

NEWSLETTER 24, 17TH MARCH 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

YEAR 9S GET THE RIGHT ADVICE BEFORE CHOOSING THEIR OPTIONS



The week beginning Monday 8th March saw all Year 9 students have a careers interview ahead of what for most will be their first big decision in their life: Year 9 options. Any transition can bring out a range of emotions including apprehension, excitement and panic, so we focused on ensuring the Year 9s get all the help and support they need to make the process as smooth as possible.

Discussions focused around students' 'dream jobs' and what they need to do to realise this aspiration, along with thinking about a back-up option. The importance of taking part in extra-curricular activities and developing 'soft skills' to improve employability and success in the college admissions process was flagged up, as was the need for good attendance, punctuality and behaviour.

The interviews ended with the development of a 10-year plan, mapping out the Year 9s' transition from school, through college, apprenticeship and university into employment. Student feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with Year 9s commenting on how useful they found the interviews.

MANCHESTER SCHOOLS CATERING COMPETITION

This week GCSE Hospitality students entered the Manchester Schools Catering Competition. It was very similar to the much-loved 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' programme – the students were given a box of ingredients and had to turn them into a tasty dish, savoury or sweet. After taking a few moments to look over the box and settle their nerves, the students set to work and created a leek dish, plus stuffed chicken wrapped in Parma ham, lovingly enrobed with a delicious mushroom sauce.

The judges enjoyed all the dishes they were offered on the day, but we are delighted to announce that they liked Manchester Academy's the best and awarded our students First Prize - £100 for the school and £25 for each member of the team.

The whole day was a fantastic experience. Well done to chefs Iman Achaiba, Daud Butt, Josh Hitchman and Mwamba Lesa, who are all in Year 10. Just imagine what they'll be able to do when they've finished the course!



GCSE AND A LEVEL SUPPORT



Does your child need help with their Maths, English or Science GCSE homework? Do you have an older child who would like advice on university applications? Manchester University students are offering free support for GCSE and A Level students from 4.30-6.30 p.m. on Wednesdays, term-time only. If your child is interested, e-mail longsightss@gmail.com for more details.

YEAR 9 FITNESS COMPETITION – DOUBLE FIRST!

On Wednesday 15th March, teams of students from Manchester schools tried to get as far around the M60 Outer Ring Road as possible in 15 minutes, using a treadmill, rowing machine and exercise bike.

Manchester Academy had two entries, a boys' team and a girls' team. The boys travelled 16 kilometres, while the girls achieved 13.5 kilometres – and both teams won!

Each team won £100 to share between themselves and another £100 for the school.

Well done to both teams:

Girls

Hanan Abdi Omer
Chelsea Brooks
Amani Foster
Saba Jama

Boys

Jahid Hussain
Hilal Khan
Mustafa Nadjafi
Ranico West



YEAR 11 GCSE GEOGRAPHY BREAKFAST CLUB

From Wednesday 22nd March, Year 11 GCSE Geographers are welcome to come into school at 8.15 a.m. and have breakfast in B23 while going over case studies. This will also be a good opportunity for them to share their knowledge and revision tips in a friendly and informal setting.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Every week the different subject departments select a student who has done exceptionally well and nominate them for Stars of the Week. Each student receives ten merits and on Friday, is invited to breakfast with the Principal.

Name	Reg	Subject	Comment
Ikram El Ouargui	7MLE	Art	For her effort in lessons and for producing an outstanding Hundertwasser clay tile.
Thiflan Alfarizy	7CSE	Computing	For producing an excellent webpage in HTML.
Asim Elkelani	7EFA	CV	Excellent answers and good understanding shown
Nelly Okoro	7CBE		Improved behaviour and excellent verbal answers during CV lessons on morality.
Dillon Carroll	8LBU		Excellent verbal contribution and use of high level key words.
Kashan Syed	9GBE	Drama	For star of the week for energetic and creative use of physical theatre in his performance.
Selihom Getachew Tsegay	7KDO	English	For their improved efforts in English and willingness to persevere through challenges
Mohamud Mohamed	7MLE		

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Yannick Mulugeta Tesfu	9CRS	English	For his focused effort in English, ensuring he has completed all tasks thoroughly and with thought and also stretching himself where possible
Mary Coker	8SAE	Geography	Fantastic behaviour. A big improvement in her approach to Geography. Great answers during class discussion.
Faraj Doghaim	11BLI	History	Constant great effort and fantastic coursework.
Rashid Nurein	11PNI		He has improved so much in the past few weeks in terms of behaviour and effort in lesson. It has been a joy to teach him recently.
Sumaya Mohammed	7LTY	Maths	For completing outstanding book reviews of the Maths books in the Library. They are conscientious students and always help other students in the Able and Talented Club after school on Wednesdays
Faisal Ali	8MGA		
Daniel Ramirez Castano	8NAY	Music	For his hard work in class and for helping to teach other students around him.
Hadia Javed	7KDO	Technology	For consistently working hard
Tyrese Thompson	8JMO	Textiles	Achieving 100% in their end of term Textiles test.
Adlan Anazim	8LBU		
Mohammed Sheikhnur	7KDO	Transition	He has set a fantastic example to others, being kind and helpful. He gets on with his work in lessons and asks questions when he needs help.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 31st March Last day of term. Students return to school at 8.30 a.m. on **Wednesday 19th April**.
This will be **Blue Week** on the timetable.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Griffin,
Principal