



Highlight of the Term

# INCREDIBLE PROGRESS!



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Manchester Academy has risen up the school league tables. This amazing result is much better than the average score across Manchester and even more impressive, across the rest of the country!

*"Pupils here achieve up to half a grade higher in each qualification on average, compared to similar pupils across the country."*  
Department for Education

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## PRINCIPAL'S AUTUMN MESSAGE

The Autumn term is the engine room of the Academy year – the longest term and therefore students have to work hard to finish on target in all their subjects. The nights get darker and colder and as we move towards the end of the term, students become tired. Yet, we have just had a team of leaders review our offer and they gave hugely positive feedback – it's clear that our students are not afraid to work hard.

This ambition is evident in the School Performance Tables which have just been published, which compare the performance of secondary schools. Manchester Academy now outperforms most of our neighbouring schools and I am so proud of the success our students have achieved. I am passionate that we demonstrate the talent and ambition within our community. Our families value education and the school league tables now make clear that we perform 'above average' and are one of the most improved schools in the city, bypassing schools which used to outperform us.

We could only achieve this success with your support, thank you! We also believe that to inspire academic success you also have to provide a wealth of other opportunities so that other skills such as team work, networking and project management are developed. This term there have been so many visits, visitors, clubs, fixtures and fun that I sometimes find it hard to keep up! We have also begun a partnership with a school from a very different context to support breaking down barriers across society.

I wish everyone a restful Christmas break and look forward to even greater success in 2025!

James Eldon  
Principal

# RISING UP THE SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES



The news continues an unforgettable two years for Manchester Academy, which has seen the school recognised nationally at the TES Awards, while also winning at the National Association for Pastoral Care in Education Awards.

Principal Mr Eldon said: "I am so proud of our performance as a school, which sees us officially recognised as one of the most improved schools in the city. We are incredibly lucky to serve one of the most vibrant neighbourhoods in Manchester at the heart of the Oxford Road corridor and this achievement wouldn't be possible without the incredible partnership we have with our community."



# RRSA WINNERS



We're proud to celebrate winning Silver for being Rights Respecting!

The Rights Respecting Schools Awards (RRSA) puts children's rights at the heart of school life. UNICEF UK works with schools to create **safe and inspiring** places to learn.

The Award recognises schools that embed Rights Respecting values in their daily life. Our aim is to give children the best chance of a happy life.

We strive to provide all Academy students with the knowledge and skills to help them succeed in life beyond school. Each student meeting works to create a culture of respect across the school, where young people's voices are heard and valued. The workshop activities allow students to share their perspective, building a sense of community and belonging amongst peers.

As we march toward achieving **Gold**, Manchester Academy remains committed to ensuring everyone within our community thrives in an environment rooted in respect.





# LEADING THE WAY WITH AI

Manchester Academy was proud to welcome Education Minister Stephen Morgan MP for a special visit to showcase how our school is using Artificial Intelligence to support staff and enhance student learning.

The visit highlighted how AI is being used to make revision more efficient, reduce teacher workload, and create a more engaging learning environment for our students.

The Minister was impressed by our outstanding Year 10 students, who shared their experiences of using AI to improve revision techniques. Students explained how AI can help them identify areas they need to work on and keep them motivated.

They asked thoughtful questions about the future of AI in education, showcasing a knowledge and curiosity about the topic. As a school, we remain committed to exploring new technologies that help both our students and staff thrive.



# OPEN EVENING



The Academy proudly opened its doors to potential students and their families for our much-anticipated Open Evening. The atmosphere was buzzing as visitors explored the building and talked to our magic teachers!

Some of the many highlights included:

- Science show
- Cake decorating
- Magic maths puzzles
- Flying drones and retro games

Mr Eldon said: "It's always exciting to welcome new faces into our school and meet the students who could be our next cohort of new Year 7s. We're proud to showcase how our students and staff strive to make Manchester magic each day."

