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## MINUTE'S SILENCE

Sadly, we once again joined the nation in a minute's silence on Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the terrible fire at Grenfell Tower in London.

### SCHOOL CLOSED: MONDAY 26TH JUNE

On Monday 26th June school is closed for all students for a Staff Training Day for Eid.

We would like to wish all our Muslim staff, students, friends and their families Eid Mubarak.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to our Teach First Year 1 teachers Mr Turner and Ms Evans. They have not only successfully completed their first year in teaching, they have been recommended for Qualified Teacher Status with Outstanding!

We are very proud of them and the teaching profession is lucky to have them.

## LUNCHTIME SPORTS CLUBS

Now that we have returned to a single, longer lunchtime, the PE Department has lost no time in setting up lunchtime sports clubs:

Monday	Sports Hall	Hockey
Tuesday	Sports Hall	Volleyball
Wednesday	Sports Hall	Basketball
	Gym	Trampolining
Thursday	Sports Hall	Tennis
Friday	Sports Hall	Cricket

## END OF YEAR TRIPS

In the last week of term, students who meet the criteria will be invited to go on a trip to Blackpool. To qualify, students must have:

- 95% attendance or better;
- Less than 4% lates;
- No Fixed Term Exclusions; and
- No more than five referrals to Internal Exclusion

Students who do not meet these conditions still have one last chance to go: each Form Tutor can nominate one member of their form who has made a considerable improvement in attainment or effort in lessons and around school. Those who are given this second chance must have no IE referrals or exclusions between now and the date of the trips:

Monday 17th July Years 9 and 10  
 Tuesday 18th July Years 7 and 8

Full details of the trips will be sent out nearer the

## Y11 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Although the GCSE exams continued until this week, 13<sup>th</sup> June was the last day in school for Year 11 before they went on Study Leave, and we celebrated their achievements in a Leavers' Assembly. We wish them all the best in the future and look forward to seeing them again on 24<sup>th</sup> August, when they receive what we hope will be the exam results they deserve.



## SPORTS NEWS

Athletics and cricket have been dominating the extra-curricular activities in PE in recent weeks.

In Cricket, Years 7-10 have benefitted from the recent good weather, enjoying regular fixtures and getting better game by game, particularly in the younger age groups.

However it is the Year 10 Team who have had the most success, reaching the Manchester Schools' Cricket Semi-Finals on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, when they were narrowly beaten by Burnage Academy. Having batted first, we set them a total of 113 to chase, which they did with two overs to spare. Well done, Burnage – we'll beat you next year!



In Athletics the highlight has been a recent United Learning event held at Sport City, where Year 7 and 8 pupils from Accrington, Manchester and Stockport Academies competed against each other.

In a very close contest we finished runners up behind Accrington Academy. However, as a result of their performance the following students have been selected to attend an Athletics Gifted and Talented Training Camp at Sport City:

Baye Mbengue, Mohammed Cole, Rafferty Fletcher, Oluwashun Obisesan, Hugo Portulez Vemba, Hemedan Rostam, Kirsty Taylor, Olubukolami Tijani, Kiara Thomas and Davies Yeboah.

## SPORTS NEWS (CONTINUED)

Our Year 9 softball team are looking very strong - they recently beat Cheadle Hulme High School 24-0 in their first game of the season! They are looking forward to challenging for the Manchester title during the KS3 Softball Tournament hosted by Parrs Wood High School.

## NEWS FROM MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION

Gemma Taylor and Mustafa Nadjafi were selected to represent Manchester Academy at the annual Foundation Pitch Day. This day brings students from all Foundation schools for an end of season celebration where they have the honour of playing a full game on the Old Trafford pitch.

Following the interview and selection process, Hiral Khan was chosen to represent the school as one of the 2017/18 season ball assistants. This means he will be on the side of the pitch for every Manchester United first team game, potentially passing the ball to some of the world's best players.

## SCHOOLBOY CHAMPION!

Last week we reported that Ali Aldhufairi in year 7 is set to box for England, after taking the title of British School Boy Champion.

Ali, who is in Year 7 is a member of the Longsight Boxing Club.

Here he is in all the glory of his golden gloves!



## EMPLOYABILITY NEWS

### MA Leavers Return for Business Leadership Talk

A group of this year's Year 11 leavers returned to Manchester Academy this week to get an insight into a unique programme aimed at getting young people into accountancy. The ten former students, each of whom has an interest in working in the finance sector, attended a presentation by James Hinton of Leadership Through Sport & Business (LTSB).



