

evening enjoyed by staff and students alike. The theme this year was masquerade and many of the girls wore masks to compliment their stunning dresses. Many prizes were awarded for best hair, makeup, arrival and also special House awards with of course a special presentation for the Prom Queen who was chosen by staff who voted during the evening. One moment in the evening will long be remembered as one of the girls was chauffeured to the event by Manchester United and England international footballer, Danny Welbeck who was happy to pose for photographs with excited staff! Unsuprisingly, this won best arrival!

We wish all the girls every success for the future in whatever they choose to do and we are sure the special evening of their Year 11 Prom will last long in the memory!

Many thanks especially to Miss Sutcliffe and Miss Williams for all their hard work in making this event such a success.







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### **WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER**

Whalley Range continues to go from strength to strength. Our girls are earning a reputation for themselves as outstanding speakers and role models for the young women of our city. Their confidence and willingness to take a lead is having a fantastic impact on their learning, development and contribution to our community. I hope you enjoy reading about all their wonderful activities and successes in this edition.

I would like to wish you an enjoyable summer break and thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Ms. P. Kane M.A - Headteacher



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## **EDUCATION BRITAIN**

'Education Britain' aim to "to connect education and business together for skills, growth and the future of young people." Their new national programme that connects education and business together for skills, growth and the future of young people was launched in Manchester on Wednesday 5th June 2013.

Two of our students attended the launch at the town hall on the eve of the summit and Aleyshea and Radia prepared and delivered an amazing presentation about the use of ICT to enhance their learning and the way the school uses social media to keep in touch with the community. Their passion and enthusiasm for their learning shone through as they captivated leaders from education and business. One observer commented that the quality of their presentation was higher than many adult professionals.

"The conference brought together leaders from the digitial industries, education and Council leaders in Manchester for the first time. Our students' enthusiasm for the day reflects the impact of the people they met and the activities they engaged in. On leaving one girl said, "I want to study Computer Science now." Ms. P.Kano-Headleacher

The following day, they were asked to return to contribute to a panel discussion about how to engage the young people of Manchester with learning digital skills to prepare them for a local, growing economy. Again they spoke eloquently on how many young people are already willing to learn these skills and how important these skills are for future employment.

They were joined by a team of five students who took part in a session with Barclays bank. One student said "It's not every day you get to try to hack a bank's website', but that is exactly what they tried to do. Competing against teams from other schools, our team scoured the bank's website looking for bugs and loopholes that could be exploited by a hacker. Working together, our team quickly identified 36 errors and possible problems, beating the teams from the other schools by a considerable margin. A big thank you to all the students who took part!



The Thackray Museum holds the key to discovering the medical procedures; experiments and discoveries in medicine throughout time. There are 47,000 items of historical medical equipment and tutorials with

Historians who specialise in the medical field of Historical studies. This term, 25 Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit the Thackray Museum, in order to develop their knowledge and understanding of 'Medicine Through Time'- a key part of their GCSE History course.

The students were engaged and participated in some very interesting and exciting elements of the trip. One part of the museum was a replicated street from the Victorian times. The sights and smells were a practical lesson in the conditions people lived in during Victorian

> times and the medical problems these people faced and solutions provided. Other elements of the trip included; role play using costumes and equipment and a lecture from a History specialist. The students were provided with a real life History lesson during their trip to the Thackray Museum and the visit consolidated their knowledge and understanding of Medicine Through Time. It was a memorable day for all and the students were a credit to our school.





The annual Art Exhibition showcased work from both GCSE students and BTEC students. There was a fantastic variety of work covering themes such as 'Natural Forms', 'Colour and Pattern' and 'Identity' The students had showed their skills in painting, print-making and paper-cutting

> making the 'handbags'. Well done to all the

Year 10 and Year 11

art students for their dedication, commitment and enthusiasm for the

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As part of the GCSE French course, Mrs Georgalidou arranged a visit to the Manchester Metropolitan University to discuss 'Making Foreign Languages an Option' for a Year 8 French group.

Our students attended a German taster and they took part in a language quiz. The behaviour was outstanding and the students made a very good impression to ambassadors and teachers of the University.



"Today was really great. I enjoyed learning about different languages. I'd definitely want to come to University in the Future." Zulaikha Shahid

# Flip! Magazine has arrived!

As advertised in the last edition of Partnership News, Flip is a magazine that covers all the relevant issues for teenagers today. It ranges from interviews with celebrities to current affairs and 'what's hot' in society.

