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## ART WORKSHOPS

Students at Heald Place, Manley Park and St. Mary's Primary Schools were treated to exciting and hugely enjoyable Art Workshops with Sissy Rooney of Streetstyle Surgery. Along with Sissy's excellent guidance each student was provided with a T shirt, stencils, paints and pens and asked to design and customise their unique and individual T – shirt. The students were absolutely engrossed and engaged in the hands-on activity from beginning to end and were equally excited to wear, promote and parade their creative fashion skills for fellow students.



Well done to all the students who took part in the workshops. The comments made by the students reflect their great sense of satisfaction and achievement.



**Rozina – age 10**

*"I enjoyed spraying and designing because it was fun and they let you get straight on with it as they show you step by step so you understand. I learnt not to throw things away and to think about if it can be used again to make something else out of it".*

**Aumar – age 10**

*"I loved it, it was the best thing I have ever done in my whole life".*

**Arooj – age 10**

*"The workshop was great! I learnt how to use spray paint properly and safely and a lot of fashion tips. Sissy and Catherine helped me a lot and now I'm a great fashion designer".*

## PRIMARY WORKSHOPS

A small group of Year 5 pupils from a feeder primary school, St Mary's Primary school, visited WRHS in February to enjoy a joint Maths and Science workshop after school. This involved conducting various experiments tricking their senses with hot and cold water and enabling them to make their own thermometers. The pupils also looked at calculating with negative numbers. On leaving all pupils said they had, *'thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot!'*

These workshops combining maths and science are ongoing every half term for the rest of the school year and in the next one we will be looking at using sweets to calculate and analyse statistics.

### KEY CALENDAR DATES

Remaining dates this Academic Year 2010 – 2011

#### SUMMER TERM

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd May 2011

Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May 2011 to Friday 3rd June 2011

Term Starts Monday 6th June 2011 to Thursday 21st July 2011

Additional holiday Friday 22nd July 2011\*

*\*(to mark the wedding of Prince William to Kate Middleton, as the actual wedding day fell in the Easter Holidays)*

#### AUTUMN TERM

Term Starts: Monday 5th September 2011

Half Term Holiday: Monday 24th October 2011 – Friday 28th October 2011

Term Ends: Friday 16th December 2011

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A Specialist College for Business, Enterprise & Sport

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## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Ms. P. Kane M.A.  
Headteacher

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of Whalley Range 11-18 High School. Our students achieve so much in so many different areas. They show great talent, creativity, teamwork and thinking. All things they will need for a successful future.

A common thread in this issue is leadership – the ability to have an idea and plan to make it happen. We have so many wonderful leaders in our school. It is a privilege to work with them and support their development.

I hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic difference our students make to our school and local community.



## AMERICAN DIPLOMAT COMES TO WHALLEY RANGE!

Students at Whalley Range 11-18 High School recently prepared themselves to welcome a high ranking American Ambassador.

Deputy Chief of Mission, Barbara J. Stephenson, a senior diplomat at the United States Embassy in London, visited the school on Thursday 9th February 2011. With experience as a US ambassador in Panama and Deputy Coordinator for Iraq at the US Department of State, Mrs Stephenson inspired students by talking about her own path to success, as well as assisting their cultural learning by speaking about American policy.

Mrs Stephenson was treated to a tour of the schools premises, shown examples of the hard work and fantastic achievements of students and conducted an interview with Range Radio – the school's own radio station!



Whalley Range 11-18 High School was recently awarded a Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Gold Award for Cultural Diversity and Headteacher, Patsy Kane, said *"Mrs Stephenson's visit further demonstrated our efforts to promote cultural awareness"*.

She said, *"We are delighted to welcome this distinguished diplomat into our school to help our students and deepen their knowledge and global understanding. Mrs Stephenson is a strong, inspirational woman."*

## THE MOST IMPROVED SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY... ...according to the 'Financial Times'

Confirmation of the ever improving performance of our Sixth Form came with the recent publication of the Financial Times' Top 1000 UK schools.

The school has risen an incredible 843 places in the last year making it the most improved school in the United Kingdom. The ranking is based on the percentage of students achieving the top A\* and A grades at A Level. An impressive 30% of all grades were at this very top level which reflects fantastically on the efforts of the students and support given by parents and staff.

