

Dear Parents and Carers

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

### This Week

This week, our Year 8 students attended their Options Assemblies, where they learned about the subjects available for them to choose as they begin their studies in Year 9. Each student has been given an Options Booklet to support their decision-making, and a digital copy is also available on our school website for your reference.

*[Click here for the digital copy](#)*

When students return to school, they will be making their final option choices with the guidance and support of their Progress Leader. This will ensure that each student selects a pathway that suits their interests, strengths and future aspirations.

In addition, students have had a wonderful opportunity this week to express their appreciation for their teachers. Many have chosen to leave thoughtful messages in Reception, recognising the hard work and dedication of staff across the school.

On Tuesday a group of MCA students attended the Esports Competition. They did really well reaching the final against Altrincham Grammar but sadly lost in the final. Congratulations to all the students who took part.

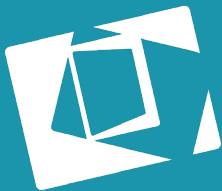


This week we saw the launch of our One Million Mentors programme with our Year 10 students. This was a great success and they will be matched with a mentor ahead of their meeting next month. The programme is designed to raise aspirations and help them with their future careers.

Last night we held our final Interhouse Competition of the half term - Pancake making. Congratulations to Shakespeare house who came out on top with the delicious pancakes. Well done to all the staff and students involved.



3 Digital Ambassador students attended a training session this week with the Smoothwall programme. Students were interviewed by Manchester City Council about Cyber Bullying and the safe and proper use of technology in schools. The students attending this workshop were fabulous!



On Wednesday a group of Engineering students took a trip to Manchester College Harpurhey. They had a tour of the facilities, sat in lectures on Civil Engineering and engaged in a task. Trip opportunities like this are fantastic opportunities to open students' eyes to the potential Post 16 options they can experience in life after MCA.

#### **Coming Up**

#### **Online Safety Workshops**

The following workshops are available for parents to help understand how to support young people online

#### **Parent Workshops**

Primary: Primary Parents Spring 19th March 7.30-8.30pm [https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WHlgIva0TyyWJKJWHMlgog](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WHlgIva0TyyWJKJWHMlgog)

Secondary: Secondary Parents Spring 17th March 7.30-8.30pm [https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZHVcldULS7mQWPxEQqxgyw](https://smoothwall.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZHVcldULS7mQWPxEQqxgyw)

#### **Year 11 Key Dates**

16th - 20th Feb Half Term Revision  
23rd Feb - 6th March Week 2&3 of PPE2  
31st March - Parents Evening (PPE2 Results)  
20th - 24th April MFL Speaking Exams  
22nd - 24th April Art Subjects Exams  
29th April - 1st May Art Subjects Exams  
8th May - 26th June GCSE EXAMS

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards  
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