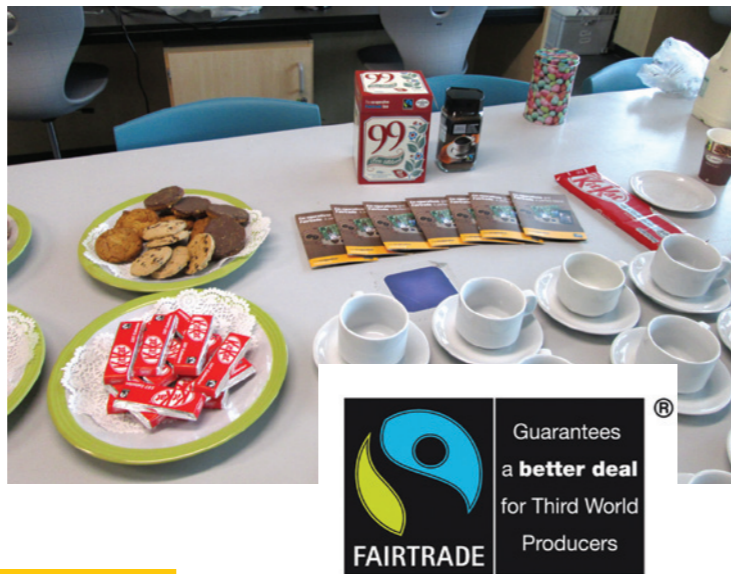


## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2013

Monday 25th February 2013 marked the start of Fairtrade Fortnight 2013. As a school we like to celebrate and highlight the good work and importance of companies like Fairtrade and Traidcraft. Assemblies were delivered to each of the Houses during this fortnight by the Trust Champions. Mr Lazarou, Catering Manager, agreed to sell only Fairtrade drinks for the whole 2 weeks, so a big thank you to him for his support. A whole school quiz was organised by Mrs Davies, with questions based on helping students to learn and understand what Fairtrade is about and why it is so important. 5 lucky winners were selected from the correct entries. They were Zahra Lokhandwala KH2a, Montaha Afana, PR1b, Faiza Manzoor PR5b, Namra Durrani SW2a & Rubab Zahra VW5a. Well done to all the winners!



## STAFF TEA/COFFEE EVENT

As part of the celebrations for Fairtrade Fortnight, a Fairtrade Tea and Coffee event was held for staff in G1/13 at lunchtime on Friday 8th March. Staff were invited along for a cup of Fairtrade tea or coffee along with a delicious Fairtrade biscuit – all free! On arrival staff were given a raffle ticket which gave them the chance to win a Fairtrade goody bag, full of Fairtrade tea, coffee, biscuits & chocolate. Staff enjoyed a good chat and

bit of time out while having their cup of tea. The winner of the goody bag was a very happy Miss M Allen. (pictured on the right)



## WESTWOOD HOUSE CHARITY

*Guess how many sweets in the jar?*

A great event with huge thanks to Westwood House leaders for going round and collecting donations and guesses - but the lucky winner with the closest guess was Hala Alhalouna 8KH5b. She guessed 425 sweets and the correct answer was 422! We raised a fantastic £55 for The Starlight Children's Foundation which helps terminally ill children be granted a final wish!



## Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies and books.

- This half term the Head girls for each House will be advertising the leavers' hoodies and books for Year 11 to purchase. The hoodies will be purple with the school badge on the front and the number '13' on the back with all Year 11 students' names printed on the outside at £10 each.
- The deadline for all payments will be the first Wednesday back after half term - Wednesday 17th April 2013. Money must be paid to the Finance Office and books can be purchased from there for just £1.00.
- Please see your Head or Deputy Head girls for further information.
- All payments will be non-refundable.



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# Partnership NEWS

## MCR FASHION WEEK YOUNG DESIGNER!



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## WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER

It gives me great pleasure to see the wide range of opportunities staff provide for our students, both in and out of the classrooms. Employers are clear they need young people who are self confident, reliable, attend regularly and who can work as part of a team. There is evidence of our students demonstrating these skills throughout Partnership News.

It was a pleasure to hear of ex-student Denise Thomas' success story and we know there are many more. We would like to make this a regular feature so, if you are an ex-student who is achieving ambitious goals, please email in your story with a photo and you could be in the next edition.