Guided by our outstanding Academy students, guests enjoyed an interactive tour around the school. Each classroom hosted exciting activities, specifically planned by our magic teachers and subject leaders.



# YEAR 7 FIRST DAY



New Year 7 students became official members of Manchester Academy after an incredible first day back in September.

The day marked a thrilling new chapter for our Year 7 students as they returned to school after the summer holidays, eager to begin their secondary school journey. Their first day was filled with a range of engaging lessons, friendly faces, and positive energy as they settled into their new surroundings.

The day began with a warm welcome assembly, where students were introduced to key staff and given an overview of the exciting year ahead. From there, they participated in a variety of lessons, ranging from science and mathematics to the arts, which sparked curiosity and enthusiasm for the subjects they will explore throughout the year.

Principal Mr. Eldon said: "Our Year 7 students have made an excellent start. Their enthusiasm for learning and friendship is a wonderful foundation for success. We're excited to see them Make Manchester Magic."





# PRIMARY PANTOMIME



Manchester Academy's halls were filled with holiday cheer as students were welcomed from Claremont, St Mary's, and St Philip's primary schools to enjoy a pantomime performance!

Alongside a select group of Year 7 students, the primary school children were treated to a magic morning of music and laughter.

Performed by a talented cast of actors, the show was packed with colourful costumes and catchy songs.

The excitement continued after the show as students were able to meet the cast. Big smiles filled the hall as everyone posed for photos with their favourite characters! As a token to spread holiday cheer, each child left with a goodie bag and festive card from everyone at the Academy.







# YEAR 11 ASPIRE EVENT



Manchester Academy is feeling inspired after the recent Aspire Event! Year 11 prefects were excited to meet with prefects from Middlewich High for a day of future thinking and school community building.

The atmosphere was buzzing as student leaders met for the first time. Conversations flowed as everyone bonded on favourite films and music, and discussing their ambitions for college and future careers!

The day encouraged all students to reflect on their strengths and consider what magic opportunities are ahead.

School Principal, Mr Eldon said: "It was heartening to see students connect so easily. They're all working towards their futures, so it's great to share advice and ideas."

The event featured a series of questions and activities designed to get students thinking about the future. They worked in groups to tackle tasks and get to know each other.





## Term Dates 2024-2025

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>		
Monday 2nd September 2024	INSET DAY 1	Only Staff in School
<b>Tuesday 3rd September 2024</b>	<b>First day of term (Year 7 only)</b>	<b>YEAR 7 ONLY IN SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday 4th September 2024</b>	<b>Back to school (all other years)</b>	<b>ALL YEARS IN SCHOOL</b>
Friday 18th October 2024	Last Day of Term	All students still in school
<b>Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2024</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 28th October 2024	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Thursday 28th November 2024	INSET DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 29th November 2024	PLANNING DAY 1	Only Staff in School
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025</b>		<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>		
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of term	All students back in school
Friday 7th February 2025	PLANNING DAY 2	Only Staff in School
Friday 14th February 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 24th February 2025	School Re-Opens	All students back in school
Monday 31st March 2025	PLANNING DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Tuesday 1st April 2025	INSET DAY 3	Only Staff in School
Friday 4th April 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
<b>Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025</b>		<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Monday 5th May 2025	Bank Holiday	School closed
Friday 23rd May 2025	Last day of term	All students still in school
<b>Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025</b>		<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 2nd June 2025	School re-opens	All students back in school
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of term	All Students still in school
Monday 21st July 2025	INSET DAY 4	Disaggregated to twilight
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET DAY 5	Disaggregated to twilight

School Holidays	School Closed to Students
INSET/Planning Days	School Closed to Students

**Academic Year 2024/25 Bank Holidays (school closed):**

Christmas Day - 25/12/2024  
 Boxing Day - 26/12/2024  
 New Year's Day - 01/01/2025  
 Good Friday - 18/04/2025  
 Easter Monday - 21/04/2025  
 May Day - 05/05/2025  
 Spring Holiday - 26/05/2025  
 Summer Holiday 25/08/2025



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