Issue 1 was successfully launched mid-way through the summer term. Many students have downloaded the interactive magazine from the school website and VLE. The project has proved a massive success, creating a real buzz amongst staff and students alike. The students involved cannot wait for Issue 2 which will focus on Crime.

Check it out on the school website: www.wrhs1118.co.uk/periodicals/flip



To get involved in Flip Magazine please see Mr. Atkinson in Social Sciences for further details.

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On the 12th of June 2013, four Year 8 students from the Science G&T programme were selected to take part in the Salter's Chemistry Challenge:

### Sima Saleh, Pantki Gupta, Aiza Bukhari and Tirsheen Bilal

The four girls that were selected were fantastic ambassadors for the school. The day comprised of three parts. The first part was the Chemistry Challenge, the second part was the University Challenge, and the last part was a Flash Bang Chemistry show.

> The students came 2nd in the Chemistry Challenge! As this was the main part of the day this was a fantastic achievement. Our

students were in stiff competition with sixteen other schools across Greater Manchester. In the Chemistry Challenge they had to impress the judges with their teamwork, practical skills and accurate report writing. Judges commented on the fact that the students had the best report of the day, but a slight mistake cost them the first place!

After the activities, one of the judges, a manager from Fujifilm, also passed comment that he had really enjoyed working with our girls and that they had wonderful characters. This was a very successful event for all concerned so well done girls!



Congratulations to nine Year 10 students who have won places for a week's work experience at the University of Manchester - Life Science Faculty. They will spend time researching the eye and get to use the latest cutting-edge technology. This is a fantastic opportunity and they will learn lots about life at university, but also some amazing scientific skills. Well done!

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### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

Year 12 Business Studies and Accounting students visited Accenture in July to find out about a variety

of careers in Business and Technology. Our **Business students** will then be taking on the role of Management

accenture

Consultants in the afternoon, problem solving, risk taking and working in a team to complete a team presentation on an enterprise project.

Year 12 AS Accounting students and Mr Moran took part in the "Stock Market Challenge" in June at Manchester University competing against colleges and Sixth Forms across the North West. Out of 36 teams our girls' won!



Congratulations to all students who took part!



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## SPELLING AND PUNCTUATION CLUB

Students from all years have been attending Spelling and Punctuation Club in order to improve their literacy skills. English Leaders are there every week coaching students to further their literacy skills. English colleagues have been given cards to nominate students to attend the club every Wednesday. Every time a student attends the club they receive a star stamp and if a student receives 5 stamps- they win a prize!



Our Debatemate team recently ranked first place in Manchester and fourth nationally in the Urban Debate League. This is a huge success and following this, the girls were invited to attend the finals of the competition. They visited

Shearman and Sterling law firm in London on

Wednesday 22nd May where they competed against the seven other teams who had made the finals. The girls had a fantastic day and were given some excellent feedback from judges from around the world with specialised skills and knowledge in debating. The girls themselves were a wonderful representation of what our school can achieve and are striving to improve their talents and enter again next year!

Currently the girls are preparing to showcase their skills to those involved in the Primary Debate League. They will spend a day coaching the Primary pupils to encourage our future debaters.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL **DEBATE LEAGUE**

Half term six will see the return of the Primary School Debate League. On Wednesday 12th June WRHS's debating team visited St. Margaret's Primary School in Whalley Range to coach primary students in speaking & listening skills. The same students will participate in the Primary Debate League held at WRHS next year. Also on Thursday 20th June, we hosted the final of the Primary School Debate League for this academic year. The two schools involved were Old Moat Primary and Manley Park Primary, who both have several teams entered in the competition and Old Moat were the eventual league winners! Well done!



Spelling and Punctuation Club

### **EX-PUPILS VISIT AFTER 50 YEARS!**

Four ex-students came to visit our school on Tuesday 18th June 2013. After their guided tour they could not believe how fantastic the school's facilities were and how much things had changed over the years since they had left.

Only Block A existed when they attended in the 1950's and the school held around 600 students. This is a vast contrast comparing the 7 blocks, (A-G) we now have with almost 1500 students.



'Obviously we have happy memories of our years at Whalley Range, or we wouldn't have wanted to return, so it was fascinating to see how the school has evolved. We admired the impressive range of facilites but it was even more heartening to see the enthusiasm of the teachers and staff and the friendliness and courteousness of the pupils.' Jackie Parrow wee Learoyd 1956-1964 (pictured at the front)

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Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 have been regularly attending the weekly Robot Club on Friday lunchtimes. Aided by Mr Begg and Mr Daly, the students have been learning how to program the school robots to carry out their instructions, and respond to their environment. Using sound, light and ultrasonic sensors, the





students have picked up essential skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.