I hope you enjoy this edition and following us on social media.

Ms. P. Kane M.A.



*"Whalley Range is going from strength to strength."*  
Ofsted 2012.

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR EX-STUDENT

I attended Whalley Range High School from 2003-2008. I am currently in the final year of my undergraduate degree studying Law with Politics at Manchester University. After my law degree my aspirations are to practise as a barrister on the northern circuit. I have recently successfully received a place at bar school in Leeds, which will enable me to obtain the vocational qualification needed to practise as a barrister. I have also been shortlisted for an interview to potentially receive a scholarship to fund my place at bar school.

Although practising as a barrister is often associated as being a very male profession, I was told that it is very important for young women to not be deterred by entering the top professions when it may seem like the odds are against us. I think hard work and determination will guide you on the right path to achieving whatever career path you choose to embark upon in life. So long as you stay committed and have arrived at a firm conclusion on your chosen career path, along with understanding and appreciating the difficulties you may face along the way, there is a stepping stone to achieving your aims. If I had taken on board the views of my critics in pursuing the bar I would never have got to the stage I am at today and I would advise the students of Whalley Range to continue to persevere even when it seems like you are attempting the impossible.

Denise Thomas - The Class of 2008



Denise Thomas



## NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE

6 teams from Whalley Range competed in the National Cipher Challenge, run by the University of Southampton between October and January. After a very close competition, the best in school certificate was awarded to the Purple Ninjas team (Alishba Chohan, Jessica Ta, Tasnia Meah and Moshtaha Afana) from Year 9. They each received £20 in Trafford Centre vouchers. Montaha Afana in Year 11 came in second and received a £10 voucher.

Congratulations to all the teams who took part!

## INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE

Thirty Year 9 and Year 10 students were selected (from a competition in their Maths lessons) to enter the UK Intermediate Mathematics challenge. This competition is sponsored by the Actuarial Profession and it was the first time the school has entered students in this level of the competition. Simply being selected to take part is a challenge in itself so congratulations to all the students who participated in the exam. The questions were tough but four students succeeded in gaining a prestigious bronze award. Sairah Akhtar, Alishba Chohan and Hannah Idriss gained Bronze in Year 9. Hannah Idriss was also awarded 'Best in Year'. Nomsa Mwimbi was not only the sole Year 10 student to gain Bronze, but she has also been awarded 'Best in School' for getting the highest mark overall. Well done everyone!

*"Students are polite, courteous and keen to learn. They show great pride in their school and their behaviour is exemplary."* Ofsted 2012



Issue 1 of Flip will be launched soon! Keep your eyes peeled and get involved. See Mr Atkinson for further details.



Flip! Magazine is an exciting project that is launching soon within the Social Science Faculty. It will be an interactive magazine for the students by the students. Students have been developing their interview skills and as a reward for their hard work this term it was arranged for a presenter from Channel 5's 'Milkshake', Olivia Birchenough, (pictured) to be their first official interviewee. Head reporters – Faduma Osman, Anesha Ashiq and Maliha Ferdous in Year 10 – quizzed Olivia on life in the media spotlight and how to get involved in TV work. We've definitely got some budding reporters here at Whalley Range.



*"Teachers have a clear idea of what students already know and plan interesting lessons that build on this knowledge."*  
Ofsted 2012

## PRIMARY DEBATE LEAGUE

Whalley Range High School hosted their first ever Primary Debating League earlier this year. Three feeder primary schools, Old Moat Primary, Manley Park Primary and Stanley Grove Primary, came to Whalley Range to take part in speaking, listening and debating activities. The event witnessed lots of talented pupils exercise various skills such as: thinking independently and on the spot; listening to others' opinions and steering conversations in their direction; engaging in a wide variety of topics and developing their confidence when speaking publicly. The results of the first round were that two teams currently stand joint first between Manley Park Primary and Old Moat Primary. The second round of the league will take place later in the year where the winning team will be presented with a trophy to display in their school for the year.

