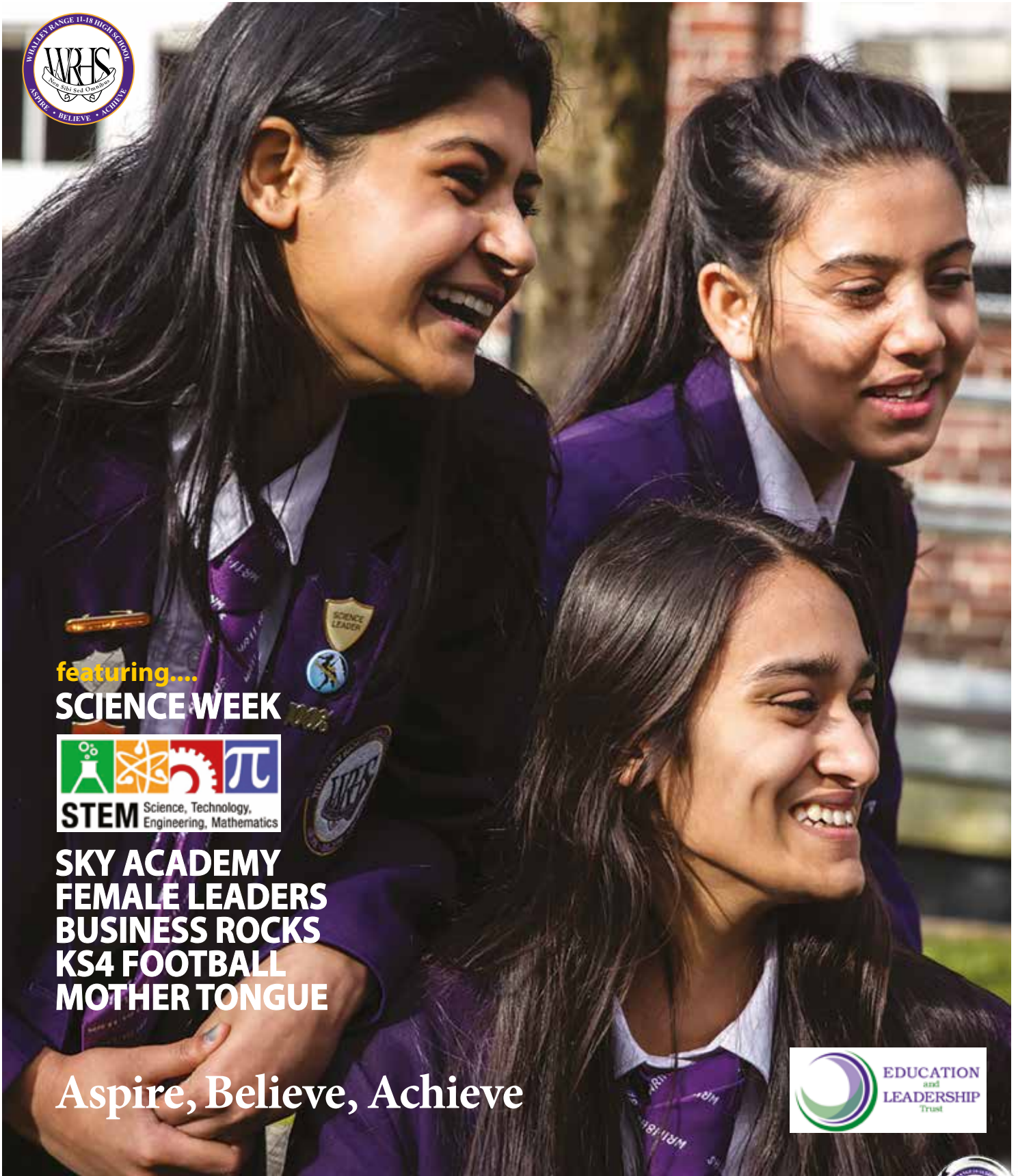


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SCIENCE WEEK



**SKY ACADEMY
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KS4 FOOTBALL
MOTHER TONGUE**

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WELCOME FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER AND THE ACADEMY HEADTEACHER

Ms P Kane MA - Executive Headteacher Mrs E Hole - Academy Headteacher



Welcome to this Summer Edition of Partnership News. As we come to the end of another successful year I am sure you will enjoy reading about all the exciting enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities that our students have taken part in. All these activities plus the work that goes on in the classroom help our students develop further skills and attributes, which will contribute to them becoming successful young women of the future.

