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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.

If you have a story please email us: jea@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk

WHALLEY RANGE 11-18 HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist College for Business, Enterprise & Sport



PARTNERSHIP NEWS

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**WORLD CHAMPION
OPENS OUR NEW BUILDING!**



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WINTER 2011

WELCOME FROM YOUR HEADTEACHER



This term has marked a significant and very positive point in our school's development. We now have beautiful and exciting spaces for 21st century learning.

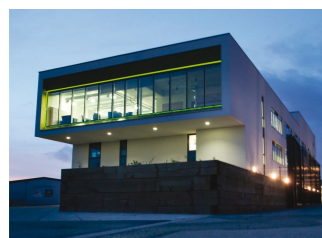
The economic future looks challenging but our school, through working in partnership, is preparing our young women for successful and happy futures. The importance of teamwork, good communication skills and a positive, 'can-do' attitude has never been higher.

The Olympic theme of 'The Best You Can Be' has never been more relevant.

I hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful range of opportunities available to our students. I would like to wish everyone who supports Whalley Range 11-18 High School a happy and peaceful 2012. **Ms. P. Kane M.A.**

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF OUR NEW BUILDING

Building Blocks for the Future



On Friday 25th November we held the official opening of our new building. We were delighted to welcome World Champion BMX Cyclist Shanaze Reid to cut the ribbon and to share some words of wisdom with students, staff and

specially invited guests. Our musical and dramatic talent opened the event with some superb individual and group performances. The reliable and respected Sports Leaders watched over the event before showing their own sporting respect with a guard of honour as Shanaze approached the new building that Nurs referred to as 'spectacular and majestic' in her vote of thanks. Shanaze's message and driving motivation were clear. Hard work, excellent facilities and being the best that you can be, is the combination for success in sport, and hopefully will earn her an Olympic gold next summer. If our students take this message to heart and try to live it then their success will come, not necessarily in the form of Olympic medals but in the wide and varied careers and life choices that they make, and that make our students and our school so unique.



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RESEARCH IN RESIDENCE

This term Whalley Range High School had an exciting opportunity to take part in a very interesting research project. Robert Mansfield is a PhD student at the Manchester University studying Freshwater Ecology based on the Manchester Ship Canal.

In one session we had the chance to visit Chorlton Brook where we did the 'kick' test in the water to gather organisms in that ecosystem. We classified, identified



and counted the invertebrates to observe what lived in the Brook. This activity also helped us understand how polluted the Brook was due to the presence of indicator species in the sample.

We also got to make our own microcosms with different species of plankton. This was an interesting practical but my favourite was the one we did with liquid nitrogen. Liquid nitrogen freezes objects as it's very cold (around -200°C). We dipped different objects into it which froze them, and hit them with a hammer causing them to 'shatter'. For example, we froze a rose and it shattered as we hit it with a hammer. 'It was great fun' as quoted by a member of the research team (Henna Javed, year 12).

'I just want everyone to love science as much as I do!'
Robert Mansfield.

WHAT IS THE 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. We have currently elected new school councillors and would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you for their support and determination.

WHEN ARE WHERE DO WE MEET? The councillors meet every Monday to discuss achievements, concerns and issues, we also meet monthly with Ms Kane and we have recently worked on projects such as The Big Listen, Cyber Bullying, healthy school dinners and the new school building. We are here to help and support all students. If students want to, they can speak to any councillor or put a note in the suggestion box located next to the student council notice board.

STUDENT VOICE Some student councillors attend student voice every half term where students from across Manchester meet to discuss various relevant topics and participate in workshops and discussions.

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 and has an active role in making our school a better place to work in and develop life skills to empower other students' education. Halima Javied 10OW2b



WEAR IT PINK AND THE GENESIS STUDENT CHALLENGE



Last half term Charlotte Williams, Muna Omar, Tehreem Hussain, Anisa Sharif, Sohna Mbye, Natasha Singh were invited to attend the Genesis Student Challenge Conference to help them plan a fund raising event.

It's time to wear it pink
It's time to beat breast cancer



With the help of the fund raising team and Miss Mehmood they organised a variety of activities to help raise money for the Genesis Breast Cancer Prevention Centre.

On Wear it Pink day pink cupcakes were sold in the dining room and students paid £1 to wear one item of pink clothing. Breast cancer awareness wristbands and badges were sold and students sponsored male members of staff to wear a pink tutu for the day. The brave staff are pictured.