## CAREERS FAIR AT WRHS

On the 7th March we held a Careers Fair and invited along local colleges



and training providers who could provide our students with advice and guidance for their future. We focussed mainly on Year 10 students who have an important year next year with lots of decisions to make but all year groups were able to come along at lunchtime to look around. Here at Whalley Range we feel it is important that our students are able to access lots of information on potential Careers and this is done with Careers Talks, Careers Fair and the Connexions Service. This means when our students reach Year 11 they have had lots of help to make the right decision to take the next step towards their future.





## YOUNG ENTERPRISE BOOK.....



As promised in an earlier addition of Partnership News we have an update on the progress of our Young Enterprise Team.

Well, they have been very busy and things have really moved on! Their cookbook has now been printed and is available to purchase at a cost of £4.99. The team have experienced a number of hurdles along their journey. Communication and commitment were at times an issue, but meeting

regularly and having open and honest discussions helped them reach their goal. The moment of truth arrived just after the February half term when the book finally arrived from the printers! A small group of the Young Enterprise Team recently attended a Trade Fair at the Trafford Centre to sell their book. The message behind the book was very well received by the public - encouraging people to appreciate other cultures and special celebrations within these cultures. The students are now looking at different ways to market their book and other outlets to sell, such as local shops and primary schools.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a book and supporting this fantastic group of students then contact Mrs Davies on 0161 861 9727 Ext 113.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day was on Friday 8th March. 2 of our Sixth Formers, Anika Siddick and Samavia Abid, were lucky enough to be invited along to a special event hosted by The Co-operative Group. This event was also held to celebrate the Aspire Career Network's first birthday. Aspire is a group within the Co-operative which is exclusively for women, and aims to help women achieve fair representation at senior management level. There were a number of women giving very inspirational talks during the day, including the Rt. Hon Hazel Blears, MP (pictured). The students, along with Mrs Davies, thoroughly enjoyed the day and came away feeling very motivated and inspired to achieve the best that they can!



## The co-operative



## MATHS & ENGLISH INTERVENTION

Forty Year 7 and 8 students are working really hard to improve their Maths and English target grades. Some students have already completed



the Maths and Writing Challenges and have produced some impressive results. 100% of Year 7 students taking part in Writing Challenge are now on target and 56% of Year 8 students are now on or well above their end of year English target.

In Maths, we have had some excellent results. Miski Abukar got the highest score of 95% and Aaliyah Lewis was the most improved (from 38% to 92%!)). Well done girls! This is due to the hard work of Mrs Bajwa and her team together with the brilliant support of our Sixth form and outside mentors, Suzanne and Laura from Manchester University.

Students are now looking forward to the Presentation afternoon and a reward trip for their excellent punctuality, attendance, good behaviour and hard work, later on in the year.

## INTERVENTION ACCELERATED READING

Over fifty students started Intervention Accelerated Reading in September and 23 of them had reached their target by the end of last half term. Several more students are nearly there and hope to get a good test result at the end of term.

## EAL ADULT EVENING CLASS

"Behaviour around school and in lessons is frequently outstanding." Ofsted 2012

Every Tuesday evening, several parents and their daughters, join Mrs Bajwa in order to improve their English. They are all improving really well and the cups of tea and cake help a lot!



## ENGLISH & COMMUNICATIONS Faculty



School Report is back for another action-packed year of making the news with young people around the UK. At Whalley Range a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students have been learning the reporting ropes in order to create their own report, which will be available to watch nationwide on the BBC website and via our school website. One of the most important days in the School Report calendar is the annual News Day, which will be on 21st March 2013. All of the hard work that the students have put in will lead up to this day - an exciting opportunity for the young reporters to showcase their news gathering and reporting skills. Last year's News Day was a great success, but we are hoping that this year it will be even better!



## A trip to Stratford - upon - Avon

Preparing for A level Literature

Miss Lashley and Miss Vickers from the English Faculty took 10 students from Year 11 to Stratford for an overnight stay in January.

On Friday evening they all enjoyed a meal in a local restaurant before heading to The Royal Shakespeare Company theatre to see The Orphan of Zhao. They could not believe their luck when they were sat on the front row!

After an overnight stay in a hotel near the theatre and a hearty breakfast, the students enjoyed looking round the birthplace of Shakespeare - especially in the deep snow - before heading back to Manchester.



## To Kill a Mockingbird

The English Faculty took 55 students from Year 11 to the Royal Exchange Theatre to see Christopher Sergel's adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer prize-winning novel, a universal tale of prejudice, deep inequalities and humanity. The students are studying the novel as part of the GCSE Literature course and the Faculty felt this would further enrich their learning experience.

