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## PLENTY TO CELEBRATE AND ENJOY



It's week two at MCA and as usual there is plenty to celebrate and enjoy. This week the art and design department launched their new website to showcase student work from recent years. This enabled a virtual exhibition to occur where students work was voted for to win the 'Best in Show' awards.

The winners and their work are below:



### 3RD PLACE

Kameelah Labisi  
(Graphic Communication)



### 2ND PLACE

Roxanna Khan  
(Fine Art)



### 1ST PLACE

Jenny Luu  
(Fine Art)

If you would like to see the amazing work produced by our MCA students, please visit:  
<https://sites.google.com/mca.manchester.sch.uk/mcaartdesign>

Reading is a priority for all of our staff and students at MCA and we were thrilled to formally open our brand new library The Beehive. Students have been able to access the space and the reading materials during lesson and out of lesson time and it's fair to say that it has been inundated with students borrowing books. It makes us pleased and proud to see our students reading at every opportunity and we know that this will make a huge difference to their academic success.



It has been an absolute joy to welcome back our Once Upon a Time members who have not been able to come to the Academy throughout the pandemic. This group comes together to look at the history of the local area, sharing stories and exploring old photographs and artefacts. They are part of the MCA family and we are thrilled that they are back with us. Equally, we have welcomed back our Feel Good Friday group, this week they all participated armchair yoga, enjoyed a good meal and a chance to catch up with each other. Next week has a health and beauty theme so all of our members will be leaving us relaxed and manicured, ready for the weekend.



Last week we had our first staff well-being event where the team went head to head in badminton. The science team are currently reigning football champions and are actively seeking out competition to challenge their title. It's fair to say that competition is at the heart of the MCA staff body.

Our Extended Schools Activities have launched again this week and I have been blown away by the attendance from all students. We have had between 400 and 500 students stay behind every night to join in lots of different activities from chess, to baking, to LGBTQ+ group and singing. We are really proud of our ESAs and the range of opportunities available to our students which takes learning way beyond the classroom walls. Remember, if there is something that you want to do for an ESA that is currently not on our menu, please let us know and we will endeavour to include it in the programme. Our programme goes beyond after school activities and includes breaktime and breakfast clubs where children can participate in activities and have breakfast too.



We ended week two with HCWTH where we were able to celebrate five more brilliant students. Minhal Jabeen has made a fantastic start to Year 7 she is friendly, supportive and helpful and has jumped straight into new school life. Minhal has perfect attendance and punctuality as well! Altermizy Ibrahim was rewarded for making a great start to year 8. He arrives early every morning and always makes positive contributions to his classes. Marcus Wong in year 9 has started year 9 perfectly, demonstrating maturity in all his actions. Marcus has also produced some amazing work in his BTEC Sport lessons. Vica Lachobe was rewarded for being a wonderful year 10 student that always looks out for her classmates. She tries her hardest in all lessons and is a joy to have in the classroom. Finally, Armando Beqa, one of our head prefects was nominated for exceeding expectations in his engineering lessons and making a great start to year 11.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing all of our students back on Monday.

Susan Watmough  
Headteacher