The day was a huge success and the fund raising team managed to raise a very impressive £962.30!



MUSIC FOR ALL

In the music department we have many new extra-curricular activities if you are looking for something special and musical to do. On Monday lunchtimes we have a keyboard club and funk soul band, Tuesday we have choir, Wednesday string group, Thursday swing band and Chamber choir. For more information ask Mrs Holden in room A039 or see the notice board opposite A042.

On the 25th November we had a brilliant performance to open the new G block with Shanaze Reade, the Olympic BMX cyclist. The funk soul band played 'I feel Good' and the choir and chamber choir sang songs from Sister Act and Ed Sheeran. We also had some smaller singing groups and soloists who were really good. If this sounds like fun then come along and join us in January for more musical fun.

MOSS SIDE LEISURE CENTRE COMMUNITY FUN DAY

COUNTING DOWN TO LONDON 2012

On Saturday 28th January 2012, Moss Side Leisure Centre will be hosting a fantastic community fun day to mark just six months to go to the start of London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Between 10am-4pm, the centre will be offering a great range of free activities for all the family, including inflatable sessions in the pool, space hopper races, beat the goalie, jewellery making and lots, lots more. We've also got free gym inductions for adults. Come along and join in the fun!



For more information contact: 0161 226 5015 or visit www.manchestersportandleisure.org for centre details.



APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



On Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th November BTEC Level 2 Health and Social Care students in Years 10 and 11 attended

an interactive workshop to find out about apprenticeships in Health and Social Care. Students found out why young people choose the apprenticeship route and how they can apply for one themselves. This gave students an insight into the benefits of apprenticeships and why it may be appropriate for them. Students asked lots of relevant questions to find out as much information as they could.



The students were surprised by the broad range of careers in Health and Social Care. They learnt about the roles and responsibilities linked to these demanding jobs. At the moment there are more jobs in this sector than any other which makes it an exciting time to be a Health and Social Care student! **Miss Stuart**

DESIGN, CREATE, PERFORM

This half term the Design, Create, Perform faculty held a competition for the new Year 7 students. This competition involved the students completing challenges in all areas of the faculty. Within Art, students had to draw a continuous line portrait. In Design, students had to identify items of equipment. Drama had students quickly dressing in a costume and reciting a limerick and Music had students using an instrument called a Boomwhacker. Food tested students with operating the new ovens and Textiles had students threading a needle which wasn't as easy as it looked. The competition allowed all the students involved to meet all the teachers within the faculty and see the rooms that they will be using throughout the year. A winner was chosen from each house.



Winfrey Radcliffe	Amina Ahmed	OW5a
Holmes Williams	Grace Hazeldine	PR4a
Westwood	Humairaa Aswat	KH3b
	Maryah Khan	SW2b
	Pankti Gupta	VW2b

AMBASSADORS FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN



Our names are Almas Zahra Ghori & Amina Khan both in Year 11 and the best of friends. We are both proud and honoured to share with you the wonderful effects of our notable determination.

We both recently took part in an outstanding event that was the result of many weeks of preparation and diligence in our Local Ambassador Group for the worldwide renowned charity Save the Children. This was an Annual Summit for the North of England which took place in Bradford on the 10th of November. The summit was to raise awareness for the campaign that the Bradford Local Ambassador Group is currently running and that we, as the local Manchester Ambassador Group, have contributed to.

We are looking for some remarkable students to join the group. The sessions take place after school every Wednesday 4 pm – 6 pm. If any students are interested in finding out more then please come and find us!

Almas Zahra Ghori & Amina Khan (Year 11)  **Save the Children** UK

GEOGRAPHY CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT

On Friday 30th September 2011, the peaceful village of Castleton fell prey to the students of Whalley Range 11-18 High School for young ladies. In search of the answer to the hypothesis of our controlled assessment 'Investigating the positive and negative effects within a locality' the village being Castleton, no stone was left unturned.

In true Whalley Range fashion, we were prepared with questionnaires, surveys, maps, field sketches and most importantly, an attitude to get down to work. Interacting with the locals of Castleton, shop owners/workers and other visitors we found many of the answers we were looking for to complete our controlled assessment.

As well as keeping the local economy high with the number of ice creams and souvenirs bought, we indulged in one of the popular attractions of Castleton, Peak Cavern.