The performance brought the novel to life using live music and unique stage setting creating an atmospheric and emotional experience for students and teachers alike.

## Sixth Form Film Club

Every Monday at 3.15pm in our temporary home of B103, Sixth Form Film Club meets to watch films chosen by Sixth Formers. Recent choices have included Red Eye, Dorian Gray and Seven. Popcorn, Doritos, drinks, a film and a (2D) Brad Pitt - a perfect recipe for a rainy Monday evening! In the future we will be writing reviews and opening up a discussion board. Our next film is Kill Bill and as it's an 18, any students attending will need a permission letter signed at home so come and pick one up from the Sixth Form English Leaders.

Hope to see you there!



## Debate Mate

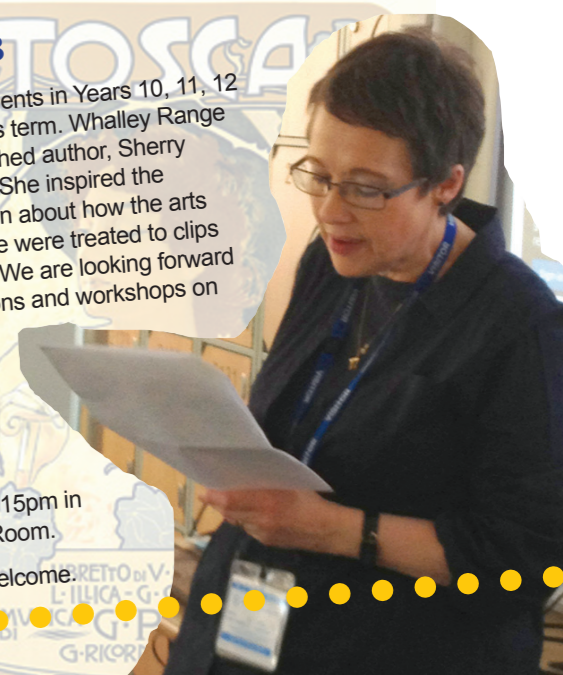
The past term has been an exciting time for all involved in Debate Mate, with the girls attending the first Urban Debate League of the year at The Albion Academy. The girls were involved in a series of challenging debates against students from five other schools in Manchester. This evening gave all girls involved the opportunity to showcase the fantastic skills and understanding they have developed during their Debate Mate sessions, and did so with impressive confidence. Their hard work and efforts paid off, with Whalley Range coming 3rd within the Manchester schools, and an impressive 10th overall nationally. The girls faced the next round of challenging debates recently at Manchester Academy, where they debated the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports.

## CULTURE CLUB

A brand new arts club for students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 has been unveiled this term. Whalley Range was proud to welcome published author, Sherry Ashworth to launch the club. She inspired the students with her presentation about how the arts have enriched her life and we were treated to clips ranging from punk to opera! We are looking forward to further weekly presentations and workshops on such diverse topics as Latin, Ernest Hemingway and the Golden Age of Hollywood.

Culture Club is held every Thursday from 3.15pm - 4.15pm in the Sixth Form Common Room.

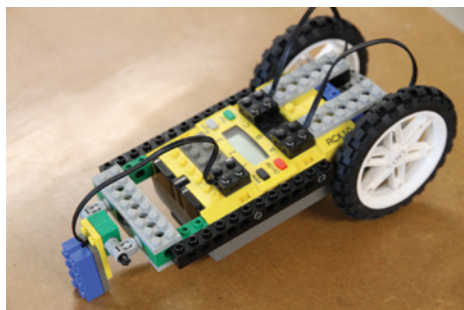
New members are very welcome.





