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# Newsletter

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a short break the MA weekly bulletins are back and as the mornings and evening become lighter, we welcome the arrival of Spring.

### **Coronavirus Update**

I know from phone calls, conversations and correspondence that many of our parents and students are understandably worried about the Coronavirus outbreak. The NHS is updating its guidance regularly <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and we receive specialist advice from the Department of Education on managing the risk within a school.

The most important action we can all take is to maintain excellent personal hygiene. The advice is:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or into work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

As a precaution, I have advised staff at Parents' Evenings and in meetings not to shake hands with parents and guests. Please don't think we are being rude, this is simply a step to maintain good hygiene. We will keep you up to date via the website and Twitter (@McrAcademy) if necessary. It is vital that parents and families keep us up to date if they have travelled to or are visiting any of the most seriously affected areas. The current information on areas affected is:

### **Returning travellers**

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people immediately if you've travelled to the UK from:

- Hubei province in China in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms
- Iran, [lockdown areas in northern Italy](#) or [special care zones in South Korea](#) since 19 February, even if you do not have symptoms

- other parts of mainland China or South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan or Thailand in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild)
- other parts of northern Italy (anywhere north of Pisa, Florence and Rimini), Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar or Vietnam since 19 February and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath (even if your symptoms are mild)

Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to find out what to do next.

Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

In Scotland call your GP or NHS 24 on 111 out of hours.

In Wales call 111 (if available in your area) or 0845 46 47.

In Northern Ireland call 111.

Lockdown areas in northern Italy:

- in Lombardy: Codogno, Castiglione d'Adda, Casalpusterlengo, Fombio, Maleo, Somaglia, Bertonico, Terranova dei Passerini, Castelgerundo and San Fiorano
- in Veneto: Vo' Euganeo

Special care zones in South Korea

### **Y9 Options and Parents' Evening**

A reminder to parents of Y9 students that this important event takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. You will be able to gather information on your child's strengths and weaknesses and ask subject teachers for information regarding Key Stage 4 (Y10 and Y11 courses). Following the Options Evening, families will be given the Options booklet and Options form and in the Academy we will be providing information regarding.

### **Manchester Academy Pastoral Structure**

Following staff promotions, maternity leave and some changes in role, there have been changes to the Directors of Culture and Character (DCC) team who lead year groups. The new team is below

Y7 - Ms Tregelles who will be covering maternity leave for Ms Maybury

Y8 - Mr Zang who is covering whilst Mr Boyle is on jury service

Y9 - Mr Thomas

Y10 - Ms Henzell

Y11 - Ms Clarke

I would like to thank Ms Tempest for all the support and leadership she has offered Y10 as their DCC. Ms Tempest is stepping down to create more space for her and I am grateful for her hard work and dedication. In order to ensure that Y10 group are supported in their vital final 18 months, I have asked Ms Henzell to



take the year group through to the end of Y11. Mr Thomas will now lead Y9 and will do an excellent job of preparing the Year for the Options process.

A reminder that our Behaviour and Climate team lead the day to day management of the Academy and attendance are non-teaching so are available to deal with parental concerns during the day.

The Behaviour and Climate Teams are:

KS3: Mr Gemmell (Director of KS3) Mr Dar(Y7)/Ms Patel (Y8)/Mr Gill (Y9)

KS4: Ms Patrick (Director of KS4) Mr Adeyemo (Y10/Mr Ndede (Y11)/ Ms Abela (Y10 and KS4 vulnerable students)

Congratulations to Hugo in Y10 who won a University of Manchester competition as part of the Black Lawyers Matter project and to the Y9 and Y10 boys who represented the Academy in the Diversity Champions Manchester event. Our Y10 football team achieved a thrilling 3-3 draw against our local rivals Trinity and a last-minute chance slipped away. Netball is now thriving across the year groups and thanks to all the girls taking part.

So many students making Manchester magic everyday and we are over-subscribed for September in Y7 which is thrilling.

Thank you so much for your support and loyalty,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Eldon', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr J Eldon, Principal