Coupled with beautiful scenery and glorious weather, the day was one of brilliance. After a long day of pure hard graft (and enjoying the sun on behalf of Ms. Winters and Ms. Whitley) it was with reluctance we got back on to our coach and returned to school with our tans blazing.

Written by Aimen Shah - PR2a and Toslima Khatun - KH4a



POST FRENCH TRIP CELEBRATION 2011

The World Languages department organised a buffet to thank the girls who went on the French Trip last summer. On that occasion each of the girls received a hoodie from Mr Soobiah as a souvenir and we all had a fantastic time, enjoying the great buffet made by Mr Lazarou. We would like to take another opportunity to thank the parents and carers, the students and the members of staff who have organised and contributed to the success of this trip.



EXCELLING IN READING!

This year our school has successfully launched Accelerated Reader with all Year 7 pupils. Accelerated Reader is a programme that has been designed to promote reading for pleasure and encourage pupils to use reading to learn. Every week Year 7 pupils are confidently using the new resources in the Learning Resource Centre to spend time reading, accessing the Accelerated Reader software on the computers and practicing their reading skills. The aim of the programme is to motivate pupils of all abilities to read more, raise literacy standards and develop a lifelong love of reading. We are confident that this new initiative will support the students to engage with their reading and help them to achieve their full literacy potential. We are very proud of the progress that the Year 7s have made since September. Keep up the good work!

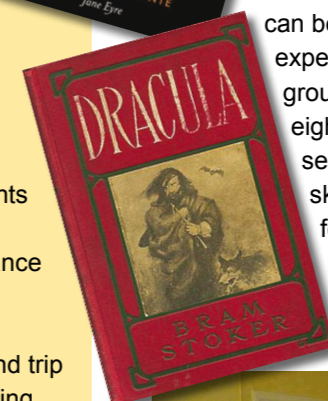
ENGLISH TRIPS AND VISITS

Fifteen Year 13 English Literature students recently attended Manchester Metropolitan's Sixth Form Conference: 'Studying the Gothic'. This unique opportunity allowed the group to further explore the roots of this popular genre and make links to its current popularity in modern media.

As an extension of this, the English Department of Manchester Metropolitan University offered students an afternoon of taster lectures and workshops to experience university-style teaching and learning. A great afternoon!

Our Year 11 English Literature students have also enjoyed two trips to develop their learning outside of the classroom this term. To enhance their current studies for their English Literature Controlled Assessment, the first trip invited students to see the latest adaptation of "Jane Eyre" at Didsbury Cineworld. The students loved the romance and beautiful cinematography of the story.

As part of National Schools' Film Week, the second trip saw all Year 11 English Literature students attending a lecture on "The Tempest" and a screening of Julie Taymor's 2010 adaptation of the Shakespeare classic starring Helen Mirren. A fabulous time was had by all the staff and students alike.



ALL WRITE COMPETITION

A number of our students took part in Manchester University's All Write creative writing competition. Tahira Resalat in Year 10 was successful with her poem and has had her work published in the All Write Anthology. Tahira went to the University with her English class and her teacher Miss Lashley for the celebration event where she was presented with a copy of the anthology. It was an exciting day hearing from a number of published authors and about a number of writing opportunities across the city.



DEBATE MATE

In November, Whalley Range was host to the launch of the 'Debate Mate' programme. Groups of students from schools across Manchester attended a lively and thought-provoking debate on whether corporal punishment in schools can be justified, carried out by a group of experienced debaters. Inspired by this, a group of Whalley Range girls from years eight to eleven have been attending sessions to develop their public speaking skills and learn about the format of a formal debate. We hope to become champion debaters to compete against other schools in the New Year.

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE FACULTY NEWS

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE LEADERS IN ACTION AT OSWALD ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Sixth Form Business and Enterprise leaders received a very warm welcome from students at Oswald Road Primary School. Our enterprise leaders helped Oswald Road get ready for their Christmas Fair. Students were taught Marketing strategies. Our leaders are following this up next week with a lesson on customer service.

Mr Moran and Mrs Raffo accompanying said "Our students were amazing and were thanked by every student they helped".



ENTERPRISE WEEK CHARITY CAR WASH!

Year 10 Business Studies students ran a charity car wash during Global Entrepreneurship Week this half term. Three teams washed cars in our staff car park. Students left flyers on windscreens letting staff know which teams had washed their cars, so staff could donate to the relevant charity box. The winning team were the ones who raised the most money for charity.

WINNING TEAM - Wish Wash!

