

## WANT TO COOK FOR FUN?

The **Year 7 Cook for fun club** is up and running again this term. The club gives Year 7 students the chance to practice their cooking skills whilst making some tasty treats to take home. This year there was an amazing response with over 40 students signing up to join the club. Due to the high demand the club will run in 6 week blocks allowing every student to have the opportunity to **Cook for fun!**

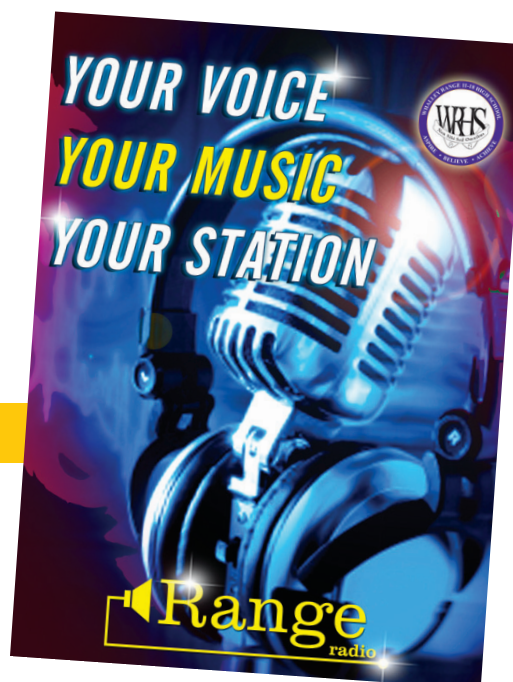
The club is organised by Miss Williams with support from Food Leaders and is held every Thursday in G0/14.



## ALL NEW RANGE RADIO!

Range Radio will be re-launching after Easter on a brand new platform. We'll have live shows from each house every lunchtime that will include interviews, reviews and the latest school news. We'll also have regular news, sport and entertainment updates brought to you by the Whalley Range students.

All you'll have to do is tune in on [www.rangeradio.co.uk](http://www.rangeradio.co.uk) on your computer or phone, or hear us in the dining hall. Listen out for some very special guests coming soon!



## YEAR 11 PROM GOES TO THE CIRCUS!

Prom committee members were presented with a range of exciting themes by organisers, Miss Williams, Miss Travis and Miss Sutcliffe for the annual Year 11 prom in July. After, much deliberation the theme chosen for this year was 'the circus'. Look out for up and coming fundraising events you can get involved in to help support Year 11 students and give them a send-off to remember!



*Notices and information relating to this event can be found on the Prom display board next to Student Services.*

## INVITATION TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS

If you are considering sending your daughter to Whalley Range 11 -18 High School and you would like to view the school and ask questions relating to your daughter's education please telephone 0161 861 9727 and ask to speak to Mrs E. Haidinger (Transition Co-ordinator) to arrange an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you.

### DISCLOSURE:

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@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:head@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk).

*If you have a story please email us: [jea@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:jea@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk)*

**WHALLEY RANGE 11-18 HIGH SCHOOL**  
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# PARTNERSHIP NEWS



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**ASPIRE • BELIEVE • ACHIEVE**

**SPRING 2012**



## WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



Whalley Range prides itself on the wonderful breadth of education it offers to students. This magazine shows the commitment we have to learning beyond school, in our community.

In 2012, the International Year of Co-operatives, we want to develop our Whalley Range Business, Enterprise, Sport and Health Co-operative Learning Trust. You can help us do that by contacting Mrs Davies at school and joining our Trust – it is free.

Every Trust member shares the enhancing learning in our school and community. We would love to hear from you.

Ms. P. Kane M.A.

## TRANSITION PODCASTING

Mr. Corney our Media and Communications technician visited seven local primary schools to create radio adverts with students who will be attending our school in September. Alongside creating adverts for our school, the students got to learn about life at Whalley Range and ask any questions they may have.

The students were helped to script an advert and then record this into a broadcast recording kit, emulating the process of creating a professional radio advert. This was a great experience for developing speaking and listening skills, alongside learning key facts about their new school. A winning group was picked from each school to have their advert played out on the new look Range Radio every day when we re-launch. They also received prizes and certificates.



