

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our first parent newsletter of the new school year.

Our focus this year is simple: World Class Basics. We know that great schools are built on getting the small things right, every day. Being on time, being prepared, wearing our uniform with pride, showing kindness and respect, working hard and taking responsibility for our choices.

This was also the message at the heart of our first values assembly. Drawing inspiration from the All Blacks and their famous commitment to “sweeping the sheds”, we reminded students that excellence is not just about the big moments. It is built through the standards we set when nobody is watching and the contribution each of us makes to our community.

For us, that means living our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience every day. If we get the basics right, together, we give every child the strongest possible foundation to thrive.

We are excited to launch our new whole-school rewards program! Students can now earn "Bee Points" for their hard work and positive contributions, which they can spend in our Class Charts shop at the end of each half-term.

Please note that students will need to collect **250 points** to qualify for the end-of-year rewards trip this summer. To help your child track their progress and ensure they stay on track for the trip, you will need access to Class Charts. If you need help setting up your login, please reach out to us as soon as possible, and we will be happy to assist you.

This Week

Year 7- Support

We have launched a dedicated Year 7 admin email address: Y7admin@mca.manchester.sch.uk If you need any support or have a question, please get in touch via email or contact our reception team on 0161 202 8981.

We will shortly be organising a number of Year 7 parent/carer coffee mornings, giving you the opportunity to meet with us, find out more about life at the Academy and, most importantly, see our brand-new building in action. We look forward to welcoming you!

Well Done Year 8

Year 8 have had a really positive start to the new year in their newly created Home Base up on the top floor. Lessons have been calm and students are engaging really well in their learning.

Students also participated really well in an aspiration and goal setting workshop where they were challenged to dream big about their future and set themselves targets to help them to achieve these goals. The guest speaker was really impressed with how they listened and contributed to the session

A Positive return for Year 9

The transition into Key Stage 3's upper tier is an important milestone, and the year group has risen to this challenge. We have been impressed by the positive energy, and focus they have brought to the classroom where learning first is happening. They are successfully adjusting to their new timetables, re-establishing new routines and demonstrating a great attitude to learning.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is attending school on time, fully equipped, in the correct uniform, and ready to learn. We look forward to working together to ensure Year 9 achieve their full potential. Your partnership makes a huge difference.

Coming Up

Please check out our social media pages to see the Attendance rewards for this half term. There are lots of opportunities for students to win prizes at the end of term alongside a free breakfast every Monday, £10 gift vouchers and Free Waffle Friday!

All you have to do is be on time every day! School starts at 8.30am.

If you need any support with attendance please do not hesitate to contact your child's attendance lead:

Year 7 - Miss Hutton

Year 8 - Miss Byrne

Year 9 - Miss Eyres

Year 10 - Miss Thompspon

Year 11 - Mrs Nield

As we start this new academic year, we would like to remind you that the Family Partnership team are here to support you in many ways, including The Bread & Butter Thing which is our weekly food hub; housing issues including disrepair, risk of eviction and concerns about rent rises as well as our uniform swap shop which is available throughout the school year. If you would like to know more about any of the support available, please get in touch: familypartnerships@mca.manchester.sch.uk

Key Dates

W/b 14th September- Year 7 students will be sitting CATs tests and NGRT tests. This is nothing for students to worry about and no preparation is required- this is a chance for us to see how we can best support our students.

Thursday 17th September- Year 11 Parent Information Evening.

Kind regards

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