



MCA TODAY

THE ART EDITION



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



YEAR 7

The Year 7 students have an 'Art Rotation' so that they get to experiment with different art forms and genres. This means that, at the moment, students will either be working on 'Insect Drawings', 'Clay African Masks' or 'Digital Grunge'.

YEAR 8

Year 8 also have an 'Art Rotation'. Students are either studying 'Acrylic Bird Painting', 'Print Making' or 'Digital Dripping Trainers'.



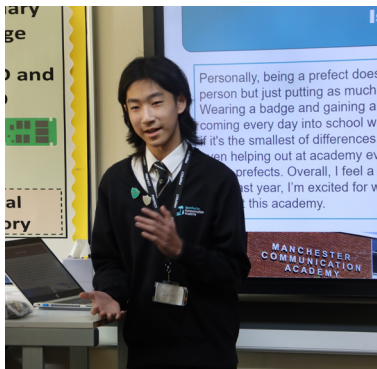
YEAR 9

This year, on the Year 9 rotation, we have 'Gouache Portraits', 'Vapourwave Collage' and 'Digital Collage' for our students to explore.

YEAR 10

The current Year 10 topic is 'Pattern'. Students have been exploring the work of Ana Falceta, and experimenting with a range of media to create artwork inspired by this artist.





YEAR 11

Our Year 11 students are in the final stages of their coursework! Each GCSE student is working on their individual project.



CELEBRATIONS

A group of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 are currently working on a project with Manchester Art Gallery called 'The Art of Resilience'.

The project is led by San Owen-Hull, who works in educational outreach for the gallery and is a working artist herself.

The goal of the project is to develop resilience through creating and engaging with art. It's great to see our students getting involved in such an exciting initiative.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ESHAL G - YEAR 10

Jasleen is one of our most dedicated and talented Year 10 students.

Eshal is one of our exceptionally talented Year 10 students. She has recently created an outstanding developmental page that demonstrates a variety of media and techniques inspired by the style of Ana Falceta. In addition to this, Eshal is also on the Creative Leadership Programme and is currently working with HOME Art Gallery in Manchester.





STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Carding is our Creative Arts Lead. She is currently reading **Confess** by **Colleen Hoover** (borrowed from our Staff Library). Mrs Carding says that she would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys romance or thrillers. She says that it had her on the edge of her seat!



FAMILY FOCUS

At MCA, we encourage our parents to support their children in exploring art outside of school as creative activities can greatly benefit their wellbeing.

Art doesn't have to be traditional—creativity can happen with anything, from recycled materials to simple household items. Giving students the freedom to experiment and express themselves helps build confidence, relaxation, and a sense of achievement.

Why not try creating a leaf portrait in the style of artist, **Andy Goldsworthy**? This simple activity invites students to explore nature and use fallen leaves to form a face or pattern on the ground. All they need is a collection of leaves in different colours and shapes, along with a bit of outdoor space. It's a great way to be creative, spend time outside, and experiment with natural materials.



WHAT'S COMING UP?

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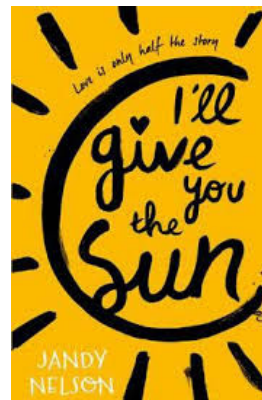
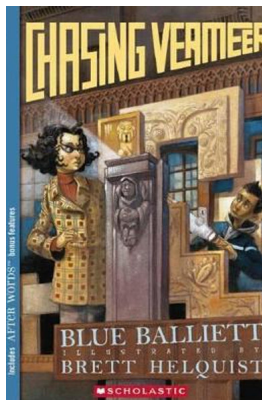
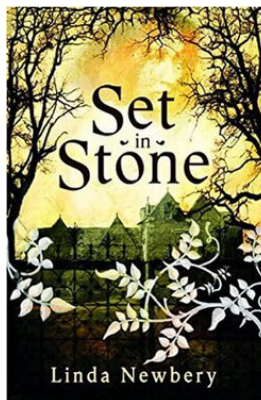
BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

Here are some brilliant Maths related reads, all available at the MCA Library:

Set in Stone – Linda Newbery

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Balliett

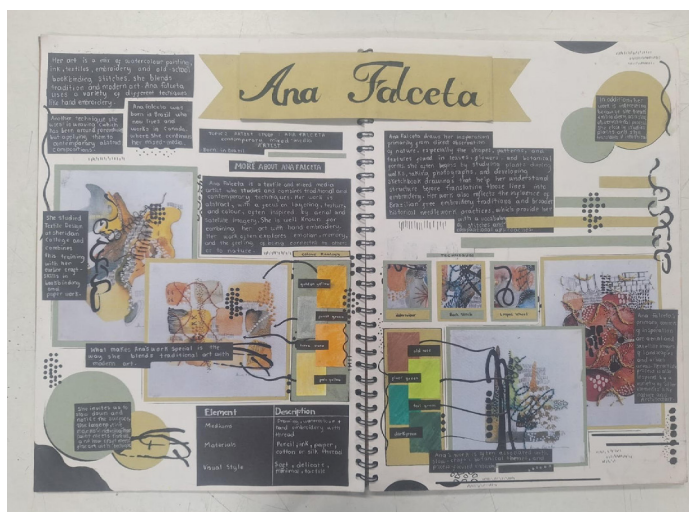
I'll Give You the Sun – Jandy Nelson (older children)



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TINA K - YEAR 10

Another of incredible Year 10 artists is Tina Khanjari.

Tina's research page about the artist, Ana Falceta is outstanding. She has analysed the artist's work beautifully.

Well done Tina!