In September, the school will be forming a team to enter the First LEGO League competition. 31,000 teams across the world will compete using robots to solve real-world problems caused by natural disasters. Last year, a team from Bath in the UK won the overall prize. This year's regional tournament takes place at LEGOLAND Discovery Centre in November. Let us hope the 'Range Robots' do well representing the school.

Robot Club happens every Friday lunchtime in room B0/08. Open to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students.

### SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY!

Social Science Student Leaders have worked hard over the last term to prepare and lead revision and support sessions for Sixth Form and Main School students who are studying Social Science Subjects. The leaders have organised and managed a 'Study Buddy' scheme that supports their peers on improving classwork, homework and revision strategies for exams. They have also been excellent ambassadors for the Social Sciences and Community Learning Faculty during Open Evenings.

Becoming a Student Leader has given our students an excellent experience which adds to their CVs and University applications. Students across a range of Social Science subjects have found the sessions a useful support network to discuss their work, share ideas and to extend their knowledge by researching new information.

Now that the exams are over, the Sixth Form Social Science Leaders have been busy planning and delivering Social Science Clubs and 'taster' sessions to Main School students to help them get an idea of what Social Sciences subjects are about.



"Being a Social Science Leader is beneficial because it's helped me to improve my communication skills and confidence. Not only do I support my peers with their revision and understanding of topics, I also reinforce my own knowledge. It's been a very enjoyable and rewarding experience." Fizah Ghulam SF8

> Social Science Clubs will be running during Monday lunchtime in C004 – look out for the notices on the bulletin and TV screens around school. We hope to see you there!

## YEAR 13 OCR TRIP TO (CHESTER 70)

On 17th April Year 13 OCR Level 3 ICT group took an exciting trip to Chester Zoo! They were joined by Mr. Adams who has a degree in Zoology and gave brilliant insight into all things animal related! The trip was an opportunity for students to practice the photography skills they have been learning in class with Mr. Grimes. The students took some brilliant photos and will be compiling a portfolio of images of work, once they have worked their magic on them in Adobe Photoshop, as part of their coursework.



## ICT CHALLENGE-YEAR 5 AND 6

During Half Terms 5 and 6, there were two primary ICT Challenges at Whalley Range High School; one for Year 5 and the other for Year 6. Five different primary schools took part in each of the two challenges. The students had to create their own Robot dance routine, with help from Mr Begg. They then had to work in their school teams to create a video to promote the use of robots in schools. The students thoroughly enjoyed their day at Whalley Range High School as they made very creative videos.

The winning school for Year 5 was Manley Park Primary School

The winning school for Year 6 was **Birchfields Primary School.** 

Well done to both schools and also the others for taking part.

Also, well done to the three fantastic Digital Leaders, who did a great job on both days in assisting the students: Aleyshea Dar (OW3a), Maryam Tahir (OW3a) and Lauren Tunstead (PR3a)



# **MY MONEY WEEK 2013**

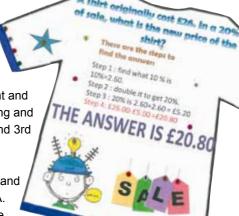
Students at Whalley Range participated in the 5th annual My Money Week between the 3rd and 9th of June. My Money Week is a

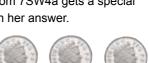
national activity week for schools that provides a fantastic opportunity for young people to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to thrive in our

society. The week is organised by the Personal Finance Education Group and Barclays Bank and promotes financial literacy skills with students taking part in activities in their maths lessons during the whole week.

Students were also invited to enter a financial literacy competition and 114 girls submitted answers and received gold awards. 73 students got the questions right and cash prizes were awarded to the following students who gave the most convincing and well explained answers: 1st Namra Durrani 7SW2A, 2nd Liaba Yaqub 8SW5B and 3rd Anesha Javed 7SW3A.

In addition, the two winning teams were Sima Saleh, Safa Zahur, Asimah Matim and Saynab Mohammed (all 8VW2B) and Ellie Hay 7SW4A and Arooj Fatima 7PR4A. The house prize for the most participants went to Williams House. The form prize for the most participants went to VW5B. Finally Alishba Yaqub from 7SW4a gets a special mention and extra gold awards for including a wonderful poem in her answer.