Whalley Range 11-18 High School is an active and vibrant community and this is thanks to all the staff and students who have worked so hard this year.

Mrs E. Hole - Academy Headteacher

Ms. P. Kane M.A. - Executive Headteacher

GRADUATION CELEBRATES THE NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS



Young women from six high schools across Manchester gathered earlier this month at the University of Manchester campus to close and celebrate the outcomes of the Inspiring Girls Programme 2016.

The graduation was attended by ninety Year 8 students from across the schools and included inspirational speeches from Sioban Simcock, Commissioning Manager for Chester West and Chester Council, and Dr Amna Kahn, Senior Lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University. Graduates also participated in a series of interactive workshops with business volunteers and a finale certificate presentation to celebrate their achievements.



Professor Fiona Devine, Head of Alliance Manchester Business School, commented:

“We are delighted to be part of the ongoing Business Class Partnership and have developed an excellent relationship with the two fantastic local high schools. The Business in the Community initiative is a brilliant way for businesses and leaders to get involved in inspiring the next generation, which has seen a tremendous impact from the activity already.”



The Inspiring Girls programme is a collaborative project led by schools and businesses engaged in Business in the Community's Business Class Partnership in Manchester. It aims to connect young women with influential business leaders to inspire and assist them in achieving their aspirations after leaving high school.

Within the Partnership, Alliance Manchester Business School focuses on careers, curriculum, employability and raising aspirations. The Business School is

currently partnered with Levenshulme High School and Whalley Range 11-18 High School. To date more than 350 students from the schools have had support from Alliance MBS through initiatives such as the Inspiring Women Conference, which brought together a group of young women to receive invaluable advice and insight through inspirational life stories from influential local business women.



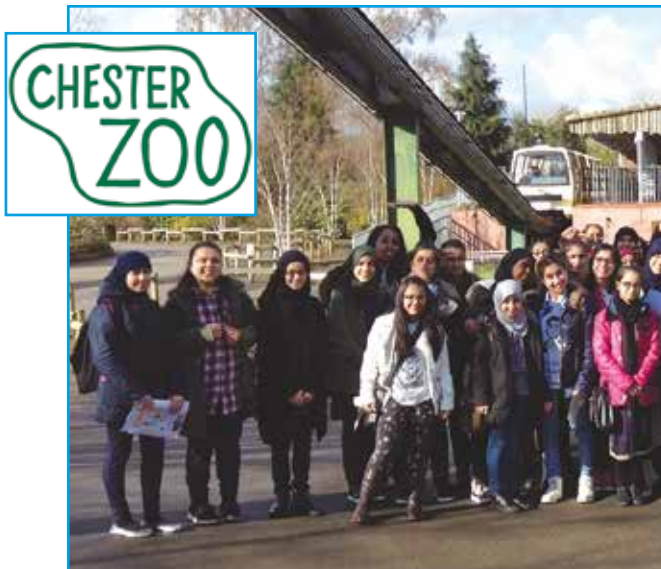
The Business Class Programme creates effective and mutually beneficial school-business partnerships. To date more than 500 schools have been involved in the programme, supported by 1,000 businesses, impacting on over 200,000 young people across the UK.



creative writing club

Recently, 12 mini sagas, created by our students through a whole school Creative Writing Club competition, have been chosen for publication in the Spine-chillers Lancashire Legends anthology. Their mini sagas have been selected from thousands of entries for publication on the basis of imagination, perception, expression, creativity and use of language, making this a great achievement for our students to be proud of.