The school has outperformed all other faith-neutral High schools and all Sixth Form colleges in Manchester, using this top level yardstick, a remarkable achievement that has allowed many students to progress to the country's finest universities.

# Learning to Lead



## PAINTING PICASSOS

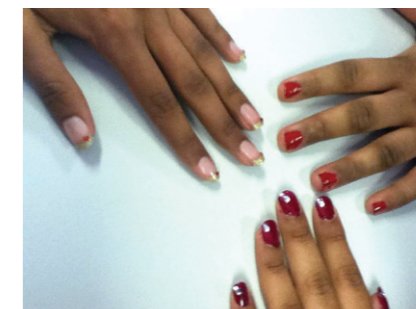
The Learning to Lead painting team have their brushes at the ready and will soon begin decorating the hoardings around school - So watch this space! Justin, the Graphic Designer at school, generously offered art lessons in his own time for our budding Baroque's, which have been an all round success. Students are excited at the prospect of making their mark in school and showing their creativity.

Mehvish says, *"Painting the hoardings will allow us to bring colour and light to the school. I am excited about showing off my painting talents"*.



## PAVING THE WAY FOR CHARITABLE GIVING

The Learning to Lead charity team have once again shown their commitment to fundraising by raising over £750 for Comic Relief. They hosted a whole school 'Do Something Funny for Money' event on the day which involved; students wearing an item of red, red nails painting, I'm a celebrity teacher quiz and red raffles. The highlight of the day was the Whalley Range Rockstars video, filmed by Miss Kenwright and Mr Mustafa, which saw the staff of WRHS in a new musical light! This video musical debut can be found on YouTube.



The Charity team are privileged to be invited to attend an exclusive Open Day at Francis House Childrens Hospice in Manchester where



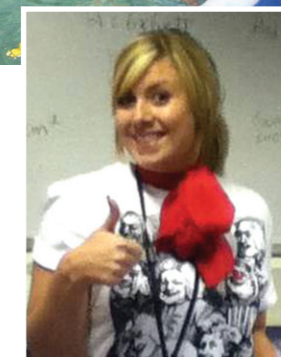
we will be meeting the children we have raised money for and learning about how our £250 donation has been put to good use. The students are really excited and looking forward to raising even more money this worthwhile cause.



## YOUTH OF TODAY - LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The future leaders within the school have proven themselves yet again when presenting to the board of Governors on 31st March 2011. Learning to Lead mentors showcased their ICT abilities and their presentation skills when addressing the full Governing body as to the changes they have helped to make in school since September and the plans they have for the future. Such projects involve a new student derived vegetable patch where students will be encouraged to grow their own food, and a whole school clothes swap-shop to promote recycling.

With reference to the fantastic performance Ms Kane, the Headteacher, states, *"Our students leaders are inspiring the future so well. The girls did a brilliant job at Governors and made me proud to be their Head"*.

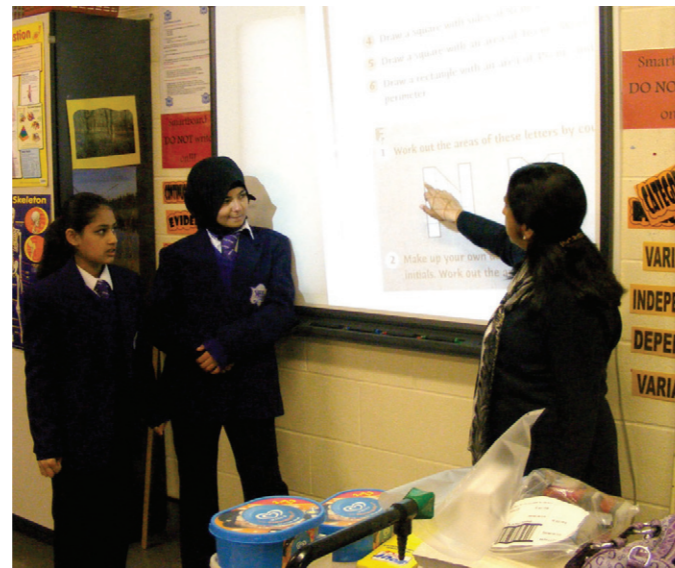


Maths Quiz Answers from Page 9: Question 1: 40metres Question 2: 15 Question 3: 0 Question 4: 81 Question 5: 20 Hours



## ACCELERATED READING

About a dozen students have already reached their targets and left Accelerated reading. Well done! New students have now joined the group and we hope to get some positive results by the end of the year.