### **JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE SUCCESS 2013**

100 pupils competed and 30 of the most able pupils at Whalley Range were selected to enter a prestigious nationwide maths competition. Our pupils went on to achieve 1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 240,000 pupils from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. Congratulations to our bronze award winners: Faith Chamapiwa, Amina Hameed and Mariyah Khan. Lydia Moodycliffe gained silver and also got the award for Best in Year 8.

Finally, Ava Micklewhite (pictured) achieved an amazing score of 95, gaining a Gold certificate, Best in Year 7 and Best in School.

Well done to everyone who took part!

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# WRHS SPORTS UPDATE\_WRHS-

### **JUDO - OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT**

Sky Sports Living for Success

Students at WRHS were given the opportunity to work with Michelle Vidler - Judo Commonwealth Gold Champion and Olympic Athlete. Michelle gave taster Judo



sessions to Year 11 students during their PE lessons and also delivered a lunch time club open to all year groups. She then mentored 30 Sport Leaders. She gave an inspirational speech about her life and sporting career and how proved how Leaders

can aspire to be whatever they desire. Sports Leaders interviewed Michelle and thoroughly enjoyed their time with her and valued her support.



A big well done to Khia Lee, Ngozi Dunn and Ayesha Taher in Year 7, who from 80 students across Manchester, qualified to compete in the Manchester Great Sprint competition on Deansgate. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students, who met some of the Athletic stars from London 2012 and ran on the very same track used by Usain Bolt the previous year!

Congratulations to Zalika

Wiliams in Year 8 who

ecently won the gold medal

the High Jump at the Year

8/9 Manchester School's

athletics competition.



**Karate Club** Students have been given the opportunity to work with Peter Killaway a Self Defence Consultant. He is currently ranked Ith in the world and is going for World title this year for Go Kan Ryu Karate. e has been working with our students to develop their self-confidence and awareness of self-defence. A selection of these students performed at our annual Sports Presentation Evening.



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### PRIMARY OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

30 Sports Leaders held a Primary Olympic festival for 200 pupils. Pupils took part in a range of activities from long jump, sprint races, skipping races, sack races, howler throws and foam javelin throws. There was an excellent atmosphere amongst the students throughout the day and Sports Leaders worked extremely hard



**Inter-House Competition** Half Term 5 inter-house was orienteering Over 3 days students from all 5 houses took part in the activity of finding 6 points located around the schools grounds. The winner of the event was Jessica Tabaszewska (pictured) in Winfrey House. This is the 3rd inter-house event in

a row that Winfrey house has won this year!

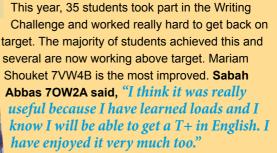
46 students took part this year. The highest test was Aamna Ali OW4A with 97% and most improved was Khansaa Irfan OW4A. Aamna said. "It was a lovely experience; learning new skills in Maths. My mentor was kind, fun and she explained the work clearly. I am now working above target in Maths."



Solmaz Heydari 7VW4B said, "I think Maths Challenge has been the best time. The first time I went, I was scared and rubbish at Maths, but I improved my Maths skills and now I'm working above target. Thanks for choosing me to do the Maths Challenge."

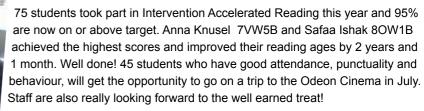
Suzanne Vickers from Manchester University was their mentor. She worked hard with the students over the ten week period and all her students achieved good results. Thanks Suzanne!

### WRITING CHALLENGE



Jannatul Khan 7KH3B said, "Writing Challenge was very good. It helped me improve my writing; I can now write more detailed





All students, together with their parents and carers, were invited to our Presentation afternoon on the 2nd July.



Mrs Bajwa is joined by several adults on a Tuesday evening, to improve their English. Some are parents of students in Whalley Range. They all have fun and think that their English speaking skills are now so much better

# I CAN READ RAINBOW...

Over twenty students are currently taking part

in the Rainbow Reading Group, delivered by the Inclusion Faculty in A124, during

form time, three days per week. Students read short interesting books whilst listening to the story on individual CD players. Then they

complete written exercises and a reading assessment to show that they understand the story and are ready to move to the next level. The programme enables students improve their English and give them the confidence to use what they have learned inside and outside school. Congratulations to all the students who have made excellent progress in Rainbow Reading throughout the year. The improvement in their reading ability ranges from an increase of six months to two years.

