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Newsletter

Monday 16th November 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well during this second period of national lockdown? It's business as usual in Manchester Academy although last week, on Thursday and Friday, we put into operation a slightly changed timetable model to make sure that student bubbles are separated. The students managed this change brilliantly and the new routines will help us to manage through the winter months.

Year 7 Parents' Information Meeting

This Wednesday 18th November, we are hosting a Year 7 information evening on Zoom so that our new parents can hear from key members of staff who work with Year 7. This will include Mr Clarke, Director of Year 7, and Mr Hurst, Assistant Vice Principal for KS3, as well as myself. We hope this online meeting will give you an overview of how the year group is settling down. There will also be an explanation of our Big Test routines and what 'ATL' means. If you are a Y7 parent, we have sent you a link to the meeting. I look forward to catching up with you.

Y11 information - College Applications

Y11 are currently preparing for their first set of 'Pre-Public Examinations' (PPEs) and we continue to be impressed with the focus and maturity of the year group. We interviewed 20 Y11 students for an additional five prefect places and again, the maturity and ambition of the year group is tangible. There will be an online parents' information evening for Y11 parents later this half-term – an invitation will be sent through to you. Y11 should now be completing their college application forms. Blank forms are available from B9 from Ms Abela, the Behaviour and Climate Leader for Y11, and completed forms can be returned to B9. We want all Y11 college applications completed by the end of November.

Week Beginning 23rd November

Next week, Manchester Academy will be **closed** to students on Thursday 26th November and Friday 27th November as these days are staff training days. On Wednesday 25th November, we are holding a 'non-uniform day' with a difference. In order to wear their own clothes, we are asking staff and students to make a donation to our local food bank. Students should bring in tinned, food, dry pasta or rice. Tinned beans, pulses, vegetables, fruit are all needed. Fresh food cannot be stored so must

be avoided. We hope that this special day will be fun for the students but will also help out local families who may be struggling at the moment. Students can wear their own clothes, but they must be appropriate for school; warm and no crop tops or revealing outfits.

COVID Planning

The pandemic is stretching staffing on some days and as we move through the winter, we may need to make decisions on sending certain groups of students home for short periods. We also will need to get in touch with parents and carers regarding close contact information if we get staff or students with positive COVID tests. It is therefore VITAL that we have accurate contact information for every family. If you have moved house, changed mobile number or email address, please let Manchester Academy know immediately.

We would also encourage you to download the Weduc app which allows us to contact you safely and quickly. For everyone's safety, we need to be able to make rapid contact with all families. Please 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 hope everyone linked to Manchester Academy is managing through this second national lockdown I am proud of how well our school has dealt with such challenging times. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Keep well and safe,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Eldon'.

Mr J Eldon, Principal

