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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are the beginnings of lighter mornings and evenings and the long month of January is nearly over. This means that we're moving closer to the summer and the examination season and it was fantastic to see so many Y11 parents at last night's parents' evening: the turnout was fantastic, thank you for your support. Year 11 need to use February and early March to complete their revision cards and organise the knowledge they need to know so that late March, April and May can be spent learning and practising. Early preparation is key and time moves so quickly that students can be caught out if they put off revision. Y10 need to reflect on the fact that in a year they will be at the same point so should already be making sure their notes are tidy and well organised.

Attitude to Learning – rewarding superstars!

Students across the Academy who demonstrated the top ATL1 across the second half of the Autumn Term have now been given their next star badge – blue this time. I am so proud to see so many students who have both the ATL stars – green and blue, it shows how many Manchester Academy students meet our Learning Values and want to excel. Over the next fortnight we will be collecting the next set of ATL data and it is exciting at the mid-point of the year to see how many students can get the full set of ATL1 stars. Our research is clear – ATL1 students with excellent attendance are the highest achievers in their examinations.

Climate Emergency

This week the Chair of Governors, Margaret Woodhouse OBE, and I were given a presentation from our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) student group who have been working on ways in which the Academy can play its role in affecting the climate emergency which is causing so many problems across the globe. The presentation looked at 4 key areas:

- Our Carbon Footprint
- Reducing the amount of plastic we use
- Reducing the amount of paper wastage
- Improving our energy efficiency

The students presented lots of ideas: meatless Monday menus in the canteen, introducing cardboard bottles, water dispensers so students can refill their own bottles, motion detectors to reduce electric use, growing more trees on the Academy campus, recycling waste more efficiently.

We will be looking to implement many of their ideas as we totally support their determination to make a difference to our planet.

Award Winning Fiction Programme

We are now 2 weeks into our Academy reading programme and it has been moving to walk around the Academy and hear form groups in years 7 to 10 reading their award-winning novel during tutor period, three times a week. I have been reading with 10TAN and the students have been amazing. There is no better start to the day than calmly reading a great story! Thanks to all the staff who have thrown themselves into reading aloud.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A reminder that there are so many extra-curricular activities going on after school every evening. From STEM club to netball, from Travel and Tourism to debating. We issued the menu of activities to students at the start of the term and if you would like another copy please ask your child to see Mr Hurst in school.

For Y11 we have simplified the Period 6 timetable so there are NO excuses for students not attending the after-school booster sessions. The timetable is below:

Year 11 Period 6 Timetable

Day	Red Week	Blue Week
Monday	English	
Tuesday	Maths	
Wednesday	Science	
Thursday	Option A	Option C
Friday	RE	Option B

Finally, just another reminder that Moss Lane East outside of the Academy is now a very busy road, especially at the end of the school day. Students need to cross the road carefully and be cautious as some drivers do not respect the fact that they're driving outside of a busy school. Students behaviour on the way to and from school is usually excellent but if they do let down our high expectations then we will sanction them in the same way we would if the incident happened in school. Parents who pick up their child by car are asked to keep off the Academy site and park away from the school so that they don't add to the congestion at peak times of the day. Thank you for your support with helping to keep our children safe.



Mr J Eldon, Principal

