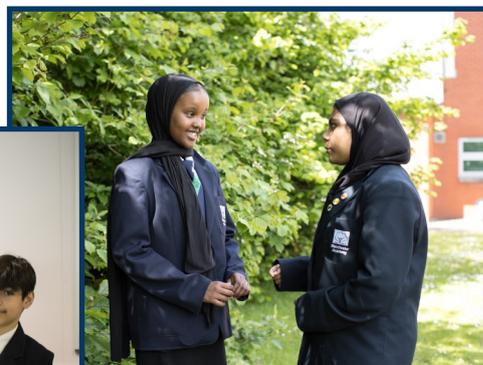
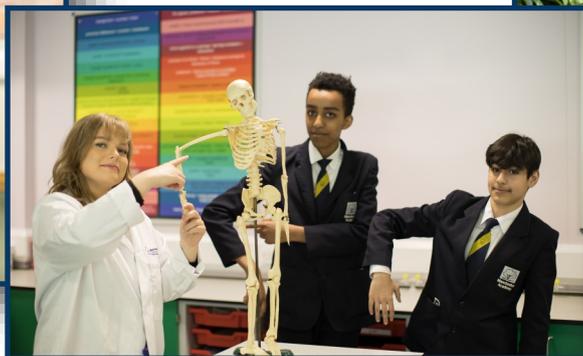
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