

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had another brilliant week here at MCA. Please see our highlights below.

This Week

Year 7 - Parent/ Carer Coffee Mornings

This week we held our first parent/carers coffee morning 'Tea, Treats & a Tour' which saw parents/carers come along, meet the Y7 team, enjoy a brew and slice of cake with their child and then go on a tour together of the new Y7 building.

Thank you to everyone that made the effort to come along - it meant so much to the children and us to have you there.

Coffee mornings will be held every 2 weeks on **Wednesdays: 9.30 - 10.30am.**

Please see the dates and themes for our next ones:

DATE	THEME	STAFF
30th September	Tea, treats and tour	Miss Maynard and Y7 team
14th October	Meet the SEND team - role of a key worker	Miss Rajan, Miss Lusk and Miss Ward (SEND Team)
4th November	Family Partnership Offer	Mrs Leigh
18th November	Homework & Supporting learning from home	Mr Neild & Mr Mack
2nd December	End of Term Queries	Miss Maynard & Miss Ben

If you have any suggestions or requests for after half term themes please email us -

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Year 8

On Thursday we hosted our year 6 open evening at MCA, it was fantastic to see so many of our year 8 students helping out to make the evening successful. They represented themselves brilliantly and spoke to prospective students and families so confidently. Well done to all involved. Attendance continues to be a focus across the year group, we encourage all families to continue to support their child attending on time every day in these final two weeks of the half term. Well done to O2B who achieved 100% attendance this week and will be rewarded with a free breakfast on Monday.

Year 9

Year 9 have had a positive week and continue to demonstrate high standards across the year group. Uniform standards remain strong, with the vast majority of students consistently meeting expectations and taking pride in their appearance and their school community.

It has also been pleasing to see improvements in punctuality, with more students arriving to lessons on time and ready to learn. Students are working hard in lessons, showing increasing focus and commitment to their studies, and many have demonstrated kindness and consideration towards their peers. We are proud of the positive attitude Year 9 are showing and look forward to seeing this continue over the coming weeks.

Year 10

Year 10 have had a busy and positive few weeks. During Progress Time, students have now had the opportunity to select their work experience choices, helping them to start thinking about their future and the world of work. Our Year 10 Drama students also had the fantastic opportunity to watch their Drama teacher perform in the musical theatre production '*Spamalot*' in Bolton. The students represented the academy exceptionally well, and their behaviour was exemplary throughout the evening, which we were extremely proud of. As we approach the final two weeks of this half term, we have an important opportunity to improve our attendance. Please remember that every day counts and being in school every day gives students the best opportunity to keep up with their learning, make progress and achieve their potential.



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Year 11

We have been incredibly impressed with the attendance at our Friday morning Period 0 Maths sessions. It has been fantastic to see so many students making the effort to arrive early and dedicate additional time to their studies. We are extremely proud of the resilience, commitment and dedication they are demonstrating, and we are confident that this hard work will put them in the strongest possible position when results day arrives.

Our Year 11 students are also looking fantastic, with the vast majority wearing their uniform correctly and with real pride. Looking smart and professional is an important part of preparing students for the next stage of their lives, and these habits will stand them in good stead for college interviews, further education and their future professional lives. As a reminder, students should ensure that their shirts are tucked in, ties are worn correctly and their top button is fastened. Trainers are not permitted and students should wear appropriate black school shoes.

Finally, we need to emphasise that attendance really matters. Year 11 attendance has been disappointing and concerning so far this year, and we cannot support your child in reaching their full learning potential if they are not in school and in front of us. We fully understand that there will be occasions when a student is genuinely unwell and needs to remain at home. However, mild ailments such as a sore throat or headache should not normally prevent a student from attending school where they are otherwise well enough to do so. Even if a student is only able to give 10% on a

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particular day, that is still more valuable than receiving 0% by being at home and missing the learning taking place.

Coming Up

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day 2026 takes place on 10 October, alongside the YoungMinds Hello Yellow campaign on 9 October.

We will be recognising both events in assemblies next week. This year's theme is:

"Lived experiences heard: Real voices, real change"

Our focus will be: A Place to Be Heard, A Place to Belong.

We are encouraging all students to take part in the MCA World Mental Health Day Challenge by helping to strengthen our school community through:

- Including someone
- Being kind
- Checking in with a friend
- Asking for help when needed
- Considering how your actions affect others

If you feel your child would benefit from mental health support, please contact the school and ask to speak to your child's Head of Year or Miss Bowden, Senior Mental Health Lead. Parents and carers can also complete a wellbeing referral via the school website.

Below are resources to support conversations with young people about mental health, along with information on support available for parents and carers.

Resources:

[secondary-parents-leaflet-final-proofed-april-2020.pdf](#)

[WMHD 26 Tipsheet - talking](#)

[WMHD 26 Tipsheet - listening](#)

 [Mental Health Support ParentsCarers 26-27.pdf](#)

Class Charts Shop



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As mentioned last week, the Class Charts shop opens on Monday 12th October for students to purchase items using their Bee Points. To attend the end of year trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach in July students will need 250 points. Year 11 have a Christmas reward meal to Nandos that require 80 points

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

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