

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are pleased to share some highlights from this week at Manchester Communication Academy.

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 winners:

Year 8 Dolcie Powell

Year 9 Regina Calombe

Year 10 Olamide Ajoye

Year 11 Ndey Jallow

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

Year 7

Please find details of our first parent/carers coffee morning:



Manchester Communication Academy
RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • RESILIENCE

Stronger Together

Invites Parents/Carers to

Tea, Treats and a Tour

of our new Year 7 Transition Centre with your child.

Wednesday 30th at 10.15am

Enjoy tea and treats
Meet our Year 7 team
Explore our new transition centre
See how we support your child's journey

We look forward to welcoming you!

Year 8

Year 8 have continued to settle really well into their Home Base up on the third floor. There is a lovely calm and purposeful working environment throughout the base and students are engaging really well with their learning.

Students are very much looking forward to the upcoming Outward Bound trip during October half term; there may still be a small number of places available so please contact Miss Wilcock s.wilcock@mca.manchester.sch for more details if you haven't yet done so.

Another exciting opportunity for Year 8 students is the chance to become their Progress Group Representative. Students who would like to apply for this role are currently preparing a short presentation about themselves which they will present to their group. Students will then vote to elect their chosen representative. We will let you know the outcome of these elections next week !

Year 9

It has been fantastic to see the excellent work taking place in Year 9 Food lessons. Students have shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and pride while preparing a traditional Sunday dinner. They have developed their practical skills, supported one another, shown resilience when challenges arose and taken pride in the quality of their finished dishes. Well done to Year 9 for their positive and productive approach.

Attendance remains an area for improvement across the Year 9 cohort. While many students attend regularly and engage well, a small number of students are having a significant impact on overall attendance figures. Continued monitoring, early intervention and close communication with families will be important in reducing absence and ensuring all students access their education consistently.

Year 10

As we reach the end of our fourth week, Year 10 has continued to settle well into the routines and expectations of the new academic year. The year group has made an excellent start, earning an impressive 3,447 achievement points, reflecting the positive attitude, effort and contributions of our students.

Year 10 Art students also enjoyed an inspiring workshop with renowned artist Ian Murphy, exploring mixed-media techniques using texture, ink and pencil to create their own creative and thoughtful pieces.

As the term progresses, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of regular attendance. Year 10 is a crucial year, and every lesson counts. Missing school can result in gaps in learning that are difficult to close, so please continue to encourage your child to attend every day to give them the best chance of success.



Year 11

We are incredibly proud of the commitment and dedication shown by Year 11 this week as Period 0 and Period 6 sessions got fully underway. Attendance has been excellent, and students have demonstrated fantastic engagement, both of which will stand them in good stead as they work towards achieving their academic goals.

In assembly next Wednesday, we will be celebrating students who have demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity. We will be recognising those who have continued to persevere when faced with challenges, as well as those who have shown the determination to learn from their mistakes and keep moving forward.

We want to reinforce the message that we don't just celebrate perfection; we celebrate effort, resilience and the courage to keep trying. We already have 17 nominations, with many more hopefully still to come!

I am incredibly proud of Year 11 and the positive attitude they have shown so far. Let's keep up the fantastic work and continue pushing towards success!

Homework:

Year 7 continue to impress with the completion of their homework booklets. This is a great way to ensure learning continues at home and also supports the students retaining key information. Next week we launch our homework expectations with year 8 and year 9 students. From next week year 8 students will be set homework on the following days:

Monday- English

Wednesday- Science

Thursday- Maths

Year 9 students will receive homework on the following days:

Monday- English

Tuesday- Science

Thursday- Maths.

Students will receive RE and Global Understanding homework that will be set specifically with their class teacher and will be communicated through class charts for both year 8 and 9. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child completes their homework.

Coming Up

Our Class Charts rewards shop will be opening on Monday 12th October for the duration of the week. Students will be able to cash in their Bee Points for a range of rewards. The big prize for the year is our end of year for Years 7-10 which students will need 250 Bee Points for so please encourage them to spend all of their points too early! If you need any support accessing your own Class Charts account please let us know and we can support you with this.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) School Engagement Programme

At Manchester Communication Academy, we work closely with Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to support the safety, wellbeing and personal development of our students.

As part of this partnership, students may take part in sessions delivered by our School Engagement Officer, including:

- Assemblies and workshops
- Online safety and responsible social media use
- Knife crime and serious violence awareness
- Child exploitation and county lines
- Anti-social behaviour and crime prevention
- Hate crime and discrimination
- Healthy relationships
- Personal safety and positive decision-making
- Other age-appropriate topics relevant to students' needs

These sessions form part of our Personal Development and Safeguarding curriculum, providing students with accurate information, practical advice and opportunities to ask questions in a safe environment.

We believe that working with GMP plays an important role in helping young people make safe, informed and responsible choices both in school and within the wider community.

By receiving this letter, you are being informed that your child may participate in these GMP engagement activities. If you do not wish your child to take part, please email **optoutgmp@mca.manchester.sch.uk** by **02.10.2026**. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate.

Please note that any intervention relating to an individual student's safeguarding or welfare needs will continue to be managed in line with the school's safeguarding procedures and professional guidance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe, informed and well supported.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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