Copies of the anthologies will be kept at the British Library and further libraries across the UK and Republic of Ireland, providing a lasting record of their achievement. Copies of the anthologies of students' work will also be available in the LRC if you would like to read their fantastic writing.



A group of 13 students, who participate in the extra-curricular Media Leaders group, travelled to London to create their own news broadcast at Sky Studios.

Focusing on the topic of social media safety, the group worked in teams to produce a full news report. They undertook the roles of producer, director, editor and camerawoman alongside presenting and acting in their piece. As part of the visit, the students also took a tour around the state-of-the-art studios, gaining an understanding of how Sky produce their 24-hour news channels each day.

We would like to thank Sky Academy for offering our students the opportunity to partake in this experience and hope you enjoy watching the video on our YouTube channel.



Chester Zoo Maths Reward Trip

Exhilarating. Amazing. Intellectually recreational. These are just some simple words to describe the magnificent maths rewards trip. Not only were the animals a pleasure, imminently evoking such real and riveting emotions from us, but the number of different species and breeds made my classmates and I, incredibly fortunate that our astounding maths department, especially Miss Dale, arranged this marvellous trip.

The booklet that was given to us was indeed highly flummoxing, but was interesting to finish and was worth the delectable chocolate! Furthermore, we truly hope that next year we also get the same educational embellishment/exquisite opportunity, as we have hopefully progressed in maths, rather thoroughly throughout the year. I could not be a more elated recipient to express the wonders of this experience. Whether our attention was diverted by the majestic lion's tumultuous roar, witnessing the exotic and colourful array of birds or being struck with dismay and jovial fright from the fruit bats. My only main concern is that next time we wish we could have more time at the zoo in order to see a wider selection of animals in a shorter amount of time, but apart from the time limit we all had immensely exciting time. It was truly outstanding.

By Sarah Amin Year 8 SG3b



To INFINITY AND BEYOND

This year's British Science Week at Whalley Range was packed full of fantastic demonstrations, radio interviews, activities, competitions, visiting scientists and our very own Science Fair courtesy of the Science Faculty and student Science and STEM Leaders.

Students took part in all kinds of STEM related activities all around the school and throughout the week. Miss Bird, STEM Lead and Science Teacher, had this to say:



"It is such an exciting year for science, with new elements being discovered, a British astronaut in space and Manchester being awarded the European City of Science. Our students have been getting involved with STEM through trips, clubs and events throughout the year, and it has been great to celebrate that during British Science Week. I am especially proud of the 60 students who have worked on individual and group projects in their own time for two months preparing for the science fair."

"Women are currently underrepresented in STEM workplaces, and this is something that Whalley Range 11-18 High School are looking to change. Hopefully some future STEM talent has been inspired by this week!"



HOUSE CHARITY SUPPORT

The following students cheerfully bag-packed for Francis House children's hospice on Saturday 30th April and we raised £707.58. The students were a credit to us and they were very helpful and polite. Angelou House are incredibly thankful and proud of all of them. Our students take every opportunity to show their kindness and care for others. They all asked when the next charity event will take place.

Francis House in Didsbury, Manchester exists to provide appropriate care to children and young people with life threatening conditions and offers the necessary support and short term rest for their families.

