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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday the Government announced some fantastic news – all students will return to Manchester Academy in September. There will be changes in place to make sure we are all safe, but we will be welcoming all students back and are so excited to plan for the next academic year in a more 'normal' way.

I will write to all families by the end of next week with the arrangements for the new year. We have loved seeing Y10 over the past month and getting all our students back into school, when it is safe to do so, has been our ambition. We are planning how to do this within the government's guidance, and I will write to you once we have worked through how the new academic year will operate.

Next week is the last week of online learning, there are no lessons on the 13th-15th July as all the staff will be in school, getting the Academy ready for September. It is vital that students log in to their three lessons a day next week as staff will share with you work that needs to be completed over the summer. Attendance has been brilliant, and we have just secured another, large order of Chromebooks to support Manchester Academy students getting online in the new academic year.

Even when we are all back in school, online learning will still be vital to make sure that students can complete assessments, catch-up and for revision at home. We have prioritised Y10 for laptops but will now be able to loan laptops to more KS3 students and will distribute these devices in September.

In September, when we return, students must be in full school uniform – including black business shoes, not trainers. We have seen from Y10 being back in school, that lots of students have grown during lockdown. Please make sure you get your child's uniform over the summer as at the end of August shops can become very busy. Last year there were some fake royal blue sweatshirts sold at a market – these sweatshirts are not Manchester Academy uniform and will not be permitted. All students should be wearing the Manchester Academy navy blazer and this is available from our uniform supplier, M.C.S. Stores.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook for updates and challenges in our Manchester Magic programme. We're now counting down to students coming back and getting back

to being the best school in the city. Please look out for more information on the return in September over the next week.

I want to thank all our parents for their loyal and patient support over the past months. From the moment schools were closed and we went viral across the world for our send-off for students, we have been so grateful and proud of the support we have received from our families.

Manchester Academy's online teaching and curriculum have been celebrated across the city and our wonderful staff have been delivering laptops and food to our families throughout lockdown. We still encounter some old descriptions of the Academy based on what happened many years ago, that is history – with your support our mission to become one of the best schools in the country is on track, despite the challenges of the past few months.

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>

Have a great weekend – keep safe and let's all make sure we don't have to go into a local lockdown. It is amazing to finally be able to say with confidence 'see you in September'.



Mr J Eldon, Principal

Year 7

Year 7 attendance is well and truly on the up and our students are flying in their online lessons! I feel so proud when I discuss my year group with colleagues and parents because they are considerate, kind and hardworking individuals! I spoke with one parent this week on the phone and she told me I sounded brighter and uplifted and that is definitely as a result of seeing our wonderful Year 7s seize every opportunity and be the best they can be!

Some moments this week which have made me smile have been seeing new students to both the school and online learning make a breakthrough in accessing Microsoft Teams and being able to engage with confidence online! We have had a new student join us at this uncertain time and I have been delighted to see other Year 7s welcome her with digital open arms and show her the MA way through their screens – we cannot wait to meet you in person as well as see all our older faces back in person.



I have continued to drop into lessons this week, and again I have been amazed by what I have seen! Students reading complicated texts with confidence in history, tackling maths problems I don't even understand and creating beautiful pieces of poetry. Not only am I proud of Year 7, I am inspired by each and every one of them for both their work ethic and their resilience! A big, big well done to those students who completed the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Junior Mathematical Challenge this week. I am sure you have done Maths, Year 7 and Manchester Academy proud and I look forward to hearing more about it.

With all of this said, choosing Home Learning Heroes this week was so difficult, but I have narrowed it down just about. The winners are:

Ali Omar – Fabulous reading in History!

Aishah Hussain – Excellent attendance across all subjects.

Qosie Ghanbur – Excellent attendance and contribution across all subjects.

Alhan Shaikh – Excellent attendance across subjects!

Jaiden McMichael – Excellent attendance, contribution and for always having impeccable 'online etiquette' and manners!

These students will all receive vouchers in the post!

We had the results from our Virtual Sports Week this week and although Year 7 just missed out on first place we had so much fun and I loved seeing everyone take part so thank you very much! We celebrate our own victories in the awards won by both Silza Shah and Muhammad Mazhar for their participation and I was honoured to win 'Most Inspirational Captain'!

As we approach our last week of online teaching next week, I feel slight sadness as I know I will miss daily interactions with all our students and families; however, I know our school will continue to support our families and community as best as possible throughout the summer period. If there is anything we can do to help please do get in contact with us and we will do all we can to make summer easier for you and your families. I will be on email all summer for any issues as well so please do not think we are abandoning you all for six weeks!

Finally, I say this so often but it truly is never enough: thank you for everything you do at home to support me and the school and I cannot wait to see all Year 7 (who will suddenly be Year 8?!) and their families return in September!

Best wishes as always,

Miss Tregelles.

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Year 8

Dear Y8,

Timetable & engagement

Excellent news, Year 8 engagement in online learning has increased again this week! Remember online lessons are delivered at 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:30pm each day, details are on the school website on how to join via the app "Microsoft Teams".

