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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.

<u>This Week</u>

MCA were lucky enough to be chosen as one of just 3 schools in Manchester to host a Media Cubs event, educating and gaining students' thoughts and opinions on the HPV vaccination. A small group of our Y8 students were chosen to take part because of their excellent media and Creative Arts talents. On the day Media cubs brought a pop-up TV studio to school and the students had the opportunity to interview a panel of experts including health professionals such as the school nurse and Manchester Healthy Schools lead. Students got to try out different roles including camera operator, audience manager and director, as well as presenting and interviewing. The students also interviewed one another and put together a podcast based on what they learned about immunisations. Everything they produced on the day will be used to inform how health professionals share key information with young people going forward. Huge well done to the students who took part and were a credit to MCA!



Anti Bullying Week:
Next week in MCA one of our focuses will be Anti Bullying Week. Mr Howard will be leading the assembly with our student leaders to talk about the topic and we welcome all students to wear Odd Socks on Monday. This week the theme is "Break the Silence".

Careers at MCA:
Our Year 10 students have had a number of wonderful trips recently as part of their work experiences visit which will continue throughout the year. We are always looking to connect with new companies to widen the contacts with a variety of sectors. If you place of work can support MCA's students in visits to expose them to a place of work please email careers@mca.manchester.sch.uk with a lead contact and we will reach out to them.

We would love to hear about your child's future aspirations to continue to strengthen the MCA careers programme. 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:
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ESAs

ESAs are a great way to meet new friends, try something new, develop your hobbies, develop a relationship with teachers outside the classroom and just your learning outside the classroom. A number of skills can be developed in our Extended School Activities. We are always interested to hear student voice for clubs you would like to see offered in MCA and we will look to provide these for you. Come and get involved in the variety of clubs on offer from Debate Mate, Skateboarding, Basketball, Cooking Clubs, Art clubs, Diamond Art, Guitar, Singing and Drums just to name a few!

Year 7

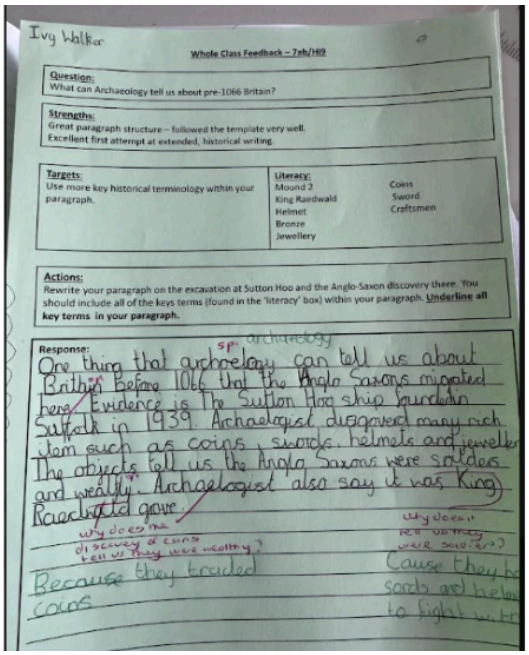
Year 7 attendance last week was 92.76% which is below our target of 96% - we are aware that some students have winter illnesses but please, wherever possible ensure that your children attend school daily.

Students who have missed days of school will complete catch up sessions to ensure they minimise gaps in their learning.

A shout out to Progress group - S1A who had the highest attendance of 96.92%. They will celebrate with a special breakfast reward on Monday.

Wonderful work

Well done to Ivy Walker for this beautiful piece of History work - high standards of presentation and effort!


Ivy Walker

Whole Class Feedback – 7ab/Hi9

Question:
What can Archaeology tell us about pre-1066 Britain?

Strengths:
Great paragraph structure – followed the template very well.
Excellent first attempt at extended, historical writing.

Targets:
Use more key historical terminology within your paragraph.

Literacy:
Mound 2
King Raedwald
Helmet
Bronze
Jewellery
Coins
Sword
Craftsmen

Actions:
Rewrite your paragraph on the excavation at Sutton Hoo and the Anglo-Saxon discovery there. You should include all of the keys terms (found in the 'literacy' box) within your paragraph. Underline all key terms in your paragraph.

Response:
One thing that archaeology can tell us about Britain before 1066 that the Anglo Saxons migrated here. Evidence is The Sutton Hoo ship burial in Suffolk in 1939. Archaeologist discovered many rich item such as coins, swords, helmets and jewelry. The objects tell us the Anglo Saxons were soldiers and wealthy. Archaeologist also say it was King Raedwald grave.

why does the discovery of coins tell us they were wealthy?
Because they traded coins

why doesn't RE us they were soldiers?
Cause they had swords and helmet to fight with

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Student Successes

Our Year 7 students have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and maturity this week, showing great respect during the Remembrance silence.