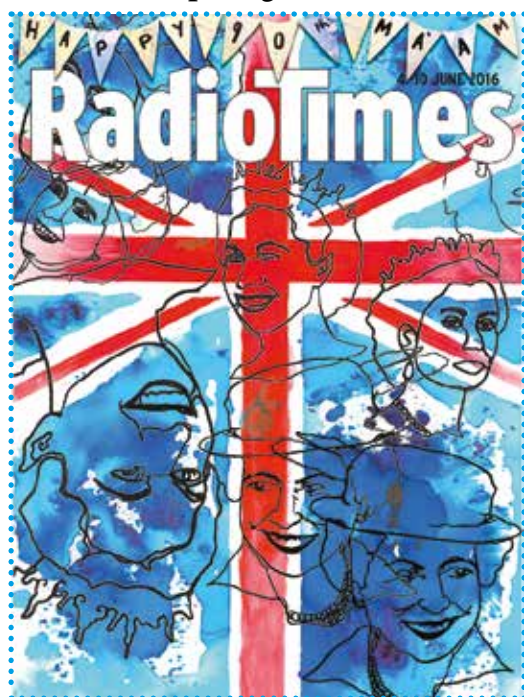


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Khadija Mohamed MA4A
SHanaz Hassan MA5B
Bewene Star MA1A
Banaz Hassan MA5A
Aya Ghanim MA4A
Fariha Khanam MA4A
Rimsha Munir MA5A
Fatima Muhammad MA3A
Bahasht Mamaga MA4A
Norhan Elkhoully MA3B
Rashkan Karim MA3B
Joy Mbatha MA1A
Hannah Zandi AH5A



ART CLUB

Shortlisted in prestigious Radio Times competition



Members of the Whalley Range Art Club helped to design a cover for a special edition of Radio Times magazine, commemorating the 90th birthday of the Queen.

The entry (pictured left) was published in the magazine as one of the shortlisted entries to have made it into the coveted issue. Students created the design based around the Union Jack and were commended for their unique entry. Over 11,000 entries were submitted to the competition, which was won by student Ayesha Mahmood from Bradford. You can see more about this on the Radio Times website.

Well done to the Art Club on their fantastic work!

KS4 FOOTBALL Plate Winner

The KS4 football team have been battling it out all season to get a place in the end of season cup competition through playing regular matches at Manchester College. The finals took place on 26th May, with all students competing for a place either in the trophy or plate competition. After losing our first game to Newall Green, we were then entered into the plate competition with our first game a draw against Levenshulme. Our final game was held against Trinity. We had to win this game as Trinity already had 3 points from beating Levenshulme, and our 1 point from our draw in order to win the plate competition. The game was end to end, with neither team being able to score. In the last 4 minutes.... GOALLLLL. Amina Hameed scoring the first. Final minute, Amina Hameed hits the back of the net for 2-0. Final whistle blows, the girls are ecstatic; all of their hard work has paid off. Plate Champions 2016. Well done to all involved.

Urdu Trip to Consulate General of Pakistan Manchester

An Urdu Trip to the Consulate General of Pakistan, took place on 16th June, arranged by Mrs H Aamir. A group of six Year 10 students have met top academic position holder students from Pakistan. The meeting between the two groups gave them the opportunity for networking and learning from each other's experience.

“As a part of our Urdu Course, a trip was arranged to the Consulate General of Pakistan; we had a great time being among appreciated students from Pakistan. Their achievements inspired us all to aim high and to look towards our own future, whilst engaging with them.”



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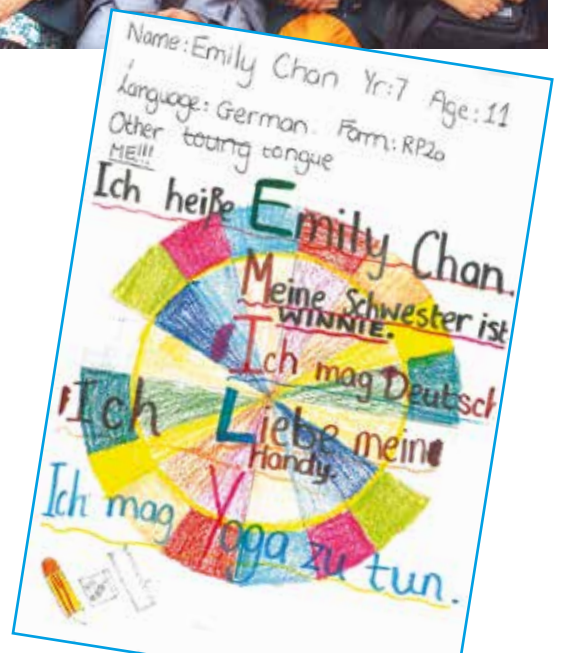
Mother Tongue Other Tongue



A multilingual poetry competition that celebrates cultural diversity and the many languages currently spoken in schools across the UK.



