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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a wonderful week for Manchester Academy. The weather's been grim, but we are seeing small steps towards returning to normality. Shops are open, football is back, and most of all we have had Y10 back in school this week which has been brilliant. The students have been amazing and our COVID safe processes have worked really well. We expect even more Y10 students back next week.

National Schools Sports Week

Watch out for lots of sports stars, celebrities and members of staff competing in a range of activities next week for National Schools Sports Week – you can join in too and I am sure you will see some members of Manchester Academy staff performing in some amusing challenges. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to check out all the amazing people supporting Manchester Academy!

Thank you to all of you who sent me messages after I appeared on the BBC News on Monday. I was so proud to represent Manchester Academy and tell the whole country about our amazing school. We were chosen because of all the work done by staff and students during lockdown and I was proud to represent Manchester Magic.

NEW ONLINE TIMETABLE

Next week, we start the new online timetable with every student now getting three live, online lessons per day. This is 15 hours learning a week – so far every student should have accessed 80 hours of live teaching. If students are not logging in, they are missing out and will fall behind.

Lesson times are now 9.30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm and the timetable is below:



Monday	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
9.30	Geography	Maths	Science	Option A
11.30	English	Science	Geography	Option B
13.30	Maths	Technology	Drama/Music	English
Tuesday	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
9.30	English	Drama/Music	Art	Option C
11.30	Science	English	PE	Option D
13.30	History	PE	Maths	Maths
Wednesday	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
9.30	Maths	Science	Computing	Option C
11.30	PE	Computing	RE/PSHE	Option A
13.30	Science	MFL	English	Science
Thursday	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
9.30	Computing	Maths	Science	Option D
11.30	Drama/Music	RE/PSHE	History	Science
13.30	RE/PSHE	English	Technology	English
Friday	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
9.30	MFL	Geography	English	Option B
11.30	Art	History	Maths	Science
13.30	Technology	Art	MFL	Maths

We must keep pushing forward, learning and being ambitious so our students don't fall behind.

Have a great weekend, thanks so much for all your support.



Mr J Eldon, Principal

Year 7

This week, staff have been as busy as always establishing new routines with our Year 10 students who have taken returning to school and 'bubble learning' in their stride, we have also been carrying out and taking part in training sessions delivered by our fabulous Ms Latif to ensure all staff are



ready for the next phase of our remote learning journey! We will be launching our new timetable starting **Monday 22nd June** which will see a step up from our two lessons per day to three lessons per day all of which will be live. This is incredibly exciting, and we know from student feedback that students prefer this style of lesson so I cannot wait to see students engaging and thriving on the new challenge.

As we move into a three lesson per day timetable, I am aware that students will be online more than before and online safety is of the utmost importance to us. We have a team of teachers for each lesson to ensure chat is monitored whilst the lesson is being delivered. What we cannot monitor however, is what else students are accessing online from their home devices, so please ensure that students are continuing to use their devices safely outside of lessons. If you need any support with this, please do get in touch.

This morning I dropped into Ms Anwar's Year 7 live lesson to see how things were going and I was bursting with pride! Students were maintaining routines by using the 'hands up' option to share their answers or opinions and the answers they were giving were incredibly detailed – well done Year 7! This new way of working will no doubt take some getting used to but, as always, Year 7 are adapting incredibly well. As parents and carers, please do remember to check in with students and ask them how the lessons are going!

Some of the Home-Learning Heroes this week have been selected from this class! The Heroes this week are:

- Armaan Azad
- Willien Pereira
- Hasna Mukhtar Bashe
- Attiq Mahmood
- Vanessa Ahmed

Well done to these students who will all receive vouchers in the post.

Tomorrow, we launch sports week which Mrs Patel promises will be a sports extravaganza! Check out my assembly from Monday to remind yourself of the details. I will be sending you each a challenge on Teams every day for you to take part in. I really hope Year 7 can bag the win this year so please, please get involved! This is something for all the family and it would be even more brilliant to see parents and siblings also getting involved.

Finally, remember to check my assembly with your children every Monday as each week we have more and more exciting opportunities coming their way and I would not want them to miss out!

Thank you as always for your support,

Miss Tregelles.



Year 8

Dear Yr 8,

I hope you're ready as we go into our next phase of our remote learning journey! From Monday next week (June 22nd) you will receive three online lessons a day, at 9.30am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. Please make sure you attend the online lessons, it's very important to make good progress and keep in touch with your friends.

Our Home-Learning Heroes this week have been selected from the students who have either regularly attended online lessons or have improved their attendance:

Callum Blunt

Iman Ismail

Samuel Yeboah Clement

Muna Ahmed

Mehak Ilyas

The previous week we rewarded the following students for some fantastic English work:

Remas Alfifi

Maximilian Bergstrom

Ruqayya Bojang

Kalam Sadiq

We're looking forward to starting our Schools Virtual Sports Week which looks very exciting! I really hope Year 8 get very involved as it's going to be a really fun event! You can even ask your parents and siblings to join in, as there will be something for all the family!