Their conduct was also recognised during a recent visit from our former Chair of Trustees, who was extremely impressed by the high standards of behaviour, courtesy and respect shown throughout the school. This is a fantastic reflection of our work at the transition centre, school values and a real credit to our Year 7 students. They should be very proud of themselves!

Year 8

Attendance

Year 8 attendance last week was 89.41 which is a slight improvement on last week's percentage but still falls well below our overall target.

Well done to Progress Group O2B who had the highest attendance last week with an amazing 99.1 %. These students were rewarded with a Celebration Breakfast on Monday !

As ever, your support with attendance is invaluable; please ensure that your child is in school on time every day not only to help us to achieve our attendance target, but also to help to build the life-long skills and resilience that will set them up to achieve their full potential.

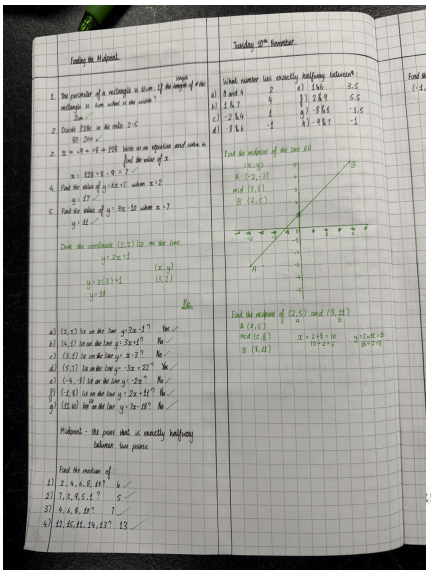
Student Success

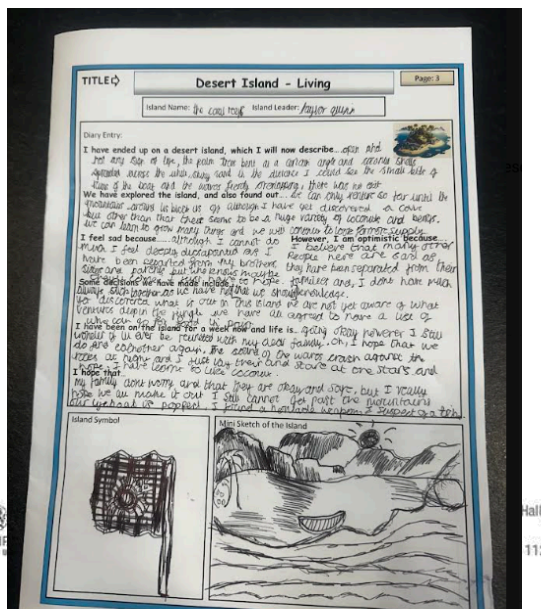
As already mentioned, well done to the group of Year 8 students who were chosen to take part in the Media Cubs event. They represented our school and the MCA values brilliantly and we are very proud of them!

On an individual level, Hussein Ali, Faith Ehioribo, Saron Frezgi, Victoria Idahosa, Juno Liu and Patrick Jacimiuk were the students who earned the most Bee points in Year 8 last week. This reflects their consistent commitment to displaying our Academy values of Responsibility, Respect and Resilience - well done !

Wonderful Work

Well done to Annie and Taylor for producing these outstanding examples of work





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Year 9

Attendance last week was 89.48%. We need to keep moving towards the target of 96% upwards. If you have any issues in relation to attendance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McCorriston (Director of Year 9) of Miss Eyre (Year 9 Attendance Lead). We request that any holidays are to be taken in school holidays not term time. We are here to support and guide and remove any barrier that may be currently present.

Student Success

This week in Rugby in PE Miss Gillaspy's class - Ethan Haywood, Jessie Simba-Ali, Daniel Ikhile, Nikodem Szczepanski, James Gray, David Okoro Afe - fantastic effort well done.



Behaviour and standards

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Last week's positive rewards points were an amazing 1235. This is an amazing effort across the year group well done and keep up the amazing effort. On average each student across the year group achieved 7 positives in a week. This is amazing.

Coming up

We have Into University events taking place on 16th November for a cohort of year 9 students 21 in total across the academic year watch this space for more information to follow and please see the link attached https://intouniversity.org/

Year 10

Have you been on MCA's social media - there you can see the variety of work experiences trips that our Year 10 students have attended so far this year. We have taken our students out on trips to Catella, City Press, FEC and MCPA with students next week heading off to Robert Walters. All students in MCA have the opportunity to engage in work experience and meet employers. Student feedback has been very positive about the engagement with the employers and the learning of the world of work the trips have exposed them to. We are excited for the future visits which will be taking place this year.

