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**Autumn Term 2023**

# NEWSLETTER



**Congratulations to our Year 11s on achieving our BEST EVER GCSE results - read more on Page 3.**

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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Welcome from our Principal, Mr Eldon

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term at Manchester Academy was one of the most memorable in my time at the school – unfortunately this was not because of the weather which was often damp! In many ways the summer term is dominated by the GCSE examinations processes which now take place over two months. This year the GCSE grade boundaries returned to pre-COVID levels which made earning the grades even harder than before. I am so proud to report that we achieved our best ever results and the progress our students made will make Manchester Academy one of the top performing schools in the city.

There were so many opportunities for our students across the Academy – both in school and outside of school. Our summer Pastoral Pledge trips were a huge success – over 800 MA students visited a host of destinations across the north of England. I was privileged to go on the Year 10 trip and the students were immaculate – I was congratulated by the manager of the resort on the behaviour of Year 10.

For the first time, Sports Day was wet and yet, even in a heavy downpour, students competed with pride and their classmates roared them home. It was fantastic to see such determination and energy – despite the challenges of the weather. Our Duke of Edinburgh teams also braved the weather and completed their expeditions – an excellent addition to their college application forms. We opened our new toilet block – something the students have wanted for some time and over the summer our Fitness Gym was built, a fantastic, professional resource for Key Stage 4 students, who suggested the idea. We have improved numerous classrooms and continued to decorate and renovate across the Academy. To make Manchester magic, our students need a high quality, professional environment and I am so excited by the improvements we have made.

Finally, I travelled to London as we had been nominated for two national awards in the Education Business Awards final 2023. I was proud to attend to represent our school but didn't expect to win as we were up against some tough competition. It was amazing when they announced we had won the Leadership award and it was overwhelming to collect the trophy on behalf of all the students, staff and supporters of Manchester Academy. To have an award-winning school, in the heart of our community, is so important so we demonstrate the talent of our students and their families to the whole country.

We now have to do even better in the new academic year!

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# BEST EVER RESULTS

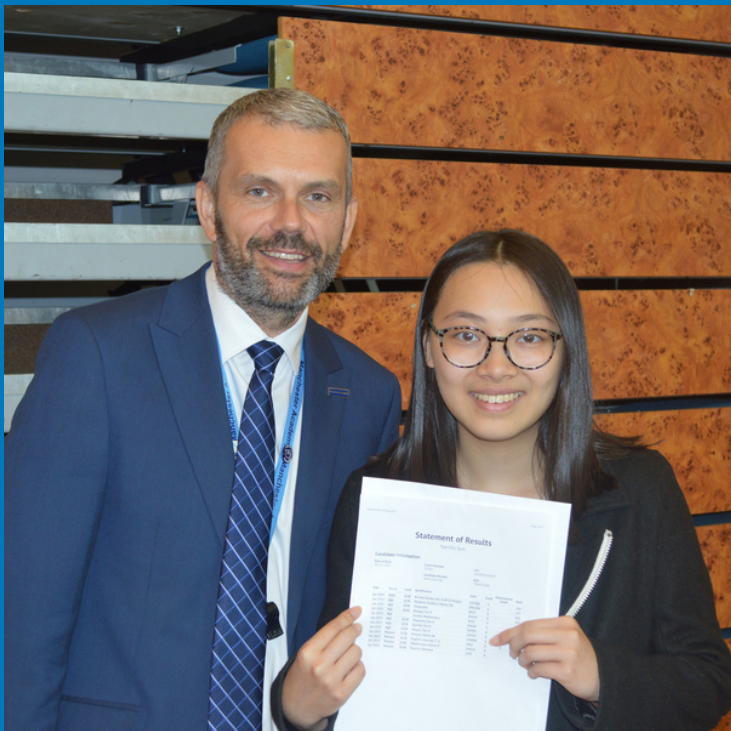
Students and staff were celebrating after receiving our best ever GCSE results in August.

These excellent results build on our school's 'Good' Ofsted report at the beginning of this academic year, and our national Education Business Award win (page 5). Some of the Academy's highest achievers, securing a host of the highest 8 and 9 grades, included:

- Hin Sum Yue (Hannah), who achieved eleven grade 9s and one grade 8, and is heading to Loreto College to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths at A Level;
- Ogooluwa Oni, who achieved eight grade 9s and two grade 8s;
- Iman Iman, who achieved seven grade 9s, one grade 8 and two grade 7s.

