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9<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you are relieved at the first signs of spring and the end to a long, wet winter. Year 11 are currently finishing their vital PPE exams, their final chance to practice before the summer exams and so far, we are impressed with their maturity and commitment. As always, there is lots going on across Manchester Academy including our celebration of British Science Week. I would like to thank all our families who attended our wonderful community Iftar and broke fast with us in the Academy. The Iftar was a special night and the army of MA mums who helped cook and prepare the food produced a feast which we all enjoyed, huge thanks to them for their time and culinary skills.

**Eid al-Fitr 2026**

Manchester Academy is closed to students on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to allow all our families celebrating Eid to have time with their families and join in with the community celebrations. On behalf of everyone at Manchester Academy, I wish all our families celebrating, Eid Mubarak and I hope you have a wonderful festival with family and friends. Manchester Academy reopens at the usual time of 8:30am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for all students.

**MA Culture Day 2026**

We started our Culture Day 7 years ago and now many schools have adopted this celebration of the international diversity within Manchester Academy. Our Culture Day this year takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and on this day, we encourage students to wear clothing which highlights their heritage so that we can celebrate the global community within the Academy. Culture Day takes place on the final day of this spring term and we will close for the Easter break at the slightly earlier time of 2:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We return to the Academy, for the summer term on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time of 8:30am.

**The crisis in the Middle East**

I am aware that some of our families have been affected by the war in the middle east. We send our love to all the families affected by the crisis and please let us know if your family is impacted so we can support our students effectively. Members of staff within the Academy have had travel plans disrupted over the Easter holiday due to the war. We are concerned over the safety of our families who are travelling and ask that you check well in advance with your tour operator and with the UK Foreign Office advice regarding travel risk. Our Easter holiday runs from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, so please check with your airline/tour operator that your scheduled flights will allow you to return to the UK during this time frame. Please be aware that there is increased reporting of last-minute cancelled flights/luggage issues from airports directly affected by the crisis. We hope that the conflict is resolved quickly, but please be proactive in checking arrangements so, if you are proposing to travel, you are safe and able to return.

Thank you as always to all our families for your support and loyalty, it makes such a difference to our work to achieve the very best for all our students and ‘make Manchester magic’.

Best wishes,

Mr J. Eldon, Executive Principal



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