Attendance

Year 10 achieved 91.42% attendance last week. A huge well done to C4B, who achieved an outstanding 99.58% attendance! As a reward for their fantastic effort, they enjoyed a celebratory breakfast on Monday morning. Well done to everyone in C4B! Let's keep working together to improve our attendance, as every day counts.

Student Success

Year 10 had a fantastic week for achievement, collecting an impressive 836 Achievement Points last week! This is a brilliant effort and shows lots of positive contributions across the year group. Let's keep those points building and continue to recognise the students who are going above and beyond. A huge well done to all of our Year 10 students who have been out on work experience this week! We are incredibly proud of you for representing yourselves and Manchester Communication Academy so positively. It also gives you a valuable insight into the world of work and helps you start thinking about your future careers. We hope you have enjoyed the experience, challenged yourselves and learned something new. Well done, Year 10!

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It has been a really positive start to the new term, with behaviour across Year 10 getting off to a good start. Let's make sure we maintain this momentum by showing respect, making positive choices and demonstrating our best attitude to learning in every lesson.

Wonderful Work

Well done to Goodnews Oloruntobi in Mr Roscoe's Engineering class for this fantastic piece of work.



Coming Up

Let's keep the positive energy going, Year 10! Our focus is on excellent attendance, positive behaviour and making the most of every opportunity to succeed. Keep up the great work!

<u>Year 11</u>

One hundred and twenty nine Year 11 students have now had their 1-2-1 careers appointments with MCA Career's advisors. These appointments are a conversation for your child to prepare for their post 16 options and consider their future options. Students' meeting plans are uploaded to Unifrog for them to read at any time and they can follow this up with the support of Unifrog as a platform to look at labour market information. Mrs Wilcock is always on hand in MCA to support with college applications, careers opportunities and next steps. Parents can sign into their own Unifrog account by using their email address provided to the Academy as a point of contact to also look at labour market information.

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College / Sixth Form	Date	Time
Cardinal Langley Sixth Form	Thursday 5 November 2026	5pm – 7pm
Future Skills at Media City UK	Saturday 7 November 2026	10am – 12pm
Pendleton Sixth Form College	Tuesday 10 November 2026	5pm – 7pm
Eccles Sixth Form College	Thursday 12 November 2026	5pm – 7pm
Oldham College	Saturday 14 November 2026	10.30am – 1pm
Salford City College – City Skills	Saturday 14 November 2026	10am – 12pm
The Manchester College	Saturday 14 November 2026	10am – 1pm
Tameside College	Monday 16 November 2026	5pm – 8pm
Clarendon Sixth College	Monday 16 November 2026	5pm – 8pm
ADA – National College for Digital Skills	Tuesday 17 November 2026	5pm – 7.30pm
Rochdale Sixth Form College	Thursday 19 November 2026	4pm – 7pm
Hopwood Hall College	Wednesday 25 November 2026	4.30pm – 6.30pm

A reminder of the open days scheduled for this weekend are listed above.

Year 11 Attendance – Every Minute Matters!

Last week, Year 11 attendance was 91.41%. While it is positive to be above 90%, our target is 96%, particularly now that PPEs have begun.

We recognise the financial pressures many families face, but we strongly encourage parents and carers to avoid taking students out of school for holidays during term time. Every lesson counts, offering valuable opportunities to secure those extra marks that can make a real difference to GCSE grades.

Please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time, ready to learn.

If you need support or have concerns affecting attendance, please contact Mrs Murray (Director of Year 11) or Mrs Neild (Year 11 Attendance lead). We are here to work with you to overcome any barriers.

Every lesson matters, every minute counts, every opportunity makes a difference!

Year 11 Wonderful Work
Well Done to Assia in Ms Husraz's Class for her wonderful work this week!

