



Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you are well. I am pleased to share some of the highlights from this week, here at the academy.

We would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication shown by our students across the Academy this week.

Firstly, we are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students who have been sitting their GCSE examinations. They have approached this important period with maturity and determination, and we have been particularly impressed by their commitment to attending booster sessions and preparing thoroughly. Their positive attitude and resilience are commendable, and we wish them every success as they continue with their exams.

Coming Up

SEN Families

We would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal for Inclusion, Mr Verity, to the MCA team! He will be leading the SEND team and is eager to meet and get to know our children and families.

Details of upcoming coffee mornings will soon be shared

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or comments regarding your child's SEND provision please reach out to Mr Verity using the email - sen@mca.manchester.sch.uk and he and the team will be happy to help!

Additionally, as we approach half term, we would like to remind families about the valuable support available through the local SEND Offer.

The SEND Local Offer provides information, services, activities, and guidance for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, including support for education, health, wellbeing, short breaks, and family services.

Over the half-term break, there are also a range of inclusive activities available locally, such as sports sessions, sensory-friendly events, library activities, youth clubs, and family support groups. We encourage families to explore what is available and take advantage of opportunities to support wellbeing, social development, and enjoyment during the break.

Further information can be found via the link below;

[SEND News from Manchester Local Offer - May 13th 2026](#)

Medication

Can we remind parents and carers that if your child needs to take prescribed medication in school, this needs to be provided in the original box with the student's name and dosage information on the printed label.

The medication must be given to a member of the Family Partnership team where it will be stored in a locked cabinet. Only antibiotics that are needed 4 or more times per day should be taken in school.

If your child needs over the counter pain relief to be held in school, medication must be provided by parents and carers and accompanied by a signed letter to provide consent to school staff to administer the medication.

Online Safety

This week's online safety guide focuses on parental controls to protect privacy. It includes tips such as how to alter an iPhone's privacy settings and how to prevent changes to other settings and features. Please see the guidance at the end of the letter

If you would like more information regarding online safety, please do not hesitate to contact the safeguarding team.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Kind Regards
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Headteacher*

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for PRIVACY iPhone



The privacy settings on your child's Apple device give you control over the information stored on it. This allows you to select which apps can access features and information on your child's device: for example, you might wish to block a social networking app from connecting to the camera reel, or specify which apps can use the device's location data.

How to make changes to privacy settings

You can block certain apps from obtaining information from your child's device. You can also prevent your child (or anyone other than you) from altering these settings.

1 Open 'Settings'

2 Tap 'Screen Time'

3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'

4 Scroll to 'Privacy'

5 Choose the settings you wish to restrict

6 After you've made any changes, select 'Use Screen Time Passcode' to lock your changes with a PIN

How to prevent changes to other settings/features

You can also stop changes being made to the iPhone's other settings or features by anyone but you. For example, you can prevent your child from altering their passcode, accounts or mobile data settings.

1 Open 'Settings'

2 Tap 'Screen Time'

3 Tap 'Content & Privacy Restrictions'

4 Scroll to 'Allow Changes'

5 Select 'Allow' or 'Don't Allow' on the settings for which you wish to enable or disable changes

