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Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had another busy week here at MCA. Please see below for a summary of the highlights from the week and an insight into our pupils' achievements.

This Week

Each week, pastoral staff identify one child from their year group who has demonstrated the school values in an outstanding way. These students have a 'brew with the head.' This week's students are:

Patrick Jackmiuk
Abdul Tijani
Niamh Hargreaves
Bashar Alaskar

Well done to these students- we are very proud of their positive contribution to our school community.

MCA Careers Fair

On Thursday, all MCA students attended the Careers Fair, where they explored a wide range of colleges, businesses and apprenticeship providers. Students engaged brilliantly, asking thoughtful questions about vocational pathways, technical qualifications, A Levels and career opportunities.

We would love to hear about your child's future aspirations. Please complete our parent/carer survey:

https://www.cecparentcarer.co.uk/845b2b03-b0c7-4268-9cb9-4553b475089e

Your feedback, alongside student voice, has helped shape and improve MCA's Careers Programme. To find out more about our current careers provision, visit:

https://www.manchestercommunicationacademy.com/careers

This is a great opportunity to discuss future options and careers with your child. Students and parents can access Unifrog using the email address we hold on record, providing information on careers, pathways and the labour market. If you need any support, please contact careers@mca.manchester.sch.uk.

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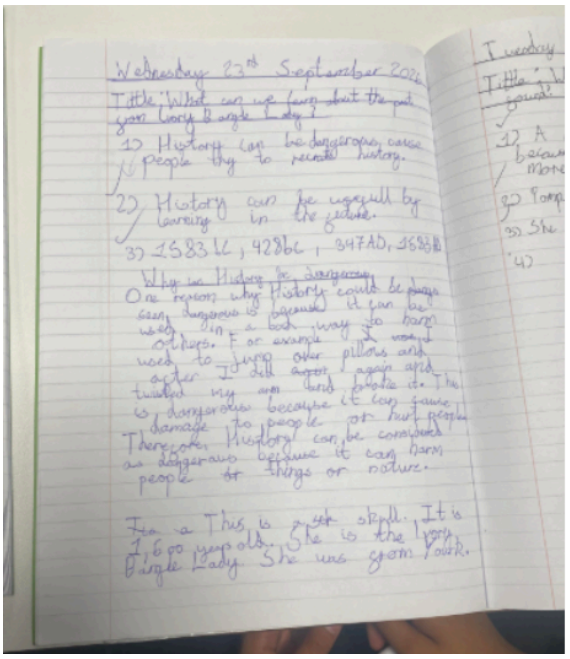
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Year 7

A quick reminder that our Progress Leader Evening is on Tuesday 13th October.
We would really encourage all parents and carers to come along, as it is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their successes and work together to support their continued development.
We would also like to remind families that regular attendance is particularly important during the winter months. Every day in school matters and helps our young people to stay on track with their learning.
Finally, a huge well done to Omar and Nour for their wonderful work this week — it has been fantastic to see their effort and commitment recognised!






Year 8

Attendance continues to be a focus for Year 8; last week's attendance was 89.56 % so we would really like to see this move above 90% as quickly as possible. Please support us with this by ensuring that your child is in school on time every day between now and the half term break.
Well done to Progress Group O2B who were the winners of the Attendance Breakfast for Year 8. They achieved a fantastic 100% attendance for the second time this half term!

Next week will be our Rewards Assembly, where we will be celebrating students in the year group who have gone above and beyond, including our highest Achievement Point earners. This week's top three Students with the most points for this week are:

Faith Ehiorobo

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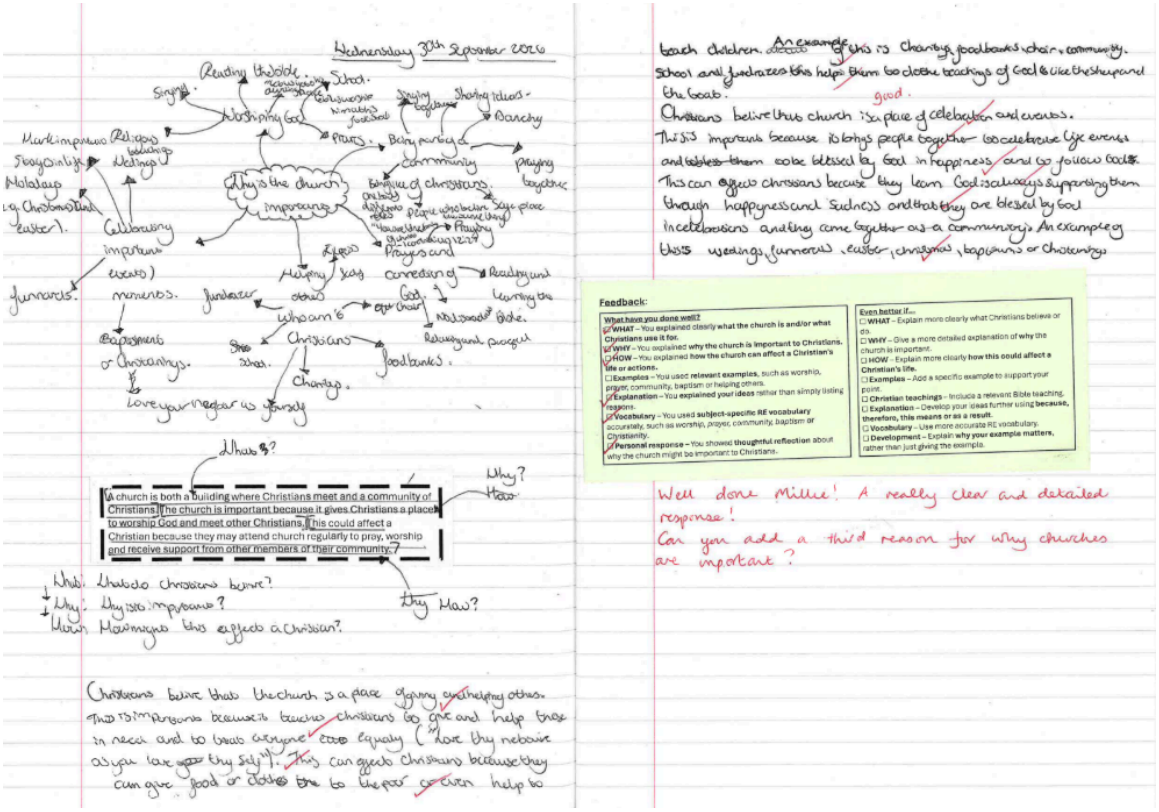
Patrick Jachimiuk
Arthur Ribiero

Well done to these students for not only consistently putting their learning first, but also for embodying our MCA values so beautifully!

Wonderful Work

This week Millie Smeeton's work has been selected as an outstanding example of our expectations in Year 8 . Millie was nominated by both Mrs Peacock and Mr Karasz, not only for the quality of the work she produced but also for her fantastic presentation.

This is the work which Millie produced in her most recent RE lesson- well done, Millie!




Upcoming Events for Year 8

During the half term break, 70 students from Year 8 will be taking part in the Outward Bound trip to the Lake District. They are really excited about the trip and will have a fantastic time. A big thank-you to their Head of Year Mr Kenny for volunteering to accompany them !

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Year 9

The overall attendance for year 9 was 89.13% this week- we want to build and improve on this. Please continue to support us and your child in full attendance as every minute matters. We have a cohort of students who are improving attendance by 1% on the 1% cohort- this is great to see.

It will be celebration time next week for 123 students across year 9 who have achieved 100% attendance and zero behaviour points- more details about this will follow. We are very proud of these students' outstanding achievement.

Progress leader award-winners to date are:

O3A - Mrista & Ivy Mae
O3B- Havi & Michael
T3A - Tracy, Mustaf, Brianna, Logan, Abuzar
T3B - Fernando, Melina, Lydia
T3C - Natalia, Reagan, Eman, Yones
C3A - Millie
C3B Samuel, Denzel, Mia, Olivia, Ashanti
M3A - Hanna G
M3B - Grace, Fereedah, Ava Leigh, Hamza

This is fantastic- keep up the amazing effort!