Mother Tongue Other Tongue is a national project, led by Poet Laureate Dame Carol Ann Duffy, Director of the Manchester Writing School at MMU. An idea originally developed by the Faculty of Humanities, Languages and Social Science at MMU and Routes into Languages North West, this exciting project is being rolled out nationally as this year's Laureate Education Project, with regional events and competitions taking place throughout 2016.



Mother Tongue

Emily Chan Year 7 – Cantonese
Wagiha Khaliq Year 10 - French
Sahr Ghin Basha Year 13 - Arabic
Fatima Chaudhry Kausar Year 9 - Urdu
Hadeel Mahl Year 10 - Arabic
Zainab Alogla Year 7 – Arabic
Shatar Mahmood Year 10 - Arabic

A total of nine students have entered the Mother Tongue Other Tongue poetry competition. The World Languages Faculty will give prizes to the three best WRHS entries in assemblies to celebrate this fantastic achievement. **Wagiha Khaliq has won the Mother Tongue North West competition for Years 10 and 11.**



Thanks to Wagida, we are allowed to take 15 guests to the award event on Thursday 30th June 2016 at Manchester Metropolitan University. The event will be attended by Ziauddin Yousafzai, Malala's father. We are inviting all the participants to come.

Total - 9 Entries

Emily Chan Year 7
Wagiha Khaliq Year 10
Sahr Ghin Basha Year 13
Fatima Chaudhry Kausar Year 9
Hadeel Mahl Year 10
Zainab Alogla Year 7
Shathar Mahmood Year 10
Maimoonah Tariq Year 11
Ammal Al-Nousairy Year 9



Other Tongue

Emily Chan Year 7 - German
Maimoonah Tariq Year 11 - French
Ammal Al-Nousairy Year 9 – French
Fatima Chaudhry Kausar Year 9 - Spanish

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

As the Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award continues students have been preparing for their expedition section. They have been busy planning route cards and practicing their orienteering, camping and cooking skills in preparation for their expedition.

Eighty Year 10 students then took to the great outdoors in Rivington, Bolton, to complete their expedition hours throughout the weekend of Saturday 21st-Sunday 22nd May, setting up base at Bibby's Farm Scout Camp where they pitched tents, slept under canvas and cooked their tea on Trangia stoves. The students were fantastic and demonstrated excellent resilience through blistered feet, sore shoulders from heavy rucksacks, tiring hours of walking and a damp night's sleep to complete their practice weekend. Students are now evaluating their experience and planning for their final expedition in the last week of the school year.

We look forward to seeing the second group of Year 10-13 students completing their practice expedition this half term. It is superb that so many of our students are taking on this life experience seriously and with outstanding maturity, teamwork and leadership. Well done girls and good luck for the final expedition.



SKI TRIP TO AUSTRIA

In April this year 17 students travelled to Saalbach, Austria for an amazing ski trip! After the long journey there via coach and ferry the students arrived at the hotel where they were fitted with their skis, poles and helmets.



The next day the girls headed out to the nursery slope to learn the basics – how to use the ski lift, how to stop and control their speed. They all quickly progressed and by day 3 they were parallel skiing down from the top of the mountain! In the evening they took part in sports, visited an ice cream parlour, had a pizza and DVD night and much more. The girls were a credit to the school and after such a successful trip we can't wait to start organising the next one!

CRICKET TRIP

A group of Year 7 and 8 students attended a T20 Cricket game at Emirates Old Trafford where they watched Lancashire vs Durham. Before the game they got an introductory talk in the Players and Media Centre, where they were able to meet some players, take part in a literacy and numeracy activity (the Year 7s beat the Year 8s) and played cricket in the indoor cricket centre. After these activities, the students got to watch cricket game where they enjoyed using their 4 and 6 posters to identify the points system. The students were fantastic and had a brilliant day out at the Emirates Old Trafford cricket ground.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Students took part in the Maths Challenge under the guidance of Mrs Bajwa and all made a significant improvement to their target grades. Well done to everyone who took part especially Dalal Abdulfadil AH1a who achieved an impressive 100% and who has also significantly increased her reading age. Congratulations!