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# ROBOT CLUB



## ROBOTS TAKE OVER WHALLEY RANGE....

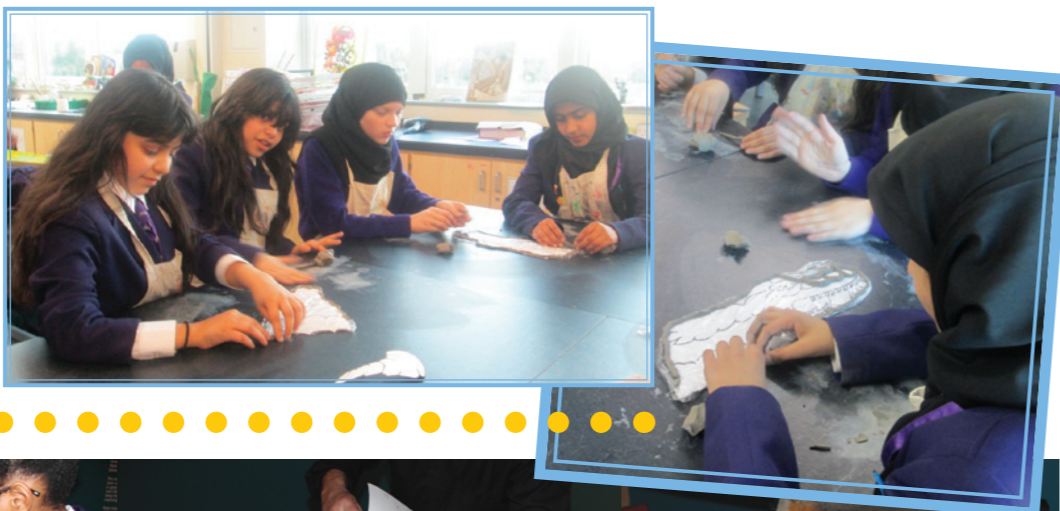
March saw the start of a new extra-curricular club at Whalley Range. Year 8 and 9 students were encouraged to join Robot Club – a weekly lunchtime session where students can build cool robots. In the first fully booked session, students built a self-driving robot car from scratch using LEGO Mindstorms kits, then programmed the robots to use a light sensor to make sure they didn't fall off the table! Mr Begg and Mr Daly were on hand to guide the students.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is an increasingly important career choice, so the club is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience in these subjects. Future sessions will include different sensors and more complex problems for the students to solve with robotics. Robot Club runs Friday lunchtimes in G129.



## ART CLUB

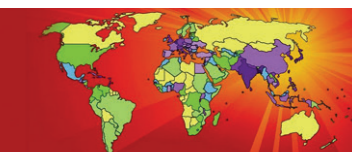
The Year 7 and Year 8 Art club has been running since Christmas and students have signed up to 6 week courses. The first group of students have been using clay to create patterned panels that will come together to create a group piece. Keep your eyes peeled for any new animals appearing around the buildings!



## YEAR 10 VISIT TO WHITWORTH ART GALLERY

As part of Deep Learning Day Year 10 GCSE Art and Design students visited the Whitworth Gallery. They took part in a workshop led by Alan Birch who is a Manchester based print-maker. He used the wallpapers of William Morris as inspiration and students created their own textured print plate. They were able to use the printing press were also shown how an etched printing plate works. Overall it was an informative and productive workshop which will develop and extend the students own coursework.

# World Languages Faculty



## CHINESE NEW YEAR

The World Language Leaders have been running events again this half term! On the 7th of February, Jessica Ta led an event to celebrate Chinese New Year. The students who attended learned about how the festival is celebrated, and some words in Chinese, such as how to say 'hello' – *ni hao* and 'how are you?' – *ni hao ma*. The turnout was great with 50 students from Years 7 to 13 coming along to the event!



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## LE JOUR DE SAINT VALENTIN

The World Language Leaders also celebrated Valentine's Day by running an event, which was led by Hinda Ismail and Natasha Singh. 30 students from Year 7 to 11 learnt how to say Happy Valentine's Day and make Valentine's cards in different languages.



