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Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is strange to approach the end of term without the usual celebrations and end of year events. We have enjoyed having Y10 with us over this half-term and the attendance to the online lessons Manchester Academy has offered has continued to be strong. Thank you for all the support you have offered us during the lockdown and this week we received feedback that our online offer, in place since Easter, is one of the most accomplished in our Trust.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to Manchester Academy in September and we will be working hard to make sure that students get back into a successful routine from the start. School will be different, we will have staggered starts, staggered breaks and lunches where year groups are separated and there will be a strict one-way system around the Academy to ensure safe movement. Students will have more double lessons to reduce movement and will need to leave the Academy via different exits. All these measures are in place to ensure students and staff are safe.

Online Lessons:

There will be no online lessons next week, 13th -15th July as staff are in the Academy preparing and training for the return to school in September. I want to thank all our amazing staff who have delivered over 800 hours of online lessons since lockdown and all our students who have made such good progress by logging in every day. Next year, we will continue to use Microsoft Teams and other online apps to support progress and help students get back on track. We have a large number of Chromebooks arriving over the summer to ensure all our students get to learn online.

Return to School Dates and Times:

- **Year 7** will begin at Manchester Academy on Thursday 3rd September at 8.30am. You should enter the Academy through the rear car park, off Denmark Road. You will have a full day on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September.
- **Year 8** will return to Manchester Academy on Thursday 3rd September at 11.15am. You should enter the Academy through the usual Academy gate by the park. You will be in school for the rest of the day and on Friday 4th September should arrive at 8.30am and

use the usual Academy gate. You will line up on the yard before being sent to your lesson. Week beginning 7th September is a normal full week – see the timetable below for details of how the day works.

- **Year 9** will return to Manchester Academy on Friday 4th September at 8.30am. You should enter the Academy through the canteen entrance. From here you will be directed to your room and you will be in school for the rest of the day. Week beginning 7th September is a normal full week – see the timetable below for details of how the day works.
- **Year 10** will return to Manchester Academy on Friday 4th September at 11.15am. You should enter the Academy through the canteen entrance. From here you will be directed to your room and you will be in school for the rest of the day. Week beginning 7th September is a normal full week. Y10 will need to be in school for 8.45am each day, entering through the Academy canteen – see the timetable below for details of how the day works.
- **Year 11** will return to Manchester Academy on Monday 7th September and should enter through the normal Academy gate by the park at 8.45am. From here you will be directed to your room and you will be in school for the rest of the day. Week beginning 7th September is a normal full week. Y11 will need to be in school for 8.45am each day entering through the normal Academy gate – see the timetable below for details of how the day works.

Manchester Academy Timetable – Autumn Term 2020

We have made changes to the Academy day to ensure that students do not mix with other year groups to reduce any transmission between groups and to allow us to track any infections. Please see the timetable below for the revised Academy day.

Manchester Academy Autumn Term	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Registration	Arrive at 8.30. Entry through rear car park. Register in Sports Hall released to P.1 8.40	Arrive at 8.30. Entry to Academy Yard, Line up – move to register in period 1, 8.35	Entry through canteen 8.30 move directly to P.1 classroom for register /lesson	Entry through canteen 8.45 to be in Period 1 classroom at 8.50	Entry through Academy yard 8.45 to be in Period 1 classroom at 8.50
Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1 – register also operates as AM register	Period 1 – register also operates as AM register
Period 2/Break	Break (9.50-10.10) Sports Hall or Field	Break (9.50-10.10) Astro	Break (9.50-10.10) Yard	Period 2 – 9.50-10.50	Period 2 – 9.50-10.50
	Period 2 - 10.10-11.10	Period 2 - 10.10-11.10	Period 2 - 10.10-11.10	Break - 10.50 – 11.10 (Yard)	Break – 10.50 – 11.10 (Astro)



Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
Period 4/Lunch	Lunch 12.10 – 12.40 Sports Hall or Field	Lunch 12.10 – 12.40 Astro	Lunch 12.10 – 12.40 Yard	Period 4 12.10-1.10	Period 4 12.10-1.10
	Period 4 12.40-1.40	Period 4 12.40-1.40	Period 4 12.40-1.40	Lunch 1.10-1.40 Yard	Lunch 1.10-1,40 Astro
Period 5	Period 5 1.40 – 2.30	Period 5 1.40 – 2.35	Period 5 1.40 – 2.40	Period 5 1.40 – 2.40	Period 5 1.40-2.40
Dismissal/Period 6	Dismissal at 2.30 through rear car park Teacher escorts class out	Dismissal at 2.35 through yard exit Teacher escorts class out	Dismissal at 2.40 through canteen exit Teacher escorts class out	Dismissal at 2.45 through yard exit	Period 6 Movement to P.6 at 2.45

Drop off and pick up

Parents and carers will not be able to come onto the Academy site to drop off or pick up students at the beginning or end of the Academy day. Year 7 will be using the rear entrance to the Academy, off Denmark Road, and this should allow more space for drop off/pick up. Students should be safely dropped off away from the entrance of the Academy without cars blocking the busy Moss Lane East entrances.

Visitors to School

As part of the Risk Assessment for school re-opening we have to restrict any additional access to the school site, therefore if any parent wants to meet with staff to discuss any concerns this can be by appointment only. Please do not simply turn up at reception but please do phone or email the relevant member of staff or Director of Culture and Character to arrange this if needed.

Coming into reception

This is not possible and our staff will not be able to accept things brought into school during the day so please ensure that students have everything they need for the day organised before they leave home.

Hygiene Measures

All students must regularly wash their hands and use hand sanitiser each lesson when moving from one location to another. There are numerous hand sanitiser stations throughout the Academy and in classrooms.



It is essential that students wash their hands thoroughly after visiting the toilet – we will have members of our cleaning team checking/cleaning the toilets at all times throughout the day.

Students may be asked to wipe down key equipment such as keyboards prior to starting the lesson.

School Uniform

All Manchester Academy students should return to school wearing full uniform and be smart and ready to learn. Black trousers/skirt, white shirt and navy blazer should be worn. The old royal blue sweatshirt is no longer acceptable, and some unauthorised stockists have been selling them. Students must return in black school shoes not trainers. Our uniform is available through our shop, M.C.S. Stores in Didsbury.

Mobile Phones

Our policy on mobile phones has not changed – phones should be switched off and away during the Academy day or they will be confiscated. If students hand the phone over without protest, it will be returned at the end of the Academy day. If a student is defiant, the phone will need to be collected by a parent or carer.

School Equipment

Students cannot share equipment – such as pens and pencils and will not be able to borrow equipment as we do not want items to be contaminated. It is vital that students arrive in September with their own pencil case, with pens, pencils, rubber and ruler so that they are ready to learn and do not rely on borrowing equipment from school or a friend.

Behaviour expectations

We recognise that students will have to adapt to these new systems and we will encourage them to remember our expectations of ATL 1 learners – reminding them of the routines on a daily basis. We know this will take some getting used to, but we do need everyone to follow these new rules/requirements and take the safety of all members of the Academy community seriously.

Where students routinely fail to act in a sensible manner, therefore putting the safety of others at risk, we will contact parents to discuss these concerns. We are confident that we can trust our students to behave responsibly and in a mature manner.

Important Information about Parental Communication

We are sending school communication via our new school app Weduc, can you please ensure you download the App so you can be kept up to date with all important information. We will send your enrolment codes via email or SMS. Please can you follow the instructions to download Weduc. There is more information about it on our website:

<https://www.manchester-academy.org/parents/weduc-parent-app>

I wish all our families a safe and restful summer. Manchester Academy's ambition to be one of the best schools in the country can only happen with your support.