Writing Challenge/ Catch up Literacy

KS3 students took part in Writing Challenge with Mrs Quinn and have worked extra hard to improve their writing skills. Catch up literacy took place during form time with Mrs Maher, Miss Rathore and mentors. Most of the students either reached or exceeded their target. Well done girls!

ENGLISH IN A FLASH

EAL students took part in two different reading programmes with Mrs Suleman, Miss Kamesy and Miss Malik at form time. The students improved their reading ages and their English. Special congratulation goes to Cisse Sibi Sibi RP2b for making the most improvement. All have done fantastic work!

First Class Numeracy/ Success at Arithmetic

Some students have been working with Miss Altaf during form time to improve their maths skills. 90% of the students have made significant amount of progress and have increased their levels from last half term. 50% of the students who attended are now working above target.

KS4 STUDY SESSIONS

Room A0/25 has been hectic this year with lots of Year 10 and 11 students asking Miss Abushima, Mr Newton and Miss King for help with classwork, homework and revision for English, Maths and Science. The sessions have been well attended at form time and after school. Hopefully, the GCSE results in August will reflect all their hard work.

EAL / Intervention Clubs

Rooms A1/17 and A1/19 have been regularly attended by students who needed help with classwork, homework or projects. Staff are always there happy to help at breakfast, break, lunch or after school with any subject. We hope to see you next year so that you can all achieve your best again.

EAL ADULT CLASS

Mrs Bajwa's EAL class has once again proved to be very popular with parents who want to improve their English. Classes have been taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and the time was extended as requested by parents. All levels of ability can join and it's good fun, so any interested parent should contact school and speak to Mrs Bajwa.

Intervention Presentation Afternoon

The Presentation Afternoon took place in the stadium on Wednesday 22nd June at 2pm. It was very well attended and it was lovely to see so many parents turning up to support their daughters. 470 certificates were presented which just goes to show how much work everyone's done this year. Some students were lucky enough to be selected for the intervention reward trip.

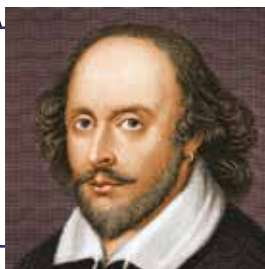
Another successful year has been completed. All have been working really hard here in the Intervention and EAL Team. Over 200 students took part in the different intervention programs. Students have succeeded in reaching or even exceeding their target grades with the help of Sixth Form and outside mentors from Manchester University. Anyone interested in mentoring next year should contact Mrs Bajwa on: hbajwa@wrhs1118.co.uk



We'd just like to again thank all the mentors who give up their free time, away from their own studies, to help our students. It makes a huge difference and we are very grateful for all your support.

National Theatre Connections Festival Take Away by Jackie Kay

A cast of 21 students spent several months rehearsing for their final performance at HOME Theatre in Manchester city centre in March as part of the National Theatre Connections Festival. The girls experienced performing on a professional stage to a full auditorium. We would like to thank everyone who either helped out or who came to support the girls, it was much appreciated.



Shakespeare School's Festival

Year 11 students will be taking part in the SSF in November with Levenshulme High School. Students will be performing A Midsummer Night's Dream on Friday 4th November 2016 at the Contact Theatre in Manchester.

Little Finn Productions Devising workshop

Year 10 students worked with Kris Overend from Little Finn Productions Theatre Company to explore a range of devising skills. Students were given the opportunity to develop their acting and devising skills as well as being able to ask the Director questions about the theatre industry.