## MATHS AND ENGLISH INTERVENTION

Forty students have completed the Maths and Writing Challenges and have either reached or exceeded their English and Maths targets. Eleven out of the sixteen students who took the Writing Challenge have exceeded their end of year target already.

**The Maths Challenge resulted in the highest percentage of 95% achieved by both Angel Nkomo 7VW1A and Sabhaina Saeed 7KH3A. The most improved was Alina Hussain 7OW5A with 91%.**

Mrs Bajwa and Mrs Quinn are really pleased! New students are now starting and are working in small groups, one to one or with an outside mentor. They are all working hard and hope to improve their grades by the end of the year. Lunchtime and after school clubs are proving popular and Miss Altaf is on hand to make sure everyone is on task and doing well to achieve their targets.

*"We are all looking forward to the trip at the end of the year a well deserved treat for all of us!"*

## CO-OPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP IN ACTION!



Four Year 7 students, Khadeeja Ahmed, Anissa Sullivan, Sarah Aqel and Jordanna Capon, accompanied Mrs Bajwa to the C.I.S. They were invited by Edd Bower and Alexandra Long, who both act as mentors for the Maths Challenge. They all spent time looking around the building, talking to staff and were very impressed by the views of Manchester from the 25th floor. The students and Mrs Bajwa took part in the Co-operative Maths Challenge on-line which they all enjoyed.

**Mr Bower said that he hoped the visit gave them, "A good feeling for what big businesses are like and hopefully, a renewed zest for Maths."**



## REDUCE • RE-USE • RECYCLE



### Textiles visit to Parrs Wood School

On Tuesday 1st February, a group of ten Year 9 Textiles students paid a visit to Parrs Wood High School. They worked collaboratively with Year 9 students from Parrs Wood on a Fashion project. The day involved recycling unwanted denim clothes into exciting new garments and products. The students involved were able to utilise skills learnt in textiles lessons to successfully complete this project and all worked with independence and creativity.

**Well done to the students who took part.**

### Newly Appointed Textiles Leaders Are Sew Cool!

Congratulations to the following year 10 students who are the newly appointed Textiles Leaders. Sharon Kaur, Tasneem Rahman, Ayesha Ali, Sandra Ogundele, Korelle Cole and Ellen Thompson. Each of these students have shown the potential to be outstanding leaders in this Textiles subject.



## BBC SCHOOL REPORT

### Showcasing our young reporters!

Anxious to bring you the most important issues affecting the students of Whalley Range, this year's BBC News Reporters decided to tackle a very serious international issue that is affecting many of the girls in our school. After some in-depth research Amaani, Sana, Aiman, Safah, Sana, Khadra, Amna and Bijetri conducted a series of interviews with two Sixth Form students from Libya to get their thoughts and feelings on the conflict affecting their homeland.



The team's hard work was rewarded with a very informative and emotional interview which the BBC thought was so successful they decided to air it on two live broadcast shows; the Today programme and Radio 5 Live. The full audio link is currently available on the BBC School News Report website.

## STUDENTS MEET 'FAST SHOW' STAR - CHARLIE HIGSON



Manchester Libraries and the Manchester Children's Book Festival, in association with Puffin Books, were delighted to welcome Charlie Higson to Manchester as part of a national book tour to launch his latest book, The Dead. Twenty five of our Year 9 students attended this event with Miss Marelic and Miss Lashley from the English Faculty.



Students listened to a talk from Charlie, who starred in and co-wrote the iconic, Fast Show where he explained about the inspiration behind his new books, relating to classics such as Frankenstein and Dracula. After the talk everyone was able to meet Charlie and many of our students received signed copies of his book with personal messages. All students who attended behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

## TOP-TIPS FOR TOP GRADES

The English Faculty had an exciting visitor on Friday 8th April. Frank Farrell (an English Advanced Skills Teacher and ex-English consultant) spent the day inspiring our Year 10 A\*/A pupils and passing on top tips on how to achieve these top grades in their coming exams.