Thanks to the staff that helped make Rainbow Reading an enjoyable experience for all to share.





### **ANNE FRANK AMBASSADORS** GLOBAL AWARENESS LEADERSHIP

Anne Frank Exhibition in School

Having worked extensively in schools in Lancashire with its travelling 'A History for Today' exhibition and guide training programme the Anne Frank Trust used funding from the Social Action Fund to extend its programme into Manchester. Our school was very fortunate to be accepted on the programme. (Anne Frank pictured below)



15 History students from Year 9 including History subject leaders participated in a two day training programme and acted as guides for students from Year 7 and 8 plus students from our linked primary schools. The aim of the exhibition was to use the power of Anne's life and diary to challenge prejudice, reduce hatred and promote positive attitudes, responsibilities and respect for others. The students who visited the exhibition really enjoyed the experience as did their guides who made a video of their experiences.

The 15 students were also trained to be Ambassadors for the flagship Anne Frank and You exhibition at the Z-arts centre in Hulme. At the exhibition they guided students from primary and secondary schools from all over the North West. The video the students produced was shown in all House Assemblies and the students are still trying to live down their new found fame. Well done girls!





All Year 9 students have been involved in an RE and Citizenship project which has tested their skills to assess the needs of the local community and to work collaboratively to win £3,000 for a local charity.

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is an international programme that aims to develop community leaders. Students worked in small groups in their RE lessons to research the

work of a local charity and then gave presentations to bid for the  $\pounds 3,000$  prize.

A panel of judges including Ms Kane, Dr Chris Turner (a school governor) plus student leaders from other year groups, had to face the enormous task of choosing the best out of six fantastic presentations. The final decision hailed Team Francis House as the victors! The representatives from



We had some stiff competition and to be picked the winners of the YPI grant felt absolutely amazing. And we want to thank YPI for the opportunity to help make a difference in our local community and for the impact the whole process has had on us as individuals. We feel proud and privileged."

Francis House who came along to the presentation were delighted and spoke of their admiration for the work and dedication of our students. The money will go towards the new Francis House Project to build a new extension. The winners will now take park in a national celebration of YPI in London.



Congratulations to all Year 9 students for their contribution to the project and exceptionally well done to Olivia Bell, Mobeen Khan, Humaira Manzoor and Safah Ahmed, the winning team.



## CAREERS NEWS

### **RAINBOW TRUST**

A group of students from Year 10 have managed to raise £310 for The Rainbow Trust which is an organisation that supports families of children who have terminal or life threatening diseases. The students sold items that had been donated from different companies to the Rainbow Trust to raise money, these were sold at the Enterprise Market Hall in school and they also had a tombola stall in the dining room which was a great success. One of the main items on sale was Kermit the Frog a character from the Muppet Show who everybody loved! Well done to all the girls involved!





### CONSTRUCTION COURSE - YEARS 10 & 11

Once again a number of Year 11 students have passed their qualification in Construction which is equivalent to a GCSE. This is a popular course with students who enjoy practical work including tiling, plumbing and joinery and it is run by Perry Oakley a Tutor from the Manchester College. The course takes place after school and if you are in Year 9 and interested in this practical course please see Mrs. Appleby for more details.



### **DEEP LEARNING DAY & CAREERS**

On Deep Learning Day some Year 10 students concentrated on their future career aspirations. Firstly, the students took part in "Career Speed Dating" by talking to a number of staff for 5 minutes each about the subjects on offer in Whalley Range Sixth Form and Bernadette Murray from Skills Solutions came in and spoke to them about another option on offer: "Apprenticeships". The students then went into classrooms to do some research on their chosen careers and to find out more about the qualifications required. Students really enjoyed these sessions and there was a lot discussion overheard on the corridor at break about what they needed to do to enable them to follow their career choice. Mrs. Appleby hopes some of these aspiring Doctors, Lawyers and Accountants come back to Whalley Range to talk to students in the not too distant future!

### **VOLUNTARY WORK**

Once again Whalley Range students have proved
extremely proactive in volunteering to support various
organisations in and around our local community. The organisations
they have volunteered for are Oxfam, Barnardos, Red Cross and
they are now involved in the Whalley Range Residents Association
Family Fun Day – there are no limits to what our students will get
involved with to help support Charitable organisations. The employability skills that the students
develop are transferable to their future career choices and are
the ones that Employers are looking for in young people who





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