Make sure you check out [rangeradio.co.uk](http://rangeradio.co.uk) after Easter to hear the finished adverts.



## SHARED READING



Once again we've been busy with our shared reading project in Manley Park and Heald Place Primary Schools on Monday and Friday afternoons.

The infants and the first year juniors seem delighted to see us. On arrival their faces light up, their reading books are at the ready and then it's all go. We listen to as many youngsters reading as we possibly can.

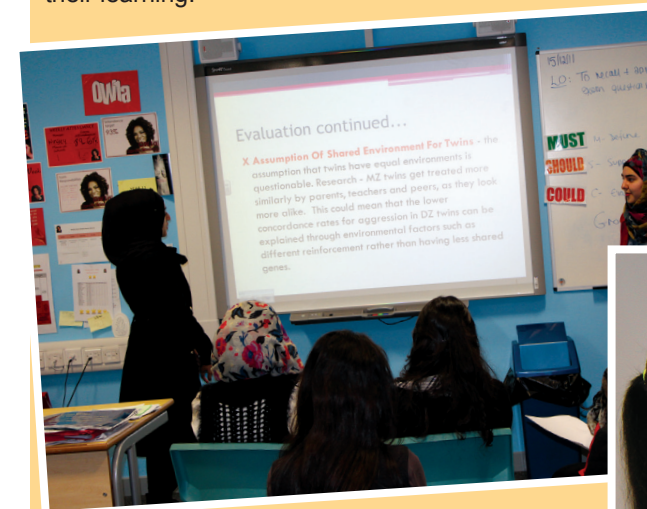


From those who are at the very beginning of their reading journey to those who are quite proficient. It's a privilege for us to be a part of this project especially as we believe that we're making a valuable contribution to the learning of younger students in our community. A big thank you to the staff and students involved.

## SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY!

Sixth Form Social Science students have worked hard over the last term to prepare and lead revision and support sessions for Sixth form students who are studying AS/A2 Law, Psychology and Sociology. The leaders have set up a 'Study Buddy' scheme that supports their peers on improving classwork, homework and revision strategies for exams.

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. Many of the student leaders have developed their confidence within their subject areas and have also found it a great way to consolidate their learning.



*"Being a Social Science Student Leader has been a great way to improve my own grades and to help others improve. It has given me lots of confidence and has helped me to develop leadership skills which will be important for University".*

Wajeelha Kahn SF11



The revision and support sessions are available during Thursday lunchtime in room C0/04 and all Social Science students are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

**henshaws**  
society for blind people

## BAG PACKING FOR CHARITY!

22 Whalley Range students ranging from Year 7 to Sixth Form volunteered to help raise money for Henshaws Society for the Blind. Their mission was to meet up at Asda in Hulme on Saturday 10th March and stand at the end of the tills to help customers pack their bags in exchange for a donation into a collection bucket.

The students helped to raise a massive £934.93 and Michelle Grogan, Fundraiser from Henshaws said, *"I am so pleased with this amount and it really shows how hard the girls worked and how polite they were"*. This is just the start and we will be doing lots more Voluntary Work with Henshaws. Our students are already signing up for the next 'bag pack' which will be held at Sainsburys in Fallowfield on Friday 13th April and Saturday 14th April.

## WILLIAMS HOUSE FUNDRAISING FOR ST. ANN'S HOSPICE

Williams House has been raising money for St. Ann's Hospice by doing weekly copper collections in form time and bucket collections before and after assembly. We also had a very successful cake and biscuit sale and so far we have raised £323.60! Thank you to Miss Travis for the gorgeous cupcakes and McVities for their kind donation.



*every day makes a difference*

Mrs Williams will be doing a parachute jump in August and Miss Coyle will be doing the Great Manchester Swim in July so watch this space for further charity events helping to support our nominated charity.



## CORNERHOUSE • SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL.

Year 10 Spanish students went on a trip to the Cornerhouse in Manchester this month. Cornerhouse was celebrating the “¡VIVA! 18th Spanish and Latin American Film Festival.”

Students had the opportunity of enjoying the film “Pequeñas Voces” (2010) directed by Jairo Eduardo Carrillo and Oscar Andrade. The film is based on interviews made with four Colombian children and tells of the situation they lived in because of ‘las guerrillas’. The stories are illustrated by means of drawings the children did. Family life, friendship and social issues (armed conflict, forced migration, rural life) are the main topics of the film.