Mr Eldon, Principal of Manchester Academy, said:

"We are all incredibly proud of these strong GCSE results. Despite the challenges of COVID, our class of 2023 have made Manchester magic. 30% of the year group joined us after Year 7, 16% joined the Academy after Year 10 and many students learnt English during their school career with us. Yet the unity and hard work of the students has paid off."



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# AMAZING SPORTS DAY



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



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**SPORTS  
DAY 23**



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# NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS!

We were thrilled to receive the Secondary School Leader of the Year at the national Education Business Awards in London.

During a winner's speech at the ceremony, the audience was told Mr Eldon has a track record in transforming the chances of many young learners. His leadership skills have brought numerous benefits to the local community, while his ambition has helped to develop pride and confidence in staff and pupils under his wing for the past 15 years.

Mr Eldon was very proud to win the Leadership Award at the event on June 14th.

"This was a lovely recognition of everyone's hard work and puts us on the national map, demonstrating the talent within our community.

"This is for all our students, staff, families and everyone in Moss Side. Making Manchester Magic, every day!" he said.

Manchester Academy was also nominated for the Outstanding Progress Award - Secondary School in the 2023 Education Business Awards.

The Education Business Awards have been recognising the achievements and hard work from schools to support their pupils, parents and staff since 1998.



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# CULTURE DAY & MACFEST



What an amazing day we had celebrating our wonderful culture and diversity at MACFEST on May 5th. Students and staff looked incredible in their traditional dress and the event after school was fantastic. We hope everyone enjoyed it and had lots of fun.



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# SUMMER SCHOOL



Our new Year 7 students had an amazing week at Summer School in August, which finished with a graduation ceremony. They went out on fantastic co-curricular trips to Manchester's Science and Industry Museum and Chester Zoo as well as activities in school including Maths, Dance, Cooking and Sport.

Looks like everyone had a brilliant week - we're glad to welcome you to Manchester Academy!

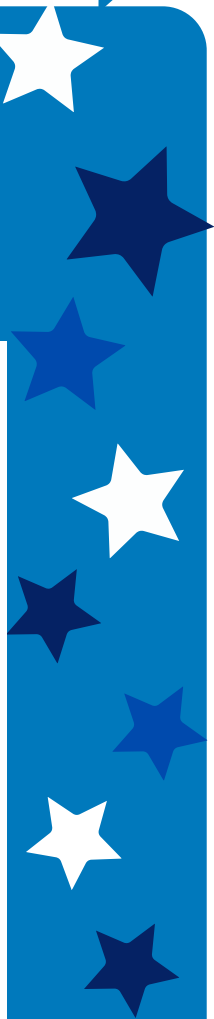
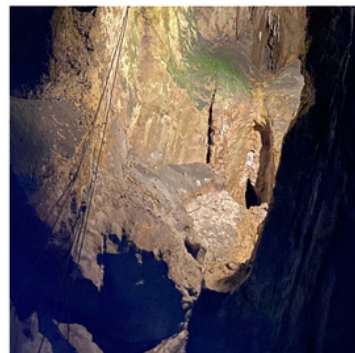


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# DUKE OF EDINBURGH



Our Year 10 students had a brilliant time on their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition to Castleton in the beautiful Peak District. They navigated and completed a 10km hike, taking in the panoramic views from the top of Mam Torr. They also went 200m underground to see Speedwell Cavern and learnt about how the old mine worked. Students were fantastic and showed great teamwork and leadership - key skills expected for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Excellent effort!



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# PASTORAL AWARD FINALISTS

Congratulations to our Family Liaison Officer Mr Adam who has been shortlisted as a finalist in the 2023 National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education, organised by NAPCE.

He has been nominated for his outstanding contribution to pastoral care at Manchester Academy.

Mr Adam is Manchester Academy's School Family Liaison Officer and provides a direct link between Parents/Carers whose first language is not English. He speaks fluent Somali and Arabic and is available in school on a daily basis to bridge that gap in communication.

There are more than 80% EAL students in school at Manchester Academy, and approximately 70 languages are spoken. The most prominent languages spoken are Somali, Arabic and Urdu.

During the period of the two national lockdowns, Mohammed Adam's work across our local community was of huge importance in terms of supporting families with food parcels, contact with other agencies and supporting the wider Safeguarding effort to ensure that students working remotely were engaging and remaining safe online.

Mr Adam has been invited to the presentation event on Friday 29th September at Worcestershire County Cricket Ground in Worcester, when the winners in each category will be announced and the prizes and certificates will be presented.

