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**Newsletter**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is strange sometimes to remember that the country is in national lockdown as life is so busy at Manchester Academy. I hope we are offering all our students academic challenge and stability during this difficult time and I have been impressed with the way students have responded to schooling in a lockdown. We have been stretched by staff illness and this has meant more cover lessons than we would usually experience, again students have been patient with this.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Food Bank Support Day**

This Wednesday students can wear their own clothes if they make a donation of food for our local food bank. Students should bring in a tin/s or dry food such as rice or pasta – if they do, they can wear their own clothes. Our Y11 prefects and our Manchester United coach, Mr Dugdale, are helping me with the food collection and we hope to collect much need supplies for our local food bank. If students wish to bring in more than one item that would be brilliant!!

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Academy is closed**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November are staff training days and the Academy is closed to students. We will reopen at the usual time on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. I hope students use this long weekend to recharge during the longest term of the Academic year. Y11 can catch up on their college applications and revision for their PPEs. Y7 and Y10 have Big Tests coming up so can also begin their preparation for these examinations.

### **Online Parents' Meetings**

Last week we successfully held an online information evening for Y7 parents – thank you so much to everyone who attended, I hope the evening proved useful. Our next Parents' Information Evening is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm, on Zoom. We will send an invitation to Y11 parents in the near future. If there are any questions, please send them so we can respond. Over the Spring Term we hope to be able to launch online parents' evenings so parents can begin to meet with their child's teachers.

### **Mobile Phones and Headphones**

A quick reminder that once students arrive at Manchester Academy, mobile phones must be switched off and put away for the day. If students fail to do this the phone will be confiscated. The same applies to headphones/AirPods. Since we introduced this policy, the number of incidents we

have had to deal with from social media has fallen massively and this has helped reduce bullying. If students break the policy the phone/headphones will be confiscated until the end of the Academy day. If students refuse to hand over the phone/headphones, then we will contact parents to come into the Academy to collect their child's device. Any device brought in is the responsibility of the student and must be switched off and stored safely during the day.

### **Road safety**

Please can parents not block the entrance to the Academy at the end of the school day. If possible, please arrange to pick up your son/daughter away from Manchester Academy to reduce congestion and ensure that the car park is not overwhelmed with cars. As the weather gets worse, during dark nights, students must take care crossing the road outside of the Academy and on their way home. Sometimes students check their phones as they cross the road or have music on so don't hear the traffic. The roads around Manchester Academy are busy, especially at drop off and we want to ensure all our students travel to and from school safely.

### **Important Information about Parental Communication**

Please top up your child's lunch money via our new school app Weduc, can you ensure you download the App so you can also 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>

Thank you as always for your support and loyalty during difficult times. It looks like we will continue to have to wear face masks around school once lockdown finishes and your support for this and other measures we have taken to reduce infection are really appreciated.

Keep safe and well,

Best wishes,



Mr J Eldon, Principal