LTSB's aim is to enhance the social mobility of young people who don't benefit from having family connections to Blue Chip Companies. James explained the difference between a job and a career, stressing the importance of pursuing a career which links to personal interests, is aspirational and motivates.

LTSB focuses on accountancy careers due to their rewarding nature and the profession's need to increase diversity. The programme also links with Manchester City Football Club, as many of the skills developed in sport such as leadership, communication and teamwork are highly relevant in accountancy.

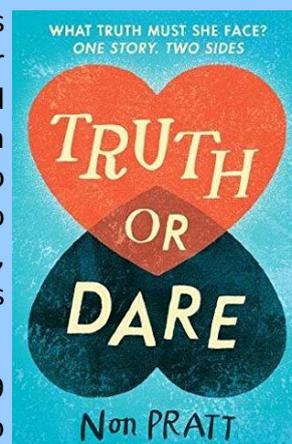
LTSB's programme kicks off with a five month unpaid pre-apprenticeship followed by a 15 month paid Apprenticeship with world class companies. The pre-apprenticeship covers the basics of accountancy, teaches employability skills and offers enrichment.

The 15 month paid apprenticeship is in partnership with top employers such as BKL, Bayerische Landesbank, Carpetright, Close Brothers, Colgate Palmolive, Deloitte, EY, Grant Thornton, Johnson Matthey, Macquarie Group, NEX Plc, Redington, Rolls Royce, RSM, The Co-operative Bank, Zenith Bank and many others including ongoing personal and professional development by LTSB.

Overall, the initiative offers an innovative route into what is considered by many to be one of the most prestigious careers.

## VISIT BY FAMOUS AUTHOR, NON PRATT

Which is braver—telling the truth or taking part in a dare? Author Non Pratt put MA students to the test when she visited us to discuss her new book. Called 'Truth or Dare', the book is a powerful and moving novel about braver from the Guardian's 'Writer to Watch', telling the story of two people and asking the question, how far is too far when it comes to the people you love?



During the visit, Year 8 and 9 pupils met with the author to explore the issues raised in the book and in particular, which is more brave—telling the truth or committing to enact a dare. The students put their theories to the test, taking part in their own 'truth or dare' game, with activities ranging from



pretending to be a horse to singing happy birthday whilst balancing books on their head! Finally, after listening to an extract from Non's book, those taking part went away with a signed copy of the book and the inspiration to write their own material. Principal Andy Griffin commented on the visit:

*"Our students had a fantastic time, which was reflected in the enthusiastic comments made to Non during the workshop session. A massive 'well done' to our Year 8 and 9 students for being such fantastic role models and to Non for taking the time to visit the Academy."*



Non Pratt is the author of the acclaimed books 'Trouble' and 'Remix'. After graduating from Trinity College Cambridge, she became a book editor at Usborne, working on the bestselling 'Sticker Dolly Dressing' and 'Things to Make and Do' series.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Name	Form	Subject	Comment
Hugo Portulez Vemba	7CBA	Art	For working really hard, not getting distracted, coming up with original ideas and asking great questions.
Jaden Ruddock	9EMA	Drama	For a clear character in assessment—Jaden has clearly worked hard during rehearsal to create this character. Well done!
Jack Hutton	7DJO	Food Technology	Excellent work and consistently working hard all term. Well done!
Harvey Yates	7RTI		Excellent work and consistently working hard all term. Well done!
Victor Bakare	7CSE	History	Absolutely fantastic performance in both History lessons this week—well done, Victor!
Mohamed Al Edil	9LMC	History	Excellent effort and great performance in History—great attitude to learning.
Balazs Nagy	8NAY	Music	Balazs takes part in extra-curricular lessons and comes each lunchtime to practice his guitar skills ready for his next lesson. He always asks questions to help him further develop his skills.
Nelly Okoro	7CBE	Music	Nelly has made big changes in Music. He has worked hard on his singing and keyboard skills, whilst at the same time he has helped to lead in his recent group work.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 29th June                      Year 11 Prom at the Sheridan Suite, Oldham Road, Newton Heath

Thursday & Friday 6th & 7th July: Induction Days for Year 6 students starting at Manchester Academy in September.

Wednesday 12th July                      Year 7 Progress Evening

Yours sincerely,



Mr Griffin, Principal