We will keep making Manchester magic for all our students,

Best wishes,



Mr J Eldon, Principal

Year 7

It is bittersweet for me to be writing my newsletter contribution this week as I know that it will be the last one in a while due to us breaking up for the summer holidays. This has undeniably been a strange year for students, and I am 100% sure this is not what any of us imagined their first year of high school would be like.

It has been an equally strange time for me as, not long after taking on Head of Year 7, we went into lockdown and so I have had to adapt to the role during very strange times and get used to online communication. Despite these uncertain times I have absolutely loved my time as Head of Year 7, and it has been a joy for me to see students thriving in the online world and I continue to be so proud of them.

Having said this, it is with pride that I announce our final Home-Learning Heroes for this school year are as follows:

- Kornal Kavacs
- Silza Shah
- Joshua Abraham
- Areen Rahim
- Mohamed Mashout

I am so excited to see students back in Year 8 and I know that summer will feel like a very long time for me and I will miss the daily contact with students. I have sent out some bits in this week's assembly regarding how students can best prepare for Year 8 over the summer through simple activities to keep their brains active. I have also included some 'boredom busters' as I know some of our children will find this amount of time tedious. Please encourage them to engage with these activities over the summer period.

I am aware many of our families will have had vacations cancelled this summer and will be staying in Manchester or England. I hope that those who are travelling have a safe journey and enjoy their vacation and time away, despite the guidelines that I imagine will be in place all over the world.

As we approach summer, losing contact with students is always something which makes me feel slightly anxious. This year due to students' increased engagement with technology due to the online lessons I do have a slight worry about their social media usage. I am aware that more time on their



devices for lessons may mean more time using social media, and therefore I ask all parents to be aware of their children's social media use and support us in ensuring social media is used safely by all students. If you need any support or guidance with this, please get in touch.

Finally, I would like to thank the parents and carers of our students for their ongoing support throughout this period and particularly during difficult moments such as Ramadan where students wanted to sleep more. I am also incredibly grateful to our Year 7 team, the form tutors, behaviour leaders and Mrs McMullen for their continued hard work with Year 7 throughout the year. Mr Ahmed and Mr Nnadede have worked so hard calling homes and checking in with families and I know this work has been appreciated.

Remember that we are still here, and I am contactable via email all summer should you need anything at all. I wish you and your lovely families a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer and I cannot wait to see you all in September.

Best wishes as always,

Miss Tregelles.

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Year 8

Dear Y8,

It is hard to believe that the students haven't been in school since 23rd March and it is 17 weeks since we were last in school, whilst this week marks the 13th and final week of online learning. It has been an uncertain and strange time for you individually and as a year group. We have had to get used to isolating in our homes, not having regular face to face contact with each other and developing the independence to work online. Individually and as a year group you have stepped up to the challenge and worked your way through this trying time, I am particularly proud that:

- Week after week more and more students have been learning online, in the last of the two weeks most have you been regularly logging in.
- Over 30 of you have been "Home Learning Heroes" and received shopping vouchers, well done.
- Participation in the Manchester Magic challenges has been great, we have had some wonderful entries, particularly in the first ever Virtual Sports Week.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians who have supported our students with our online presence, to ensure our students get the knowledge they deserve over the lockdown period.



Our final winners of “Home Learning Heroes Awards” are:

Student	Reason
Catherine Lucas	Excellent work in ICT
Omar Eltoukhy	
Thuraya Al Hadhrami	
Peter Fowowe	Super Engagement in online learning- Science, Maths and English
Muna Ahmed	

Y8 Ready!