In a workshop style, the students had the opportunity to work on the pre and post-viewing of the film, interacting with other people from other High Schools. Many thanks for the support and materials provided by the Film in Language Teaching Association.



## HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS VISIT

Over 100 students from Wilbraham Primary School were privileged to meet members of the most famous basketball team in the world, ‘The Harlem Globetrotters’. Two of the players took time out from their busy schedule to spend the afternoon with us in the Amaechi stadium here at Whalley Range 11 – 18 High School.

Blenda Rodriguez from Manhattan, New York and Flip Aitkins from Chicago, Illinois amazed us all with their dazzling ball handling skills and tumbling tricks.



Both players were here not only to dumbfound us with their skills but to deliver their C.H.E.E.R programme. This programme, developed by the Harlem Globetrotters focuses on Co-operation, Healthy Mind and Body, Effort, Enthusiasm and Responsibility. This programme was specifically created for young students. A special C.H.E.E.R basketball was used throughout the demonstration.

So what was so special about the ball? The character traits were embossed on the panels of the ball highlighting key elements of the programme. Blenda and Flip encouraged the students throughout to match their actions with those five character traits.

The theme of the event was to encourage the students to care about school and each other in order to prepare the students for the challenges they will soon face as young adults. If you would like to view a short clip of the afternoon please visit our school website and make your way to Transition. Enjoy!

[www.whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk)



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



A group of Year 9 students have been learning about the inspirational history of their families to mark International Women's Day. As well as finding out about key women in Manchester's history, they have been finding out about their own mums, grandparents and sisters over the decades.

The students worked in collaboration with the Co-operative Academy of Manchester to create an artistic timeline. This was displayed at Manchester Town Hall at an event on 4th March and then travelled to Whalley Range High School to be displayed at a community event in celebration of International Women's Day.



The co-operative academy of Manchester



Local artist, Lisa Watson, helped the students to create the fantastic artwork. Lisa commented, *“One student's big sister came with their family to Manchester from Nigeria for a better life; another's nanna was the face of Imperial Leather Soap between 1968-1969. The main focus has been the students' amazing families and Manchester Libraries' historical images of Manchester women, so although I have put a historical timeline onto the banners from 1844 to the present day, it is very much about celebrating everyday people's lives”.*

To see a selection of photos go here: [www.flickr.com/photos/wrws1118/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wrws1118/sets/)

## YEAR 7 PROJECT DAY

Project Day has allowed students to work at their most creative over the past months, this reflects in the work to design an earthquake proof museum. The students had to pitch their final concept to a panel of judges in the style of Dragons Den. The winning designs both came from Westwood house. VWa created a museum of Horror with VWb creating a beauty themed museum.

The current project on Recycling has got off to a fantastic start with students being able to create fashion garments from recycled materials. This event happened with each half year group in the main hall for a timed activity, the students working in co-operative learning groups to assemble their garments in an imaginative way.

The students modelled their designs in a catwalk fashion show and once again winners chosen.





# DESIGN, CREATE AND PERFORM



## MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION CHOIR



Four of our girls successfully auditioned for Manchester United Foundation choir in January - Danica Shelton, Melissa Nyarambi, Falmata Mamane and Aziza Sayid. All four have recorded with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and are to appear on 'Songs of Praise'.



## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

The music department is now fully resourced with two suites of computers and music software. On Wednesday 22nd February the Music Leaders participated in technology training, enabling them to use the new software, 'Cubase'. They are now developing their skills and are designing powerpoint slides and a booklet in order to train other students to use this software. Once mastered they will have training on the other music software we have in school, 'Sibelius', so that they can train students in this too.

After Easter a music computer club will start, initially for Year 9 students who have opted for GCSE music and Gifted and Talented students, but once we have more students trained up the club will be opened to anyone who has an interest in this field.

## MUSICAL ENTREPRENEUR



On Thursday 1st March Ruth Daniel and her associate Nicole from Manchester University, visited a Year 9 music class to talk about what it means to be an entrepreneur in music. As the creator of Fat Northener records, and director of 'Un-Convention' Ruth has travelled the world, opening up debate about the cutting edge of music and creating opportunities for people to display their talents. She has also visited the Congo, Kosovo and many parts of South America, helping creative people in those areas find a voice and platform in the face of war and great adversity.