**Frank has a blog all students can use in preparation for their exams: [www.englishgcse.info](http://www.englishgcse.info)**

## A LEVEL ACCOUNTING

As a new initiative for Whalley Range students, this year each Accounting student in Year 12 and 13 has been linked with a business mentor who is working in local accounting firms such as Deloitte in Manchester. During the mentoring sessions, which are held fortnightly, in school the students are receiving guidance from experienced accountants. The sessions revolve around careers in accounting and assistance with accounting knowledge.



## BARCLAYS MONEY VAN

Barclays brought their Money Van to the City of Manchester Stadium this term for students to develop their knowledge of finance and money. Within the workshop, students worked with employees of Barclays, exploring reasons why people need bank accounts and how debt can hinder someone wanting to buy property. The students felt the experience was very worthwhile by learning life skills

in relation to money. The Barclays team were very impressed with the high level of maturity and the quality of the presentations by students.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LEADERS

This term the social enterprise leaders have been developing the Fair Trade stall based in the new Bistro area. All the products are Fair Trade ranging from elephant dung note books to pencil cases made from drink cartons. Social Enterprise Leaders are finding new exciting products which can be sold in the future.



## YEAR 12 BTEC FIRST

Diploma students attended a presentation and workshop run by the HR manager and her team at the Lowry Hotel. Shamina Begum was highlighted as being a clear winner in the recruitment procedure that all students went through.

We were shown a room that blew us all away as it cost £2,500 per night! Mr Moran Head of Business & Enterprise faculty said, "This was a fantastic trip that really helped the students get to grips with the topic of recruitment".



## UNIVERSITY MATHS QUIZ

MMU held a Pop Maths Quiz on Saturday 19th March 2011 for all secondary schools in Greater Manchester. More than 20 teams took part and some schools had to be turned away because the event was so popular.

Six Year 9 Gifted and Talented pupils represented Whalley Range High School in the highly competitive event. Grishma Gupta, Kaneez Jafri, Roah Al Musrati, Sumaiya Irhouma, Immane Ghidaoui and Nura Ali all gave up their Saturday morning to take part.

First they had to construct a shape using only rail tickets! (pictured). Next they took part in the gruelling quiz. We didn't win but we did beat some of our neighbouring schools. All the girls vowed to be back next year and next time they are determined to win.

Just so you can see how hard the competition was here are some of the questions below. [Answers on page 11.](#)



1. The hare gives the tortoise a 38m start in a race. If the hare runs 20 times faster than the tortoise, how far does the hare go to catch up with the tortoise?
2. 9 years ago Paul was twice as old as his sister. Eleven years ago he was four times as old as her. How old is Paul?
3. Think of any two digit number. Reverse the order of the digits. Subtract the smaller from the larger. What is the remainder when you divide by 9?
4. What square number is made up of digits whose sum is its square root?
5. Which of the following is the least amount of time: 1 day, 20 hours, 1800 minutes, 90.000 seconds?



## SIXTH FORM DEBATING

This year the Sixth Form Action Committee have introduced some exciting new ideas to the Sixth Form. Students requested that a Sixth Form Debating Society should be set up and run for Sixth Form students. On 24th March the Debating Society went live for the first time with students debating whether the rights to abortion should be unrestricted. Both teams prepared excellent arguments both for and against. The debate was held in the Sixth Form Common Room in front of a live audience of staff and students. The motion 'This house believes in the unrestricted rights to abortion' was passed as a result of a student vote.



Students really enjoyed this challenge as stated by Rabiah Shoaib SF4. "This is the first real, formal debate I have performed in and I very much enjoyed it, especially when I put forward one of my strong and influential points and the opposition were left speechless. I loved that feeling!"

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT MOTION - 'This house believes that the death penalty should be reintroduced in the UK.'

Thanks go out to Mr McCaughey for all his help.





## FUTURE TRACK STARS

10 Year 9 students attended Manchester Velodrome to carry out a cycling session. All students had an introduction and then carried out laps of the track. Within the group all the girls completed many laps and as they gained confidence and speed they began to ride up the banks.

## WATT BIKE CHALLENGE

14 students from Whalley Range took part in a 2000m Watt Bike Challenge at Manchester Velodrome. Out of all students and schools involved Whalley Range's team of 4 came 1st with Azaria Edwards, Imani Waite, Katie Worsley and Kaliya Muktar. The individual scores were even more impressive with Azaria Edwards who came 1st and beat all the girls in both Key Stage 3 and 4 with a time of 3 minutes and 23 seconds, Imani Waite came 3rd and Katie Worsley came 5th. Well done to all who competed it was a fantastic day out.



