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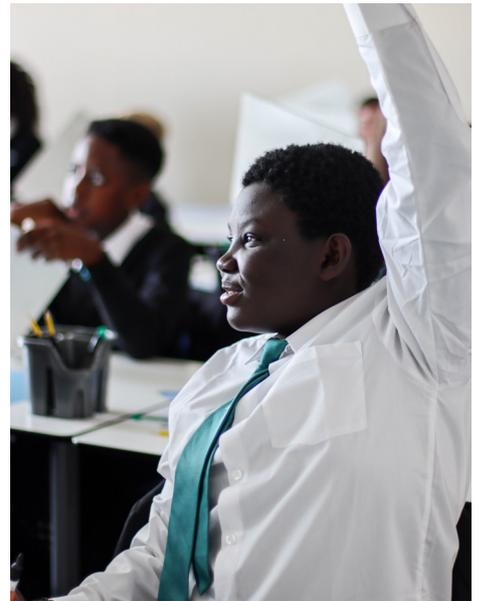
START OF A NEW YEAR



Welcome to a new term at MCA, we are so happy to welcome all of our students back for the new academic year and I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to our new year 7 students and their families.

The start of the September term has been really exciting as we have been able to relax some of the restrictions that we had in place last year and look forward to the activities around the curriculum that makes MCA the exciting school it is. The staff started back last week and embarked on two days of professional learning which we titled 'Architects of the Extraordinary'. Staff and teachers had the time to collaborate and consider how they can deliver an extraordinary education to our students.

It was an absolute delight to see our new year 7 students join us on Monday looking excited but slightly nervous about the huge step they were making into secondary education. All of year 7 have made a wonderful start and have quickly become accustomed to the school which will be a safe place for them for the next five years. I would like to thank all of the parents that joined us for the parents' information evening on Thursday; it was lovely to meet so many of you and I hope that you found all of the information useful. We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you in the year ahead.



Years 8-11 joined us throughout the week, completed necessary Covid testing and then plunged into their learning with such an appetite; I have been blown away by their excellent attitudes. We continued the theme of the 'extraordinary' in assemblies this week as students considered the type of students they intend on being and the upper school even considered what their GCSE success stories to camera would be in the summer.

Another highlight of the week was the marking of International Literacy Day where students read extracts from the Marcus Rashford book, 'You are a Champion'. We read this as part of our daily reading time, but I would like to encourage all families to support their children with daily reading at home. We know that this is one of the biggest factors that can propel their academic success. Over the past few months we have been stocking our new school library 'The Beehive' and from next week students will be given access and will be able to loan books out.



The week was rounded off with Hot Chocolate with the Head where I have the chance to celebrate those students that have really gone above and beyond in their learning and deserve recognition for their achievements. Today I was lucky enough to enjoy a hot chocolate with Megan Parker from Year 11 and Revasdi Tutuma from year 9. Both students had been brave, brilliant and kind this week exemplifying the MCA values in everything they did. Megan is a wonderful ambassador within the PE department and Revasdi is the politest student, I'm looking forward to seeing him flourish in year 9.



The year 7s had their own celebration today as there had been so many outstanding contributions. I know the progress leaders found it incredibly difficult nominating only 2 for the assembly so all of you deserve a big well done.

I know that the year ahead is going to be a brilliant one and I look forward to sharing more of our good news with you in the weeks to come.