"It was an amazing opportunity. I'm so excited to start drama now." Sophie

"It was a really helpful session giving everyone who participated a confidence boost. He really helped get everyone involved." Amenah



Mission to Mars

Live Lesson

It's the same old question: how do we engage more women in technology and digital subjects? The answer seems quite simple. Attend a Live Lesson delivered by the BBC to engage and enthral students about how computing, mathematics, science are used in the real world.

Twenty three Year 7 computing students actively participated in a lively micro:bit BBC live lesson. The students helped to conduct live experiments, learned to code using the BBC's micro:bit and starred in the question and answer session. The girls were invited to ask questions to a panel of scientists including Mike Ford who is working with the Bloodhound SSC car that aims to break the land speed record.

"It goes to show that learning is fun!"



BUSINESS ROCKS

#BR2016

Digital Leaders took Manchester by storm at the annual Business Rocks event at Manchester Central.

#BR2016 is an international tech, music and investment conference held at the Manchester Central Convention Centre. The event brought together 5,000 founders, business leaders, Vice Chairmen, journalists and community shapers from across the world to create a totally unique event. 10 lucky Digital Leaders investigated and interrogated a range of the UK's world-class media producers, tech companies, rock star start-up's and major international investors on show.

"The Digital Leaders threw themselves into the world of Business Rocks and met some wonderful people, listened to some inspiring speeches and most importantly saw some pioneers!" - Mr Mustafa.

The event gave the Digital Leaders unique access to see and experience the latest developments in technology and to speak to a range of people about potential careers and pathways into the digital industries.



Year 6 Rise to the Challenge ICT Challenge Cup 2016

The Year 6 ICT Challenge Cup 2016 was a resounding success. 5 local primary schools (Manley Park, Chorlton Park, Wilbraham, St Mary's and Ladybarn) were invited to compete in the annual Whalley Range Whiteboard Animation Challenge. Each school was given the task to research, plan, design, film and edit a whiteboard animation on the dangers of using social media. Aided and abetted by the Digital Leaders the schools produced informative and highly creative animation but there could only be three schools that would walk away with the trophies with Manley Park taking the Whiteboard Animation Crown.



1st place - Manley Park
2nd place - Wilbraham
3rd place - Chorlton Park



ARTs Emergency Programme

The 'ARTs Emergency' programme gave students the opportunity to raise their achievement, experience A' Level and University art subjects, and increase cultural capital. ARTs Emergency is an 8 week programme that allowed students to build on the skills necessary to succeed in English and across the curriculum here at Whalley Range, as well as experiencing different Arts and Humanities subjects which are not commonly taught before A' level or degree level. The workshops included University application processes and a discussion about University life. The students had an amazing experience through a range of art subjects they had studied such as: sociology, criminology, politics and philosophy, journalism, economics and anthropology. After their successful completion of the course, the students attended a 'Graduation' ceremony at Manchester University which celebrated the students' hard work over the 8 weeks.