## SWIMMING

Students took part in the Manchester Schools Swimming Competition this month. They were a credit to the school displaying perfect behaviour. Special recognition to those girls who won medals in the finals and have now got through to the city-wide Finals in 3 weeks time: Uffaq Malik in Backstroke, Charlotte Williams in Butterfly and Breaststroke and Nora Qamar in Backstroke and Breaststroke.



## WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL?

A School Council is a representative group of students who have been proposed and elected by their peers to represent their views and raise issues to Senior Management whilst also bringing forward projects to see change. Currently, we are in the process of electing new School Councillors and have recently worked on many different issues such as cyber-bullying, student voice, a healthier lifestyle, homework and a suggestion box.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A SCHOOL COUNCIL?

A vital function of the School Council is to enable the views and opinions of students to be heard. It allows students to share opinions with Senior Management and other school councillors to bring about positive change. Furthermore, the Student Council has an active role in making our school a better place to work and develop life-skills to empower other students' education.

## HOW CAN I BE A PART OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

We are currently looking for keen and responsible student councillors so if you are interested in a position please get an application form from any of the current councillors.

## BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Whalley Range 11-18 High School is currently working towards a new and improved Sixth Form with amazing facilities. Many students have visited the new building and were mesmerized by the progress made by the building team. *"The new building has a wonderful working environment and the range of facilities will further add to this"*. Halima Javed 90W2B



## THE MANCHESTER COLLEGE – YEAR 10

Once again our students have tasted 7 different subjects at The Manchester College – they have tried Catering, Plastering, Hairdressing, Tiling, Pre-Uniform Services, Brickwork and Art. Now is the time to decide which subject they would like to take to a higher level.



## PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A GREENER COMMUNITY



Two South Manchester teenagers have shown their community spirit and green credentials by raising money to buy 100 trees for their neighbourhood.

Korrelle Cole and Jessica Moores-Fletcher, both 14 years old and students at Whalley Range 11 –18 High School, came up with the idea while doing work experience with construction company GB Building Solutions who are currently undertaking a £17m new build and redevelopment at the school. As part of their work experience, the students were challenged with creating and delivering a project that would enhance the local area. Korrelle and Jessica came up with the idea of collecting and recycling used aluminium cans from around the school and using the money raised to buy 100 trees for the community.

Andy Wertylo, GB Building Solutions Site Manager, said: *"I wanted the girls' time with us to be productive as well as giving them a task that they had to manage themselves in a given timescale and to really get a feel for the industry and working life in general. They came up with the idea of the tree planting and really threw themselves into the project wholeheartedly. They were fantastic workers and are an absolute credit to their school"*.

The girls produced a proposal and procurement document that outlined how many cans the school generates on a daily basis, how many needed to be collected to pay for the trees and sourced a company that agreed to collect and pay for the cans. Korrelle said, *"Working on this project with GB Solutions has really inspired me and I am definitely now considering a career in construction"*.



## A TASTE OF SPAIN AT... the Spanish & Latin American Film Festival

Year 10 Spanish students went on a trip to the Cornerhouse in Manchester this month. The Cornerhouse was celebrating the "¡VIVA! 17th Spanish and Latin American Film Festival." Students had the opportunity of enjoying the film, "Los Colores de la Montaña" (2010) directed by César Arbeláez.

Telling the story of a nine year-old Colombian boy, Manuel, the film dealt with topics of education, family life and social issues. In a workshop style, the students had the opportunity to work on the pre and post- viewing of the film with students from other High Schools thanks to the materials and support provided by the Film in Language Teaching Association.

## PRIMARY FESTIVALS

Once again the Sports Leaders did a fantastic job supporting the primary festival. Each half term Whalley Range hosts a Year 3 & Year 4 competition. All primaries are invited to attend and Whalley Range and our Sports Leaders run the festival by keeping the scores and move around set stations with small groups of students demonstrating activities.