This week also marks our last week in Y8, next year you will step up to Y9, the year where your studying will really step up and you will choose your GCSE options. It is vital that you come back determined to succeed and show the qualities of an ATL1 Learner. In this week’s assembly I have provided students with tips and tricks on how to be ready for this challenge in a Summer 6 challenge:

1. Keep on top of your reading! Try the summer 6 challenge and read 6 books this summer.
2. Keep your mind busy and active. Do some mental maths, spelling or an online research project!
3. Prepare! Have you got your pencil case and equipment ready? Does your uniform still fit you?
4. Keep active! Get outside or do some mini home workouts to keep you healthy during the summer.
5. Rest and recuperate! Rest up, take time for yourself so you are refreshed in September.
6. Help out! Help at home with the dishes or cleaning.

Take them on, have a go and come back Y9 ready, but that said even though it is important that our students maintain routine and structure I also urge our students to relax, as they deserve it.

Finally, I hope that all our students have an excellent summer holiday and that they get the time to unwind after what has been a challenging academic year. Again, thank you to all our parents, guardians and students for making Manchester Academy Magic.

Stay positive, stay motivated and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Boyle.



Year 9

Dear Y9,

This week marked the final week of online lessons and the end of our students being in Y9. It has been an uncertain, difficult and stressful time for all of us, but our year group stepped up to the challenge and worked their way through this trying time.

It is hard to believe that the students haven't been in school since 23rd March. At that point I was unsure how online lessons would work and how our students would react to the change. However, it is safe to say that our Y9 students reacted in the best way. We have seen students partake with online lessons spanning through all our subjects at Manchester Academy. Not only have our students partaken with online lessons but they have also excelled within their subjects. We have seen **Home Learning Heroes** nominations come in thick and fast on a weekly basis, students and families engaging with our Manchester Magic enrichment programme and partaking with Manchester Academy's first ever Virtual Sports Week.

Even though it has been a tough and trying time, our students have thrived and kept coming back each morning for more lessons. This has shown that many of our students are now ready to step up to the Y10 challenge that is upon them.

I would like to thank all parents and guardians who have supported our students with our online presence, to ensure that our students get the knowledge they deserve over the lockdown period. If you have any questions about your child's next steps – please don't hesitate to email me at ifan.thomas@manchester-academy.org.

Y10 Ready!

This week also marks the last week of virtual assemblies. In this week's assembly I have provided students with tips and tricks on how to achieve better results when it comes to their mini tests, big tests and GCSE exams.

Even though we now approach the six-week holiday, it is important that our students maintain routine and structure. I urge our students to relax, as they deserve it, but they have learned attributes that are key for their GCSEs and I want to ensure that those attributes are remembered and used in September.

It is a great feat to excel from Y9 to Y10 and I congratulate all our students for achieving this. Your final two years at Manchester Academy will be great – I promise.

Home Learning Heroes

Our Home Learning Heroes this week are –

Watcharapol Fasathidsoonthorn

Syed Ryme Zaidi



Tanzila Shaikh

Marzuq Janwar

Dine Rumi

Well done to you all for becoming our final **Home Learning Heroes** winners. Your prize will be posted to you over the coming week. You really are amazing!

Finally, I hope that all our students have an excellent summer holiday and that they get the time to unwind after what has been a challenging academic year. Again, thank you to all our parents, guardians and students for making Manchester Academy Magic.

Stay positive, stay motivated and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Thomas.

Year 10

We have finally reached the end of teaching for this academic year. Well done to all of your children who have worked so hard online and in school on their bubble days. I am so proud of them all.

In September we are planning for a full return and we are so excited! There will be some changes which Mr Eldon will be writing to you all regarding but a full return is the plan! Please keep your eye out for letters and emails from Mr Eldon which will provide further, detailed information.

In the first two weeks back we will be appointing children to the Manchester Academy Student Leadership Team. This will replace the prefect system we have in place currently and will be more streamlined and will engage the successful applicants more broadly across a number of school issues.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during these times and I wish you all love and very best wishes for a restful, peaceful summer.

See you all in September!

Mrs Henzell. 😊

Year 11

Mr Clarke says there is no information he needs to share with parents this week. There will be information in the coming weeks around GCSE results day, which will be communicated home to parents/carers.