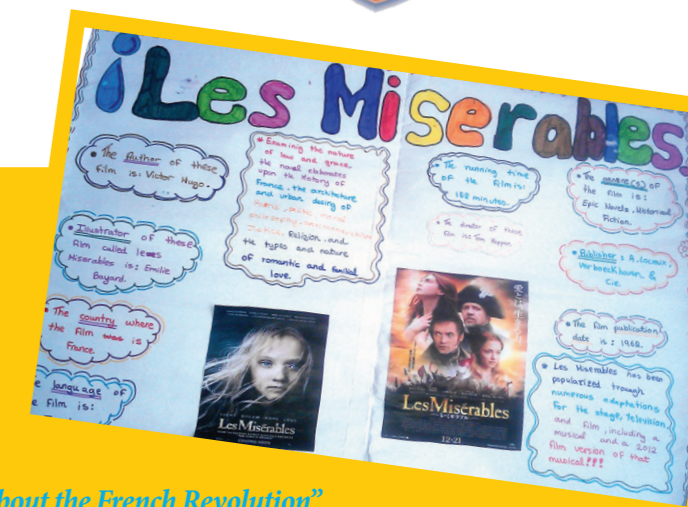
Italian - *felice giorno di San Valentino*  
Turkish - *Mutlu Sevgililer Günü*  
Spanish - *feliz día de San Valentín*  
Danish - *Fijne Valentijnsdag*



Thank you to all the students who attended, and thank you to all the World Language Leaders for working so hard to host these events! Look out for notices and advertisements for future events and competitions in the summer term!

## Les Misérables Trip

Mrs Georgalidou launched a project for her Year 7 & 8 classes with the title 'Les Misérables'. In groups, the students researched the details about the famous novel by Victor Hugo, created fabulous leaflets and presented their work to their peers. The topics covered were childhood, relationships with family and friends, imprisonment, human rights, life in France during the 18th Century and The French Revolution. Also, as part of the Year 8 GCSE French course, World Languages arranged a visit to Cineworld Didsbury to watch the film 'Les Misérables' on Thursday 14th February.



*"I really enjoyed the film because it was very emotional, and I learnt a lot about the French Revolution"*

Ruqayyah Kholwadia Year 8

*"I think that 'Les Misérables' movie was terrific, it was heart-warming and had a magnificent story line. I enjoyed it a lot!"*

Samra Khan Year 8

## FORCED MARRIAGE WORKSHOPS

Whalley Range's Year 9 Gifted and Talented Drama students have been invited to produce a play based on the theme of forced marriage. The group have tackled this serious and topical issue through the style of Commedia Del Arte, a style of comedy originating from Italy in the 1500s.



The theme of forced marriage is explored through several comic scenes depicting forced marriage through the ages, starting with Henry VIII and ending in modern day. The play exposes the many reasons why young girls and even some men are forced into marriage and identifies the signs and what those at risk can do to get help.



Year 9 also experienced a very valuable day with Joanna Lane from Women's Aid. She led a workshop on Forced Marriage which was highly informative and the girls were very engaged by the subject.

The Gifted and Talented group will perform at MMU on the 25th March 2013 as part of the Forced Marriage Conference. We are honoured to be a part of this conference and delighted to have the opportunity to raise awareness of this issue in a challenging and creative way.



# WRHS SPORTS UPDATE WRHS



## BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Year 7 & 8 and Year 10 & 11 teams have had an extremely successful year in the Manchester Schools League. Both teams have remained unbeaten in the league all season and have shown strength and skill in their squads with some excellent results.



**YEAR 7 & 8**  
Whalley Range 12 – Loreto 6  
Whalley Range 16 – Abraham Moss 2  
Whalley Range 8 – Parrswood 2

**YEAR 10 & 11**  
Whalley Range 18 – Trinity 6  
Whalley Range 16 – Loreto 0



## Inter-House Basketball

During Half-Term 3 we held an inter-house basketball competition. Within each House a large number of students signed up to represent their team. Over 3 days matches were carried out and the 2 successful teams that gained a place in the final were Westwood and Winfrey. On the day of the final both teams were very competitive and played to a very high standard. After a very close game the scores were tied at 4-4 and so went into sudden death, first goal wins! The eventual winners were Winfrey. Well played to all the students involved!



## SECONDARY SCHOOLS BADMINTON Singles Citywide Finals 2013

Minahil Jabeen and Sana Saeed represented Whalley Range High School on Monday 4th March in The Citywide Badminton singles finals. Both girls qualified for this competition after playing against some tough competition in the Central and East Manchester competition.

Finals night involved playing against the 6 best players in Manchester. Pre-match nerves were soon forgotten after their first match which was against each other! Sana beat Minahil 15-13 after a very closely fought match. A high standard of badminton was played throughout the evening by all girls participating in a friendly atmosphere.