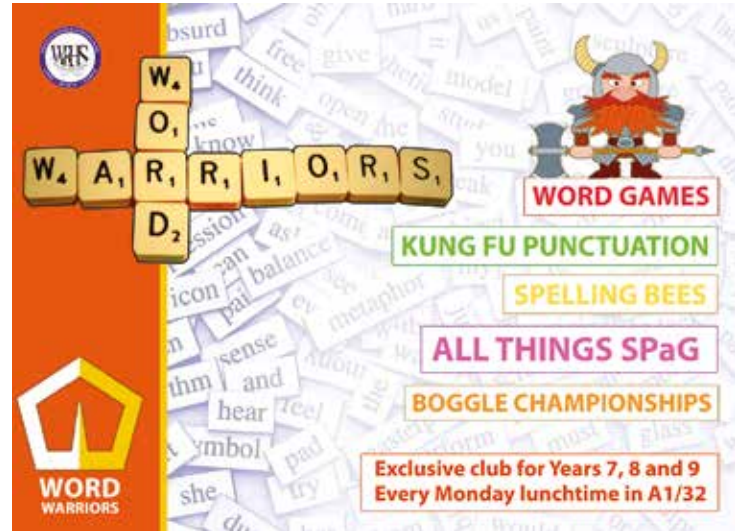
Debate Mate

This year's Debate Mate has been an exciting time for all the girls involved in Urban Debate League competitions. The girls were involved in a series of challenging debates against students from other schools in Manchester. During the debates and competition all girls had the opportunity to showcase the excellent skills and understanding they have developed during their Debate Mate sessions, and did so with impressive confidence. Mentors have commented on how well the girls had researched the topic worked really hard and enhanced their knowledge into various different topics for all motions that were given to them. The girls had beat tough competitors in many rounds of the debate league, and came in the top 50 nationally!



Word Warriors

KS3 students have been invited to attend the club to improve their spelling, punctuation and grammar. The students complete many exciting SPaG activities, play word games and take part in Boggle Championships! Students who have attended the club have made good progress in their SPaG skills. Also students who attended 5 times have won prizes!



Creative Writing Club

Students have been very busy in Creative Writing Club this year, entering many national competitions. Some of their poems and short stories have been selected for publication on the basis of imagination, perception, expression, creativity and use of language, making this a great achievement for our students to be proud of.

Currently, students are working on their entries for The Foyle Young Poets of the Year Award. This is an opportunity for any young poet aged 11-17 to accelerate their writing career. Since it was founded in 1998 the Award has kick-started the career of some of today's most exciting new voices, such as Helen Mort, a successful poet whose first collection was recently published by Chatto & Windus.



With entries from over 7,600 young people this year from across the UK and worldwide, it is the largest competition of its kind and its importance is widely attested. We have our fingers crossed for your students this year!

STUDENT COUNCIL



The student council at Whalley Range 11-18 High School is making great strides to change the lives of students for the better. They have been working on and delivering assemblies to students on how to stay safe while growing up in the 21st Century – a world of technology and social media. As part of this, they have developed a Charter for Staying Safe. This is a list of promises made to students at Whalley Range High School in a bid to help them to make good choices and stay safe. The Charter is now on display in all House Offices and other prominent areas of the school. Mrs Davies, staff link for the Student Council said, 'The student council took this very seriously. They worked hard to deliver a charter that they felt would mean something to our students and would make an impact. They are amazing to work with.'

STUDENT LIVE DEBATE

Members of the student council at Whalley Range 11-18 High School recently had the opportunity to visit the Council Chambers at Manchester Town Hall, as part of a Manchester Youth Council event.



A range of topics around the 'Don't Hate – Educate' campaign were discussed in a number of workshops. Following on from this, students went into the chambers which usually only councillors have access to! There was a lively debate on free speech with lots of opinions and ideas shared. Students were given a range of words associated with the campaign and discrimination and had to come up with a poem, rap or song using all the words. Our girls won the event which was a remarkable achievement.



Their confidence and the way they are willing to stand up in a room full of people to deliver feedback from workshops is amazing! Their determination to win the competition was wonderful to watch – I am extremely proud of them!'. Mrs J Davies



Staff and students will be cycling the distance from Whalley Range, Manchester to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil over the course of the half-term. That's 9,365km in seven weeks! We have three exercise bikes set up in the Bistro and are encouraging as many people to contribute as possible.

We want to raise as much money as we can for our chosen charity, TASK (The Abandoned Street Kids) Brazil. They support at-risk and from-the-street kids to have a future through education. During this Olympic year in Brazil, please help us to smash our fundraising target to improve the lives of these children. You can donate by visiting our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rangetorio



Photography Competition



Congratulations to Rehma and Khadija in Year 8 who won our photography competition, based around the theme of 'Our Beautiful School'. They won an all-expenses paid trip to London with the Media Leaders. Well done to them for their beautiful winning image (left).

If at any time you would like to withdraw permission for your daughter's image to appear in our school magazine, "Partnership News", please contact the Headteacher through our main school number 0161 861 9727 or via email on: head@wrhs1118.co.uk.

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