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Pastoral Care in Education



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# CAREERS WEEK



Our Careers Week 2023 created a huge buzz around school in July and was a huge success. All students in Years 8-10 took part in a minimum of one event over the course of the week, with many students in Years 9 and 10 opting to engage with a full range of employers, post-16 education establishments and training providers. We also hosted a Careers Fayre, which was visited by all students in Years 8-10. Vice Principal and Careers Lead Mr Horrigan said feedback on the week from students and staff was overwhelmingly positive and they should all be proud of their involvement.



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# ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Manchester Academy is proud to offer a diverse and varied programme of extra-curricular activities. School and learning opportunities do not stop at 3pm and we encourage all our students to engage with our enrichment activities. Some of these activities will enable students to extend their curriculum learning, whilst other clubs and activities will enable students to experience things for the first time, which always creates excitement and intrigue.

Enrichment activities provide so many opportunities for students to access this Education with Character and that is why we offer such a comprehensive programme, with clubs running every night after school and at some lunch times.



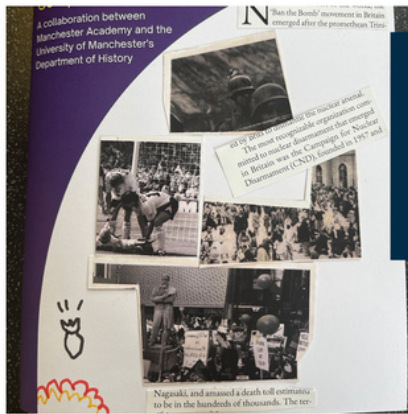
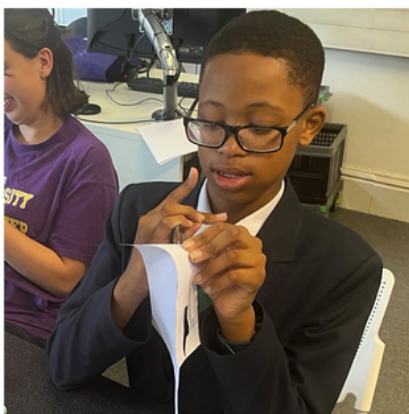
Some of our most popular enrichment activities include...

- Drone Club
- Football
- DJ and Radio
- Robotics
- Gardening
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Cricket
- Spanish
- Coding
- Rock Band
- Playstation 5
- Frisbee Frenzy

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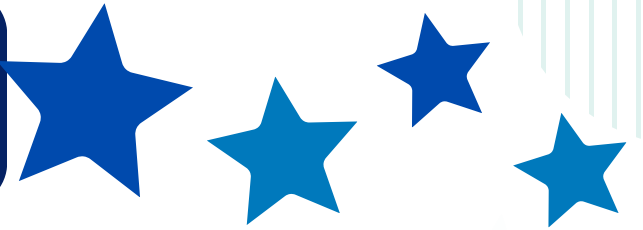
# HISTORY COMPETITION

Our History students took part in a competition at The University of Manchester where they submitted essays about Manchester and its link to the rest of the world. They were invited to the University for a graduation/celebration event where students received amazing prizes and certificates. Congratulations to the winners Dawd, Hassan and Mirqaat, excellent work!



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# TRANSITION DAY PHOTO COMPETITION



Our new Year 7s had an excellent time at our Transition Day on July 6th, where they took part in different lessons and made new friends - let us know if you spot your child in any of the photos below for the chance to win a prize! Email us at: [marketing@manchester-academy.org](mailto:marketing@manchester-academy.org)



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# TERM DATES 2023-24



AUTUMN TERM		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	INSET DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	First day of term	YEAR 7 ONLY
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Back to school	ALL YEARS IN SCHOOL
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Last Day of Term	All students still in school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023		Half-Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	INSET DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	PLANNING DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December to Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024		Christmas Holidays
SPRING TERM		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	INSET DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024		Half-Term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	School re-opens	All students back in school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Last day of term	All students still in school
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024		Half-Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of term for students	All students still in school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	PLANNING DAY 3	No students in school
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	INSET DAY 4 (disaggregated)	No students in school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	INSET DAY 5 (disaggregated)	No students in school

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

#### Academic Year 2023/24 Bank Holidays (School closed):

Christmas Day - 25/12/2023  
 Boxing Day - 26/12/2023  
 New Year's Day - 01/01/2024  
 Good Friday - 29/03/2024  
 Easter Monday - 01/04/2024  
 May Day - 06/05/2024  
 Spring Holiday - 27/05/2024

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# OPEN EVENING



**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**4:00PM - 7:00PM**

Last entry at 6:30PM

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