Ruth gave the girls lots of advice about how to set up a record label, how to move a company from a local to global level and how to use the Internet to develop links and promote new and exciting ideas. She also talked about determination, not giving up on ideas and always seeking advice from others more knowledgeable.

Several of the girls followed this visit up by attending an event at Manchester Town Hall run by Ruth and others from 'Un-Convention' which was part of celebrating International Women's Day. They participated in creating a record, from the recording of the tracks to the creating of the record sleeve.

Visit [www.unconvention.org](http://www.unconvention.org) for more details about their forthcoming festival.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

These include a summer showcase where our extra curricular groups will be able to show just what fantastic talent we have here at the school. Currently we have a choir, chamber choir, string group, funk soul band and swing band and if you would like to join in with any of these please see Mrs Holden in A0/39.



## BBC SCHOOL REPORT

Eight students at Whalley Range High School took part in the BBC School News Report in the Range Radio station. The students spent the day working towards their broadcasting deadline of 2pm with one of the BBC crew members. They prepared interviews with representatives from Contact Hostel, Wilbraham Road Manchester; Reclaim Manchester and Manchester Womens' Aid to highlight the support available to young people in the area. The students also created a report on Shanaza Reade who visited the school at the end of last year to open our new building. The students had lots of fun experiencing what it was like to be a real live reporter!



## CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



As part of the Childrens' Book festival, Year 7 enjoyed a visit from new author, Sufiya Ahmed this term. She has written a fantastic novel that focuses on the shocking truths behind the practice of Forced Marriage. It tells the story of a teenage girl whose world is shattered when she realises that the family holiday to

Pakistan, has actually been arranged for the purpose of her marriage, and follows her desperate attempts to escape it. Sufiya previously worked in the House of Commons and used her experience working with victims of forced marriage as inspiration for the story. Students got the chance to dress in traditional Indian wedding costumes, have a henna decoration, and be involved in a fascinating question and answer session with the author, which has hopefully inspired some budding writers of our own.

Copies of the book are now on sale in the school library for £4.05.



## DEBATE MATE

Whalley Range High School took part in the first round of the Urban Debate League in February at Loreto High School. The teams competed against different schools from across Manchester, firstly



debating the prepared motion that euthanasia should be made legal, secondly the motion that a curfew should be introduced for under sixteens. The teams (with students from years 8 -10) argued their points convincingly and successfully, winning two of the debates! We are now preparing for the second round of the Urban Debate League, debating whether we should continue to protect endangered species. Best of luck to the girls going into the next competition!

## WORLD BOOK DAY QUIZ

Ten Year 8 students from Whalley Range travelled to Chorlton High School with their English teacher Miss Crowley, to take part in a World Book Day quiz against other local schools, on the 16th March. Much fun was had by all!

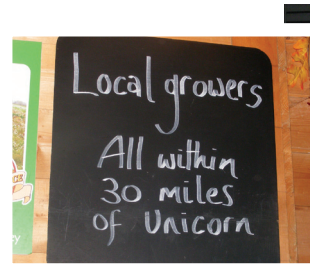




# BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE FACULTY NEWS

## FAIR TRADE AWARD

Pictures of the "Fair Trade Award" being presented to Unicorn Groceries, Chorlton by our Sixth Form Business and Enterprise Leaders. One of these awards will be given to a local business that supports fair trade every half term. The next one will be given out during "Fair Trade Fortnight".



## JUNIOR APPRENTICE?



Year 12 BTEC First in Business have been practicing to become Lord Sugar's next Junior Apprentice by doing their own version of the show, 'Mrs Raffo's Apprentices'. They have been working in teams, learning and utilising enterprise skills and inventing their own brand of popcorn. Teams will be presenting their brand of popcorn to a team of potential customers soon.



The team who gets the most potential sales will be the winner.



## ENTERPRISE MARKET HALL

Have you visited room G2/07 on Monday lunchtime recently? If you have then you will know what all the fuss is about! However, if you haven't you are missing a treat! A number of students have set up their own stalls selling a variety of goods, from cards and calendars to make-up, money boxes and stationery. There's a real buzz about the markethall, with the number of students both selling and buying increasing each week.