We have contacted by phone almost every home to check that you are well and to encourage online learning, where we have not managed to speak to you Mr Gemmell and the Key Stage 3 behaviour team will be in touch.

Well done all, it is great to see such an improvement, make sure you join in our lessons online if you have not already!

Home Learning Heroes

Our Home Learning Heroes this week are -

Iman Malouni	Exceptional engagement in online learning
Naseem Ali	
Abubakar Omar	
Alenzi Karrar	
Sadia Haroon	Super work in ICT

A huge congratulations to these students for achieving this feat. You're clearly working hard and it's great to see so many nominations coming into my inbox. Keep up the good work!

Sports Week

There is an old saying "It's the taking part that counts", well last week the Year 8 "Team South Africa" did not win our Virtual School Sports Week but we had many great performances. Those singled out as exceptional performers by the PE department will receive a voucher in the post, our Y8 winners are Haider Ali and Saadia Haroon, well done to you both, all the Y8 team are very proud of you.

Stay positive, stay motivated and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Boyle.



Year 9

Dear Y9,

Timetable & engagement

Our Y9 students are record breakers!

This week we have seen a big increase in online learning, especially within the English lessons. I am very proud to see that a good amount of our cohort is now raising their expectations before they embark into Y10. As I have mentioned before, routine and engagement are key. These are attributes that will prove vital to our students next year.

Sadly, we have had a small number of students being irresponsible during their online lessons. I would like to ask that all of our parents and guardians remind our pupils of the following statement please -

Students are expected to behave sensibly when using IT. If any student posts inappropriate messages on this channel, you will be reported to SLT and your parents will be contacted. This may mean you are removed from all subject Teams and your email account suspended – this would mean you will not take part in any future interactive lessons.

It is important to state that the students causing disruptions are few in numbers and that 95% of our students are thriving online. Well done!

Y10 Ready!

Within this week's assembly we discuss different researching techniques that our students will need for the next academic year. Students will soon realise that a large portion of course work for their GCSEs will require them to research topics themselves. Students are urged to learn different researching techniques through reading books, journals and online articles and are being taught how to differentiate between good researching and bad researching. Within this week's assembly is a mind-map of different researching techniques that will guide them for years to come. Techniques such as dissecting relevant information from journals, books and articles are present within the mind-map and I would urge students to read the information in detail. I have also included websites that might aid the students during their GCSEs. It's never too early to start.

Home Learning Heroes

Our Home Learning Heroes this week are -

Bamo Hussain

Ibrahim Butt

Salma Yasin

Yasir Hussain

Alnd Almizori



A huge congratulations to these students for achieving this feat. You're clearly working hard and it's great to see so many nominations coming into my inbox. Keep up the good work!

We also have **Manaal Aw-Abdi** and **Azhar Khan** who won a prize by participating in our Manchester Academy Virtual Sports Week. Thank you very much for your support.

Stay positive, stay motivated and stay safe.

Regards,

Mr Thomas.

Year 10

Good afternoon to you all! We have finally reached the last week of term and I can't wait to see our pupils next week before we finish for summer.

Next week, we will be discussing Student Leadership in school and I am so excited to launch this and share our ideas with the children and we believe there are some fantastic potential candidates for Head Boy and Girl and the extended pupil leadership. Applications will be given out next week for those who are here, and those pupils not able to be in school will have the opportunity to complete these in the first week back in September. Can I also ask that you encourage your children to complete their personal statements as they are required for their college applications in the Autumn term.

We have given a number of laptops out to the year group over the last few weeks but still have a number allocated to named pupils. These must be collected by a parent/guardian and you will have received a phone call from either myself or Mr Adeyemo.

Home learning still remains a priority and as we have increased to three lessons a day, I would like to ask that you ensure your children are logging on and participating in the final week. Our Home Learning Heroes this week are:

Alessio Cocuzza

Abdimalik Haybe

Aisha Salim

Rayyan Khan

Lamees Alfifi

Well done to all of you!

Sending you love and very best wishes as always,

Mrs Henzell.



Year 11

A big thank you to our fantastic PE Department for organising a fun and engaging Virtual National Sports Week. There were so many creative and imaginative activities for all staff and students. Well done to all those who watched, shared and participated in the video activities!

Also please see this amazing opportunity shared by Mr Nnadede:

Fantasy Wings will be funding the cost of training and Private Pilots Licenses for 3 BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Young People on their 20/21 programme which commences this October.

50 additional BAME students of their 20/21 programme will receive a trial flying lesson fully funded by Fantasy Wings.

Young people must be between the ages of 13 and 25.

They are committed to changing the statistics and creating more opportunities for BAME students to become Airline Pilots and Aviation Professionals.

There are 1000 spaces available for young people from BAME backgrounds to join our 20/21 programme in Birmingham, Manchester and London.

It will run on one Saturday a month beginning this October for 10 months and will be delivered by Airline Pilots, Aviation Professionals and Industry Leaders.

Please visit www.fantasywings.co.uk for more programme information and go to the sign-up page to reserve your space for the 20/21 programme.

Please note that registration must be completed by Parents.

<https://fantasywings.co.uk/>

Take care,

Mr Clarke.