Congratulations to Sana who came third place in overall and Minahil came a close 4th. Beating off all other competition this is an excellent status in Manchester Schools Badminton. The girls were a real credit to our school and showed commitment and determination in all of their matches. Well Done!



## PRIMARY SPORTS CLUBS

Whalley Range Sports Leaders have been delivering sports clubs to Wilbraham and St Margaret's Primary School this half term. Wilbraham have also been coming to WRHS to take part in coaching sessions run by Sports Leaders in badminton. The school have been able to use our specialist facilities and equipment and have found this a great experience.

St Margaret's Primary said, *'The students at WRHS have been great. Our pupils have really enjoyed the sessions that they have taken part in and the WRHS Sports Leaders have been organised, responsible and professional at all times!'*

Miss Brown would like to give a huge 'Thanks' and 'Well done' to all Sports Leaders involved.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP HEAD GIRLS

At the start of this year Mrs. Melling extended the student leadership programme by creating Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl positions in each House in the lower school. These prestigious positions carry great responsibility as girls are now the most senior representatives of their House. The role involves students carrying out projects on behalf of their House, encouraging all forms to get involved in sports and other competitions as well as ensuring high standards are kept up in each House. The project has been so successful we are currently extending it to the Sixth Form where students have been invited to apply for the positions of Head Girls in Banks House and Adlington House.



## TRANSITION to Whalley Range a positive experience

### SOFTPOTS AT ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

During this term the Year 4 pupils at St. Mary's Primary School were introduced to the wonderful world of Softpots. So what are Softpots? Softpots are colourful handmade fabric plant containers that can be made to suit all environments, indoor and out. They are much kinder to plants than conventional plastic or terracotta plant pots. The Softpot containers can grow all sorts of fruits, flowers, trees, vegetable and herbs with remarkable success. They are the perfect urban solution to gardening in small spaces, and can utilize many recycled materials in their construction, helpful to reduce landfill.

The youngsters of St. Mary's enjoyed getting their hands dirty and filling their fabric containers with pebbles, compost, soil, vermiculite and water gel before decorating the pot itself. Once the Softpots were completed the pupils planted a narcissi or a pansy. The pupils livened up the corridors of their school by placing them on the windowsills for everyone to enjoy.

To round the project off the pupils took part in a piece of creative writing which was based on the work they had done. A big thank you to the staff and pupils of St. Mary's for giving us the opportunity to work with their very charming, hardworking Year 4 pupils.



### SHARED READING

Once again our Year 7 Transition Leaders have been involved in delivering our Shared Reading Project in local primary schools. This time round it was the turn of Manley Park Infants and St. Margaret's Primary School. We have listened to nursery rhymes, fairy tales, adventure stories, horrible histories and the inevitable Biff and Chip and the Magic Key Adventures. Nothing would be quite the same without them. We've been intrigued by the works of Allan Ahlberg, Roald Dahl, Anne Fine and J.K. Rowling to name but a few. We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the young readers and helped them to make progress with their reading and understanding.



*"Students appreciate very much the fact that they can turn to the school for help when they face problems in their lives."* Ofsted 2012



# THE EDUCATION OF FASHION



Towards the end of the final term last year the Fashion & Textiles Department were approached by representatives of Manchester Fashion Week with an aim to build a great partnership with our school. MCRFW were so impressed with our school, the facilities and level of students work they vowed to work solely with us on an exciting new project.

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## DESIGN A GOODY BAG COMPETITION

As part of this exciting collaboration we were also given the opportunity to run a competition to come up with a design for the main VIP goody bag for MCRFW13. The competition was open to the whole school and we had nearly 200 applications from across all years. The standard was so high the judging panel of MCRFW ambassadors had to narrow it down to a final 10 before a final winner Ocean Wilson from PR4B was chosen. As well as attending an exciting celebration event held by the department to announce the winner, Ocean will

have her winning design manufactured, with 1500 bags being printed and then handed out to every VIP attending Fashion Week in April. Ocean will get to walk on the main catwalk with her design. The 10 runners up will also get to visit one of the many shows during Manchester Fashion Week which runs from 22nd-26th April 2013 at The National Football Museum in the city centre.