Our three teams raised a huge total of £75.00 in one afternoon. A great effort from all those who took part!



HOUSE CHARITY WORK

Williams House have been holding copper collections for their chosen charity St Ann's hospice.



every day makes a difference

In Westwood House Ms Elton, House Co-ordinator has been selling raffle tickets for the biggest toy rabbit you've ever seen, in order to raise money for the 'Starlight' charity who hope to grant the wishes of seriously and terminally ill children.



WHALLEY RANGE ENTERPRISE SPORT AND HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING TRUST

On 1st November 2010, Whalley Range 11-18 High completed the successful move to Trust Status. We are extremely lucky to be working with some excellent partners in the Trust. Our partners, the Co-operative College, Manchester Sport and Leisure Trust and The Chamber of Commerce, are all committed to working with the school to give our students the best opportunities to fully prepare them for their future. Our partners have already shown their commitment by taking part in a number of recent events. During Global Entrepreneurship week, Greater Manchester Sport and Leisure sent a different member of staff in each day to talk to our students about the different careers that are available within their organisation. They have also helped our Year 7 students think about their futures by coming in to talk to them about what skills and qualities are needed for the world of work.



Jacky Davies has recently been appointed as Trust Co-ordinator and will be working hard to develop the Trust and drive membership – so watch this space for more news!



If you want to find out more contact Jacky on:
0161 861 9727 Ext 113 or email: jda@whalleyrange.manchester.sch.uk

DAFFODILS FOR THE MARIE CURIE APPEAL helping to raise funds for the care for terminally ill patients. The Learning to Lead student leaders organised the sale of daffodil bulbs to raise money for the Marie Curie appeal during October. During March, the official period of the charity's fund raising appeal, the front of the school will produce a living symbol of the work of this important charity. It was hard work planting the bulbs in the lawn but the effort will pay off in the spring.



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Mrs Coles has re-launched the charity committee in the Sixth Form. In October staff and students raised £65 for Macmillan nurses through selling cakes, tea and coffee. Many thanks to the Textiles Technology staff for organising this.

REMEMBRANCE DAY COLLECTION

House Leaders and members of the army Cadet force in Whalley Range High school were involved in raising fund for the royal British Legion Poppy appeal during the days before Remembrance Day.



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Student leaders and Sixth formers made and sold Pudsey biscuits while Ms. Travis sold cupcakes to raise money for Children in Need.

MASS ZUMBA CHARITY EVENT



Ms. Brown has been holding regular Zumba classes to raise money for Cancer Research. Each week students and staff energetically participate in this Latin inspired dance fitness program. Zumba involves dance and aerobic elements and incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts, and some Bollywood and belly dance moves. Squats and lunges are also included. It is a good job we are a sports specialist school!



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PRIMARY ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE CUP

On Thursday 1st of December the first round of our Primary Enterprise Challenge Cup took place. Teams from Birchfield's, Heald Place, Old Moat and St. Margaret's got to grips with the Enterprise Challenge. The theme for the challenge was the ever topical and imminent 'Olympics'. The students began the day with a team challenge - who could build the highest and most stable tower? The tasks that followed were equally as challenging with the design and marketing of Olympic T shirts, bags, banners, caps, coasters, pen holders and other memorabilia. Teamwork, co-operation, communication and creative skills were to the fore. All schools performed and behaved impeccably but the team with the highest points on the day was Birchfield's Primary. They will now have to await the outcome of the second round. The Enterprise Trophy will go to the team with the highest point score overall. Good luck to Ladybarn, Manley Park, Oswald Road and St. Mary's on their challenge day on the 8th December, 2011.



PRIMARY HEADTEACHER AND TRANSITION CO-ORDINATOR MEETING

A very successful meeting with Primary Head Teachers, their Transition Co-ordinators and our Headteacher Ms P. Kane and Transition Co-ordinators Mrs E. Haidinger and Mrs J. Davies took place on Wednesday 19th October, 2011. There was one item on the Agenda – our Transition Programme!



We had such great feedback about the comprehensive programme we roll out to all interested primary schools in our locality. Over the past year we have effectively delivered a wide variety of workshops to primary students. These have included Art, Business and Enterprise, Learning Technologies, Mathematics and Sport. The Challenge Cup competitions have featured highly with all competing schools vying for the coveted trophies in Business and Enterprise, Mathematics and Information Technologies. Our Year 5 and 6 days have been received with the same enthusiasm.