**Have you got any unwanted gifts at home? Any old books in good condition that could go to a new home? Are you creative and able to make things to sell?** Then why not give the Enterprise Markethall a try! It costs just 20p per person for you to rent a table and off you go. One reminder – you are not allowed to sell any food or drinks. We look forward to seeing you there!



## YOUNG CARERS DONATION



The School gratefully received a cheque for £1000 from the Greggs foundation towards our Young Carers scheme. This money will be spent on extra-curricular activities for these students, including trips out of school and a media project. We can't thank them enough for this generous donation as it will make a huge difference to our students.



## SCIENTIFIC IDEAS FOR EASTER

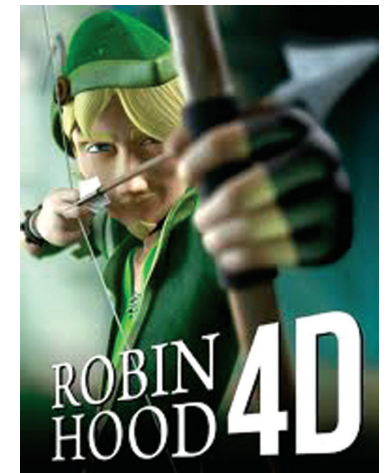
The student Science Leaders and science teachers would like to encourage you as a family to enjoy some science this Easter holidays.

One way you can do this is by visiting the Museum of Science and Industry, where you can watch shows such as Robin Hood in their great 4D Theatre, with moving seats, water spray, air blast and more! Suitable for ages 4+ (at parents' discretion), children need to be able to sit unaccompanied and be able to wear 3D glasses.

You can visit the many exhibitions at the museum and there is even a great hands-on activity each week called Experitot for under 5s. **Visit: [www.mosi.org.uk](http://www.mosi.org.uk)**

Alternatively, you can head to the Manchester Museum on 14 April 2012 from 11:00am - 4:00pm to help create a green, animal friendly environment.

**Visit: [www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk) for more details**



## PRAYER ROOM AND ISLAM CLUB

The school now has a permanent prayer room, which is opened every day during lunchtime, for students to come and pray.



A lot of students are using this room effectively. A new Islam club has also been set up by Miss Mushtaq, which is open to students of all faiths. The club is run on a weekly basis during Tuesday lunchtime. The club has shown to be popular, as a large number of students have consistently been attending the club, in which we discuss various topics chosen by the students. Students have also volunteered to lead on planning and delivering presentations to the rest of the group on a topic of their choice.



## DEEP LEARNING DAY – YEAR 8 OLYMPICS EVENT

On Tuesday 6th March all Year 8 pupils took part in an Olympics Deep Learning Day. They did five activities: designing a presentation box for the Olympic Medals, making food choices for an athlete based on recommended daily allowances, learning the spellings and definitions of key words, selecting the best buy and measuring and competing in relay competitions. The activities all involved selecting and using maths skills in real life contexts, in other school subjects and to solve money problems.



Students revised key skills, like doing the 9 times table, and also got the opportunity to answer maths GCSE questions so they could get a taste of what is to come in Year 11. The students said they learned lots of new information and feel more confident about using their maths skills to solve real-life problems.



# SPORTS UPDATE



## SCHOOL GAMES 2012

Sports Leaders from Whalley Range have been selected to represent Manchester in the Winter and Summer School Games 2012. They will be running the Swimming and Athletics events. Sports Leaders had to go through extensive training to qualify for the roles of Young Ambassador, Director, Assistant Director, Media and event helpers. Well done and good luck to all the girls involved!