## INTER HOUSE BADMINTON

### Inter House Competition - Results Half Term 1 - Badminton

**1st Place** -18 points - WINFREY    **2nd Place** -16 points - WESTWOOD  
**Joint 3rd Place** - 9 points - HOLMES & RADCLIFFE    **5th Place** - 8 points - WILLIAMS  
**SIXTH FORM WINNERS** - Nadia Ilyas and Komal Zaheer

## NETBALL RESULTS

Year 7 WRHS 4 v 1 Trinity  
 Year 8 WRHS 8 v 0 Trinity  
 Year 10 WRHS 5 v 1 Parris Wood  
 Year 11 WRHS 12 v 9 Parris Wood

## BASKETBALL

On Thursday 11th November, Whalley Range held a girls Basketball tournament that had over 100 students from across Manchester representing their school teams. Whalley Range entered 2 teams, a Year 10/11 team and a Year 7/8/9 team. After months of training with the Basketball coach (Rob, the national coach for the Mystics) the students were eager to play. Both teams excelled, with the Year 10/11 team beating both Parris Wood and Loreto. The Year 7/8/9 team came up against some very strong teams but were victorious over East Manchester Academy.



Congratulations to both the KS3 and KS4 Basketball teams, who both reached the Basketball Manchester Finals. Unfortunately both teams lost out in the final, but excellent effort from both teams. Well done!

## MATALAN TRAINING COURSE



On Thursday 10th March two students went to Chorley to take part in a new National Project called 'Matalan Your Sport'. This was one of 4 conference days across the country and Whalley Range represented the whole of Central and East Manchester. There were a number of Commonwealth Champions there to inspire students including a single rope and double rope display from 'Jump Rope' Commonwealth Champion, Beci Dale who has held the title for 12 years. The day was based around promoting alternative sports such as 'Jump Rope', 'Dodge Ball', 'Parkour' and 'Nscukball'. The students were involved in practical sessions to try out the activities as well as planning for developing some of these sports back at school. The students Sabah Chughtai and Atiyah Javid won £400 funding for the school to set up one of these activities across Manchester and were invited to take part in a session led by NBA coaches.

## NBA CLINIC COMES TO WRHS

On 1st March, Whalley Range 11-18 High School, played host to an NBA Basketball clinic, where students from across Manchester were invited to take part in a session led by NBA coaches.

Gordon Chiesa has coached for 35 years – 16 at the collegiate level and 19 years in the NBA. He was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame, for his achievements as a college and professional coach, in September, 2009. Gordon was Assistant coach of 16 years for the Utah Jazz where he Contributed to 3 Midwestern Division Championships and 2 Western Conference Championships. Coach Neal Meyer was named Video Coordinator for the Cleveland Cavaliers, responsible for recording games for scouting purposes while preparing scouting edits for pre-game, in-game and post game activities for the coaches and players.



The students really enjoyed the session and received some goodies to take away with them, including a free T-Shirt and Key ring and vouchers for Foot Locker. But more importantly they relished the opportunity to be coached by NBA legends.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done to Miss Brown's Year 10 BTEC Leadership class for raising £40 for Children in Need. They carried out a throwing event blindfolded in the gym as well as guess the string attached to Pudsey's hot air balloon. Congratulations to the event winners... Hannah Van Cook and Ka Man Ng who both won £5 High Street vouchers for these events!!!!

## BADMINTON

15 students took part in the badminton singles competition at Manchester Academy. Girls practice every Monday in school with our specialist coach which has worked wonders with our group as we came away with first, second and third place in KS3 Shruti Khanal, Amana Qayam and Tahmina Prity and in KS4 we also came first and third with Hawo Ibrahim and Sabah Chughtai. All competitors who came 1st and 2nd have now qualified for the city-wide finals.



## WELL DONE TO SPORTS LEADERS

Sports Leaders have gained accreditation in a variety of activities this year including Badminton, Inclusion/Team Building, Yoga, Street Cheer, Dance Leader, Hi-5 Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Football and Basketball. All leaders do a fantastic job every week helping support with primary competitions and festivals and deserve a MASSIVE WELL DONE. Thanks girls, without you these competitions could not be run.

## ATHLETICS



Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Manchester School Athletics indoor competition. 7 pupils from each year group attended Sport City and carried out a variety of athletic events. The Year 7 team were very successful and gained a place within the Manchester School's finals. The girls carried out their events and improved their individual performances from the first round and this resulted in them gaining 6th place in the final. Well done girls!