Following on from last year it is our intention to strengthen our links with our local primary schools. We will continue to include all those things we do well but, we will also endeavour to introduce new and exciting initiatives e.g. Shared reading which is already underway and is proving to be a hit! A big thank you must go out to the Headteachers and Co-ordinators of Cavendish, Chorlton Park, Heald Place, Oswald Road, St Mary's and Wilbraham for their positive contributions, praising what we do well and giving us creative and positive avenues for future development. The meeting and visit ended with a tour of our impressive new G Block. A must see for all visitors.

SHARED READING

During this term over 50 of our Year 7 students will have made or will be making their way to our local primary schools. Monday and Friday afternoons will never be the same. At 1.15pm on both days we meet by the fish tank in reception and we're off. There's so much anticipation en route. Lots of chatter and lots of questions. Who will we be working with Year 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6? What interesting stories will be told today? Will we be working with boys as well as girls? How well do they read? Will I get it right? There is no need to worry.

In we go and the children are waiting with their books in hand. They make their way into the classroom, sit down and off we go. Wilf, Biff and Chip feature highly in our stories as do dragons, knights, dinosaurs and beautiful princesses. All stories are told well with lots and lots of expression. All the students we have met have been so enthusiastic about our visits. They have been polite, motivated, cheerful and fun to be around. They have made Monday and Friday afternoons such a pleasure. We are looking forward to many more!



OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

September saw a rigorous selection procedure for this exciting new group begin. Out of over 50 applications Ms. Brown and Ms. Johnson chose 10 students that they felt were best able to promote the Olympic values in the lead up to the most exciting sporting event ever to be held in this country. Between now and the start of the London 2012 Olympic Games (July 28th 2012), this group will be doing everything that they can to ensure that the young women in our school are able to enjoy and get the best that they can from the event.

We will have an Olympian / Paralympian of the week, starting with our guest for the opening of the new building Shanaze Reed. These elite athletes will be shown in the dining room and around school enabling our girls to gain the knowledge to allow their enjoyment of the games. Loads of fun activities and opportunities to try new sports will also be a focus of the regular WROC meetings.



YEAR 7 ATHLETICS

The Year 7 athletics team went to Sports City on Friday 18th November to compete in the Manchester Schools Athletics Competition. The team did very well with Zaiika Williams coming 1st in the 60m heat, Ciema Blammon 2nd in the high jump, Elrone Wright 3rd in the long jump, Willphina Georgie came 1st in her 200m heat, Safaa Ishak came 4th in the hurdles, Marwah Ishak came 3rd in the Shot putt and Rieeccta Minott came 4th in her 800m. Well done girls!



COMMANDO JOE'S

Commando Joe's activities company visit schools to help reinforce and enhance health active life styles and team building skills. Two Year 8 classes carried out a variety of team building tasks such as lifting a barrel only using ropes and building a tower out of bricks. They also carried out a relay race over an inflatable looking at what components of fitness were required to complete the activity.



KS3 BADMINTON

*** CITYWIDE FINALS ***

On Tuesday 11th October, Reynes Owens, Sana Saeed, Shruti Khanal and Neha Shaikh competed against several schools to become Central Manchester Champions at KS3 badminton. The WRHS team of Y8s managed to beat some Y9 pupils in both singles and double matches. The pupils are now through to the Citywide finals in December, playing against other winning schools from all over Manchester.



SIGN UP FOR THE VOLUNTEERS BUREAU

21 students signed up to the Volunteers Bureau in connection with Active Lifestyles. This enables them to apply for jobs during the Olympics. They can help out in Manchester meeting and greeting and showing people around during the London 2012 games. Students can also volunteer to help out on any projects or events that are hosted in and around Manchester. Each hour they volunteer for gives them £10 towards courses such as Lifeguarding, first aid and Level 1 coaching in a variety of sports. This was an excellent opportunity for our students and it was great to see so many involved. Well done girls!!!

If you missed out on this amazing opportunity it's not too late. If you would like to be involved please sign up using the following links: www.manchestervsb.org or www.doit.org before the 31st December 2011.

See Ms Brown in the PE office or ring the Volunteers Bureau direct and ask for Craig Abel: 0161 223 1155

BASKETBALL ACTIVATORS REFEREEING COURSE

Congratulations to 13 students who took part in the Activators Basketball Refereeing course and qualified. Students have been officiating in the Manchester Schools Basketball League matches as well as mentoring Year 7 and 8 students.