## SPORTS LEADERS FESTIVALS

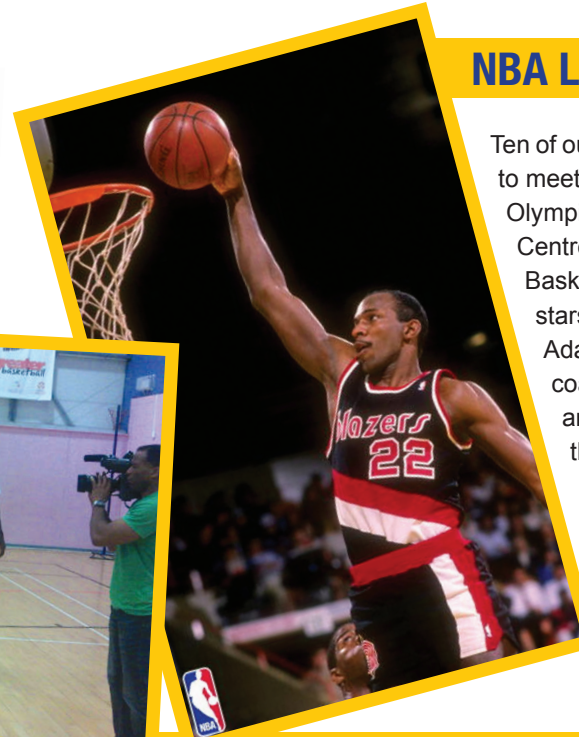
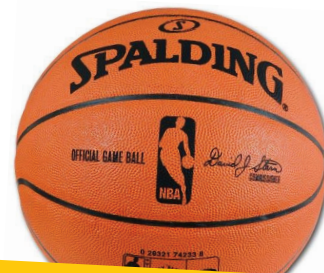
Sports Leaders have successfully been running the primary Basketball and Hi-5 netball competitions for Manchester. Compliments were given from school teachers and staff at these events for our Sports Leaders professionalism, hard work, refereeing, scoring and organisation. We have also had another successful multi-sports festival for Year 5 with 200 primary pupils attending at WRHS to do a mixture of hockey, football, tag-rugby, basketball, relays and hockey!

*Well done to all the girls who helped out.  
You are a credit to your school!*

## BADMINTON – CITYWIDE FINALS

Last Partnership News we told you about the KS3 badminton team reaching the Manchester CityWide Finals. The finals took place on Thursday 26th January at Parris Wood Technology College. Our team consisted of Neha Sheikh, Raynes Owen, Shruti Khanal and Sana Saeed. Whilst Sana and Shruti fought it out against other students in 'singles' games, all students played 'doubles' games, trying to win as many as possible to attain the Gold Medals! Playing against Newall Green (South Manchester Champions) and King David (North Manchester Champions) our students displayed excellent prowess and sportsmanship to attain Silver Medals - losing out on the Gold by just 1 point!!

**Results:**  
WRHS 4 v 1 Newall Green  
WRHS 2 v 3 King David



## NBA LEGEND VISIT

Ten of our Year 10 Basketball team were lucky enough to meet Clyde Drexler, ex-NBA Basketball player and Olympic gold medallist. Clyde visited the Amaechi Centre to help promote and raise the profile of Basketball in the North West. Local sporting stars, Phil Jones from Manchester United and Adam Johnson from Manchester City were both coached by Clyde and needless to say, they are much better as footballers! The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and even received coaching from the legend himself.



## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 7 indoor athletics team, who have competed in the sports hall athletics competition. They came third and also qualified for the indoor athletics final. Zaliqa Williams received a gold medal for the 60m sprint – well done girls!

## NETBALL NEWS

Well done to our Year 10 netball team who have qualified for the semi-finals of the Secondary Manchester Netball Knock-Out competition!

## FOOTBALL

Well done to the Year 7 football team for coming 4th in their group at the Manchester City football tournament. The footballers are also doing very well in the Key Stage 3 and 4 football league. With 1 round left to play they are in the top 8 teams and will qualify for the finals.

## INTER-HOUSE BASKETBALL

Well done to all the girls who took part in the inter-house basketball competition.

**The results are as follows:**  
1st Westwood 2nd Williams 3rd Radcliffe  
4th Holmes 5th Winfrey

## FAIRTRADE 'KEEPUPPY' COMPETITION

Sports Leaders ran a competition for Fairtrade to see how many kick-ups students could do with a football. All winners received a 'Fairtrade Football'.

Well done to all our winners:  
**Zaliqa Williams, Zannab Muhgal, Imogen Anderson, Brekhnaz Khan, Nasteexo Mohamoud, Safaa Ishak and Asha Mohamoud.**

