

MCA TODAY

THE EASTER EDITION



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT?



ECONOMICS IN THE SPORTING INDUSTRY - A TRIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Our Year 10 students studying BTEC Sport explored the role of economics within the sporting industry during their visit to The University of Manchester.

The session focused on the financial impact of major sporting events, with particular attention given to the upcoming FIFA World Cup and the costs involved in hosting such a large-scale tournament. Students examined how investment in infrastructure, tourism, and event organisation can contribute to economic growth in host countries such as the USA and Canada. They also considered football as a global brand, analysing its influence on the global economy and its contribution to GDP across different countries. This provided valuable insight into how sport extends beyond entertainment, acting as a significant driver of economic activity worldwide.

BANKSY - "A GENIUS MIND"

As part of their ongoing Aesthetics project, a group of Year 7 and 8 students visited the new exhibition, The Mystery of Banksy - "A Genius Mind", at Mayfield Depot. The exhibition offered students a fascinating insight into the work and ideas of Banksy, exploring his distinctive style and the powerful messages behind his art. Through the collection, students were able to consider themes such as identity, politics, and social commentary, linking closely to their studies in aesthetics. The visit provided an engaging and thought-provoking experience, helping students to develop a deeper appreciation of contemporary art and its impact on society.

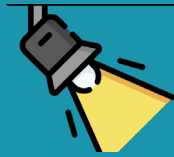
THIS MONTH'S CELEBRATIONS



Debate Mate have had an exceptionally busy and successful month! Our Year 11 students took part in a national competition hosted at our school, where they achieved an impressive second place. The top two positions were secured by schools from Manchester, with the remaining competitors coming from London, making this a highly competitive event.

Meanwhile, our Year 7 to Year 10 Debate Mate students competed against schools across Manchester throughout March. This experience has significantly enhanced their confidence and debating skills. The programme concluded with a visit to The University of Manchester, where students participated in the Debate Mate Cup. They also had the opportunity to watch expert "show debates," gaining insight into high-level debating techniques.

A special mention goes to Amelia in Year 10, who received an award for Most Improved Speaker — a fantastic achievement and well deserved!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Vicky Leigh is the Director of Families, Community and Partnerships for Greater Manchester Academies Trust. She is currently reading *The Silent Ones* by Anna McPartlin. Vicky recommends all the books by this writer and says that this is her first crime novel!



FAMILY FOCUS

Families can make the most of the Easter break by spending meaningful time together in ways that go beyond traditional themes of religion or chocolate eggs. While those customs can be enjoyable, Easter is also a great opportunity to celebrate the arrival of spring and reconnect as a family. Why not try creating a family memory jar, where everyone writes down their favourite moments, hopes, or things they are grateful for and shares them together? It's a simple but meaningful activity that encourages reflection, conversation and connection. The focus doesn't have to be on big plans or specific traditions—what matters most is spending quality time together and enjoying each other's company.

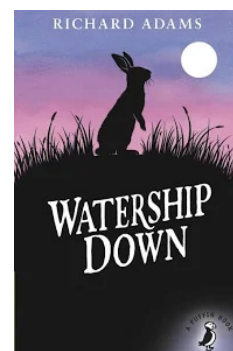
BOOKS WE'RE LOVING THIS WEEK

This week, all of our book recommendations are linked to the idea of spring or new beginnings. They are all available at the MCA Library.

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Wonder– R.J. Palacio

Watership Down – Richard Adams



WHAT'S COMING UP

If your son or daughter is in Year 11, please ensure you check their revision timetable and resources for the Easter holidays. There are a number of scheduled sessions taking place in school, as well as plenty of independent revision for students to be completing at home!