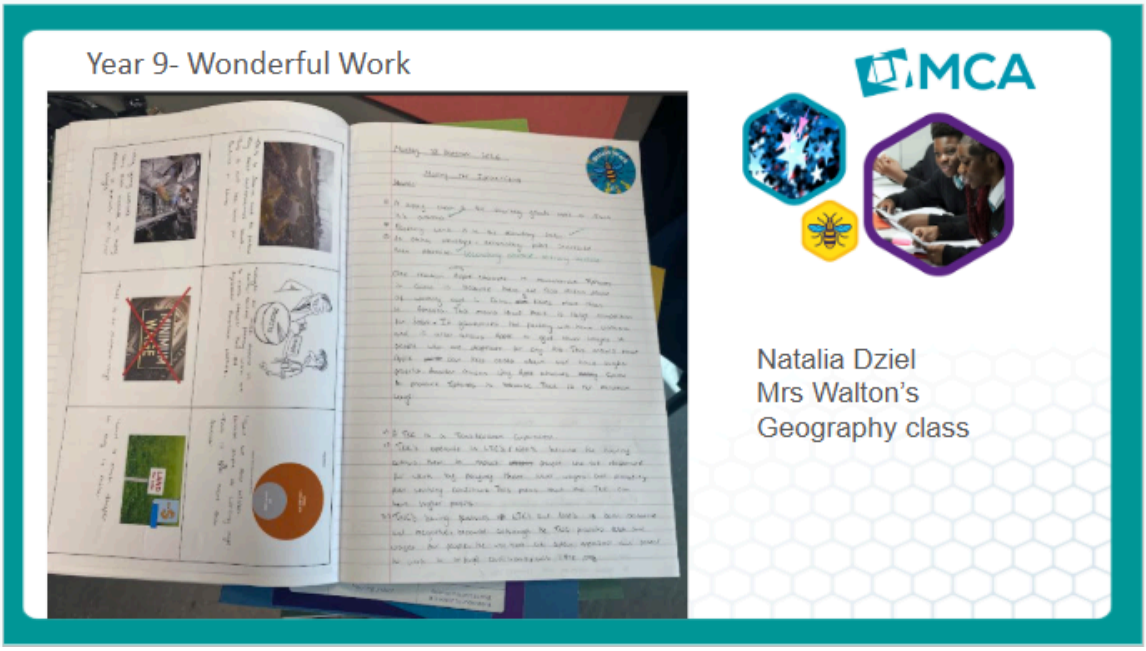
Finally, well done to Nikodem and Sarah and Natalia for being selected as this week's wonderful work winners- we are very proud of you.

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Year 10

As we head into the final week before half term, we are encouraging Year 10 to finish strongly. Attendance currently stands at 91.87%, and we would like to see this improve next week. Attendance and punctuality remain a key focus, with students who make positive improvements being rewarded at a special event with Miss Wieczorek and Miss Saville next Friday.

We are also launching an achievement points challenge. The form with the most achievement points will win a special breakfast on Thursday, with lucky bags also up for grabs.

This week, Year 10 students attended a Careers Fair, speaking with employers and organisations about future pathways and opportunities beyond school.

We are incredibly proud of the positive progress Year 10 have made this term and look forward to seeing them finish the half term with the same commitment and determination.

Year 11: Preparing for the Future

Year 11 students have had a productive week, including the opportunity to attend our Careers Fair, helping them explore post-16 pathways and future aspirations. We are grateful to Ms Wilcock and the Careers team for their ongoing support in ensuring students are well informed and prepared for their next steps.

Students have also attended assemblies on college open days and post-16 opportunities and received their THRIVE booklet, allowing them to record achievements, experiences and personal statements as they begin preparing for life beyond school.

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After half term, Year 11 will sit their PPE1 examinations, providing an important opportunity to assess their progress and identify areas for further improvement. Alongside Period 0 and Period 6 interventions, additional revision opportunities will be available during the holidays.

As always, thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure every student leaves Year 11 with the knowledge, confidence and qualifications needed for a successful future.

Coming Up

Benedict's Law is a new statutory framework for schools that took effect at the start of this term. It means that all schools now have comprehensive allergy safety policies, all of our staff have completed allergy training and we now carry emergency anaphylaxis kits in school. In line with this new policy, we are asking parents and carers to complete this short questionnaire if your child has an allergy that requires an epipen. If your child develops an allergy at any point during the school year, please let us know as soon as possible.

https://forms.gle/kvAseo7yYFdLTQ2V6

Year 8 Outward Bound Trip:
During half term, 72 Year 8 students will attend the Outward Bound trip. Group 1 will travel from 19-21 October, and Group 2 from 21-23 October.

Students should arrive at MCA by 9:15am for a 10:00am departure. Any medication must be clearly labelled and handed to staff on arrival.

To ensure students remain focused on activities and to prevent damage, mobile phones are not permitted. Students have been placed into groups by Outward Bound and have had the opportunity to choose a friend to share a room with.
Students will return to the Academy between 3:30pm and 4:00pm, depending on traffic. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Wilcock.

Parents/carers can find answers to common questions and the kit list using the link below:

https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/come-to-outward-bound/help-centre/education-help-centre/

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards
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MCA Headteacher



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