Best wishes,

Mr Boyle.

Year 9

Dear Y9,

Once again, we see a rise within students' engagement online – thank you!

As we're creeping closer to the end of the academic year, students would usually find it harder to find the motivation to keep attending their online lessons. However, this isn't the case with our Y9



cohort as they're growing in numbers with attending online lessons and have clearly established good routines. It is imperative that the students maintain these traits and take their positive mindset into the next academic year.

Timetable & engagement

As of next week, the timetable will be changing and will be providing students with three online lessons a day instead of two. This will enable our students to further prepare for the movement into Y10. For those students that can't access online learning, I am currently making a spreadsheet of names to ensure work packs are sent to their homes. Please send me an email to ifan.thomas@manchester-academy.org if you would like work sent home. I will then make sure that work packs are sent to those students.

Y10 Ready!

Last week we started to discuss the cohort's movement into Y10 and what they can do to prepare for this change over the next few weeks. I provided them with three objectives, which were -

1. **Double check your options**
2. **Get in contact with your options teachers via email**
3. **Research your subjects**

Included in this week's assembly are topics that I would like our cohort to start thinking about. I have provided the students with websites that provide them with GCSE sample work. I would also like all our students to email their options teachers for more information about their specific subjects. I hope this will reduce anxiety when the year group are back in school and that it will provide our students with confidence when starting their final school years.

Home Learning Heroes

We have seen an abundance of nominations for our **Home Learning Heroes** over the last few weeks and it gives me great pleasure to announce this week's winners are –

Lujain Alotaibi

Alnd Almizori

Fatima Mohamed

Abdirahim Mohamoud

Sahend Almizori

Thank you very much to these students for showing pride in their school and their own learning. Students that want to be entered into the **Home Learning Heroes** prize draw need to attend every online lesson and engage with their teachers during their lessons.



Black Lives Matter

Within the assembly there is a weekly segment about Black Lives Matter. The PowerPoint slides that I have provided for the students show various celebrities that take a stand against racism and shows their respect towards the movement. I have also provided the students with information on how they can further educate themselves about the BLM movement safely online. I urge all our students to speak up against racism and for them to know that the staff at Manchester Academy are here for them and the community if they want to talk.

Stay positive, stay motivated and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Thomas.

Year 10

Good afternoon to you all! I hope you're keeping well?

We have loved seeing our year 10 pupils this week and we hope to see even more come through the doors next week! I've not been able to get into school for a few days due to a personal issue but I have heard wonderful things about the maturity and dedication of your children; I couldn't be more proud.

Please encourage your children to read their emails and see Mr Eldon's words from this morning where he talks about the increase to three online lessons from Monday. I will also be contacting your children over the weekend to give them some information about school leadership and college applications! Ms Patrick has also sent out an email regarding an online Open Evening for Trafford College: we strongly encourage your child's attendance at this fantastic event!

Keep up the great work with supporting your children and please contact me if there is anything at all you'd like to discuss. Whether this is from queries or concerns about returning to school, online lessons or anything at all that I can help with: Lyndsey.henzell@manchester-academy.org

With love and very best wishes, as always,

Mrs Henzell.



Year 11

The focus for our Year 11 students has been their next steps after Manchester Academy - in particular, information and guidance linked to apprenticeships and scholarships in construction and hospitality.

Students have been sent information and guidance about options for apprenticeships and scholarships from The Manchester College Architectural and Construction Department which offers pre-entry summer school. This is a valuable opportunity to get ahead over the summer prior to starting your course and gain real life experience.

Most colleges are offering interaction via Instagram in live Q&As and are updating their websites with current information. Make sure to keep up to date with websites and social media and follow any institution you are interested in for regular information.

This afternoon, there is a group session with a number of Y11 students to touch base and connect. This forum offers the opportunity to get together, discuss any issues and provide support or help with any problems.

Ms Patrick, KS4 Director of Climate and Behaviour, has been working hard to offer support and coordinate the college process to ensure that students are up to date with the relevant information. Several drop-in sessions with parents and students have taken place to offer guidance and support. If your child requires this service, please feel free to contact me or Ms Patrick.

Regarding college admissions, colleges and institutions have advised that due to the current working restrictions, admissions teams are working at a reduced capacity and therefore applications will take significantly longer to process. If your child is concerned about this process, then we advise that they contact the college directly for further updates and information.

The Manchester College – 0333 322 2444

Connell College - 0161 232 9200

Xaverian - 0161 224 1781

Loreto - 0161 226 5156

William Hulme's Grammar School - 0161 226 2054

Trafford College - 0161 886 7070

Stockport College - 0161 296 5000

As the Academy welcome back our year 10 students, remember we are still here for you and your child. If any parent or student needs help or support with anything at all, please feel free to contact me at: darren.clarke@manchester-academy.org



Stay safe,
Mr Clarke.