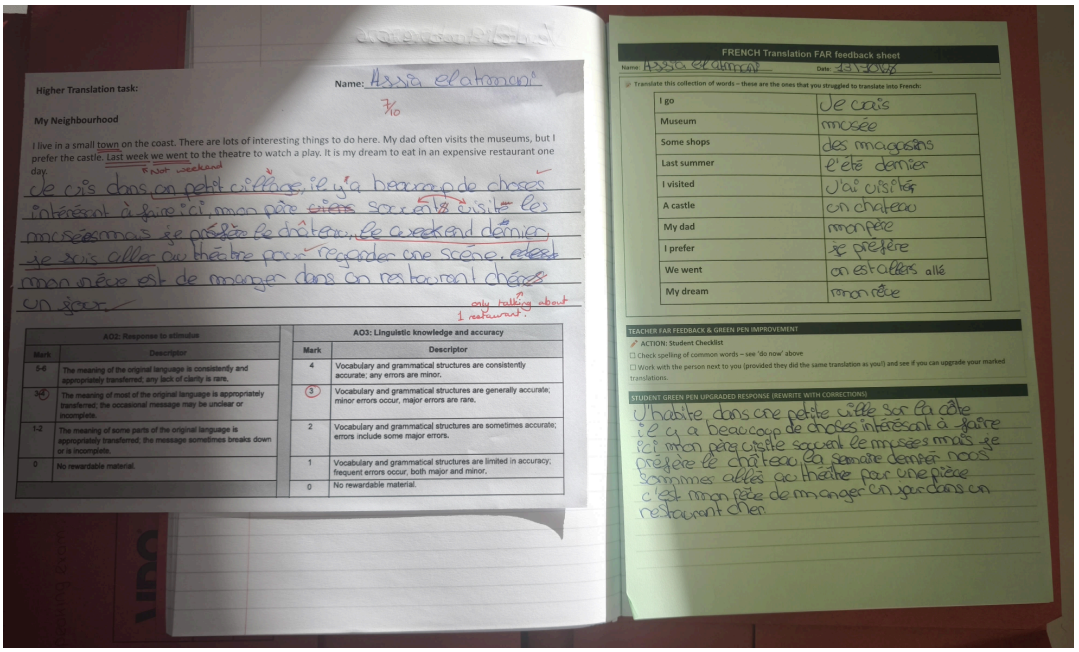
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Higher Translation task:

Name: Assia elatmani

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My Neighbourhood

I live in a small town on the coast. There are lots of interesting things to do here. My dad often visits the museums, but I prefer the castle. Last week we went to the theatre to watch a play. It is my dream to eat in an expensive restaurant one day.

last weekend

Je vais dans un petit village, il y a beaucoup de choses intéressant à faire ici, mon père souvent visite les musées mais je préfère le château, le weekend dernier je vais aller au théâtre pour regarder une scène, elle est mon rêve est de manger dans un restaurant chère un jour.

only talking about 1 restaurant.

AO2: Response to stimulus		AO3: Linguistic knowledge and accuracy	
Mark	Descriptor	Mark	Descriptor
5-6	The meaning of the original language is consistently and appropriately transferred; any lack of clarity is rare.	4	Vocabulary and grammatical structures are consistently accurate; any errors are minor.
3-4	The meaning of most of the original language is appropriately transferred; the occasional message may be unclear or incomplete.	3	Vocabulary and grammatical structures are generally accurate; minor errors occur, major errors are rare.
1-2	The meaning of some parts of the original language is appropriately transferred; the message sometimes breaks down or is incomplete.	2	Vocabulary and grammatical structures are sometimes accurate; errors include some major errors.
0	No rewardable material.	1	Vocabulary and grammatical structures are limited in accuracy; frequent errors occur, both major and minor.
		0	No rewardable material.

FRENCH Translation FAR feedback sheet

Name: Assia elatmani Date: 15/10/18

Translate this collection of words – these are the ones that you struggled to translate into French:

I go	Je vais
Museum	musée
Some shops	des magasins
Last summer	l'été dernier
I visited	J'ai visité
A castle	un château
My dad	mon père
I prefer	je préfère
We went	on est allés allé
My dream	mon rêve

TEACHER FAR FEEDBACK & GREEN PEN IMPROVEMENT

ACTION: Student Checklist

☐ Check spelling of common words – see 'do now' above

☐ Work with the person next to you (provided they did the same translation as you!) and see if you can upgrade your marked translations.

STUDENT GREEN PEN UPGRADED RESPONSE (REWRITE WITH CORRECTIONS)

J'habite dans une petite ville sur la côte il y a beaucoup de choses intéressant à faire ici mon père visite souvent les musées mais je préfère le château la semaine dernier nous sommes allés au théâtre pour une pièce c'est mon rêve de manger un jour dans un restaurant cher

Coming up - Important Dates for Year 11

A reminder that our Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday 10th December. This will coincide with students receiving their full reports and the latest examination grades. We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend so that we can continue working together to support your child to thrive and achieve their full potential.

We are also looking forward to celebrating our Year 11 students with a reward meal on Monday 7th December. Further details will follow!

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards
Ms Watmough
MCA Headteacher