Founder of MCRFW Jonathan Sassen:  
*"We chose Whalley Range High School as it is a school that is right at the heart of Manchester. Their textiles department has recently been refurbished and a number of their pupils go on to design courses or aspire to work within the fashion industry. This year Manchester Fashion Week is all about creating a legacy for fashion in our city and we wanted to develop this from the grass roots."*



Kirsty Attwood (Head of Fashion at Mcr Fashion Week) and Ms. Kane present Ocean Wilson with her framed winning design.

### THE WINNING DESIGN BY OCEAN WILSON

The school gained positive press coverage for this celebration and a photographer from the Manchester Evening News took a selection of photos which appeared in the newspaper.

The official MCR Fashion Week website features all the pictures and winning entries from our school.

[www.mcrfashionweek.com](http://www.mcrfashionweek.com)



THE FINAL DESIGNERS ALL RECEIVED CERTIFICATES



## Learning Technology Faculty Website Launched

As part of the school's continued development of the Virtual Learning Environment (Frog), the Learning Technologies Faculty have been hard at work developing course pages for each year group. The course pages will allow students to access class resources, such as help sheets, 'Flip' Learning materials such as lecture videos, Interactive games, and extension work to push them onto higher levels.

Year 7's are looking forward to using the Year 7 Frog pages in their next Computer Science unit, "Scratch". Students will be shown how to use the electronic resources and pages in their ICT lessons during the next half term.

## TEACHING ICT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

This term Miss Mushtaq has continued teaching ICT to Gifted and Talented pupils in Key Stages 1 and 2 at Wilbraham Primary School.

Students in Key Stage 1 have been learning and demonstrating their skills in using Microsoft Publisher by creating creative leaflets.

Students in Key Stage 2 have also been demonstrating their creative ICT skills by creating innovative videos on a topic they are currently learning about in school (World War 2).

Each week pupils are taught new skills in order for them to develop and refine their ICT skills further. The enthusiasm shown by the pupils is fantastic as they are always motivated and thrive to achieve their best every week.

The 10th Safer Internet Day was celebrated worldwide on Tuesday 5th February 2013 with the day focusing on online rights and responsibilities. As in previous years, students from our school also took part. Students were required to create their own slogan for Safer Internet Day using the words: Rights and Responsibilities.

There were a lot of fantastic entries for the Learning Technologies Faculty to choose between. However, there could only be one winner and the winning entry was a joint effort by a group of three students: Samra Khan OW5a, Bushra Melood OW5a, Ruqayyah Kholwadia OW5a. Well done to everyone who took part!



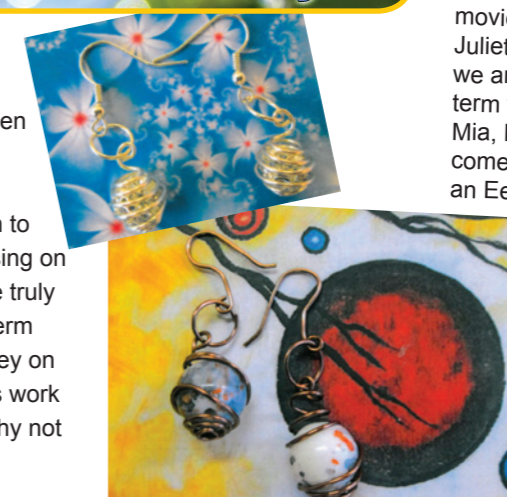
**"Your safety is everyone's responsibility, especially yours. Have your rights but play it safe"**



## INCLUSION Faculty

### JEWELLERY CLUB

Over the last term The Inclusion Faculty has been running a jewellery-making club every second Thursday in A124. This club has been very successful. Over twenty students have joined in to develop their artistic skills. We have been focusing on making earrings, and the girls have made some truly beautiful pieces. The jewellery made over the term was sold by the Inclusion Leaders to raise money on Red Nose Day. Check out some of the fabulous work the students have done in just two sessions! Why not come along next term and get creating.



## INCLUSION FILM CLUB

On Monday lunchtimes many students have been joining us in Room A124 to watch movies. We have enjoyed watching Gnomeo & Juliet, Wallace & Gromitt, Oliver and currently we are watching A Cinderella Story. Next half term we are hoping to watch either Mamma Mia, Mary Poppins or Titanic. So why don't you come along and join us, be a Tigger instead of an Eeyore and take part in something fun!

