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WELCOME FROM THE ACADEMY HEADTEACHER

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



We have just celebrated our fantastic results from last year at the certificate presentation events. Our results last year showed that our students continue to make outstanding progress from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4. We also had some great results in the Sixth Form which has helped them to progress to their next pathway. We are very proud of our students and all that they have achieved and wish them all the very best for the future.

Our Year 11 BTEC Music class have composed and mixed an entire album in aid of our chosen charity 'The Wood Street Mission' which helps children and families living on a low income in Manchester and Salford. Find out more about this exciting and inspiring project in this edition of Partnership News. Once again it has been a great half term with many exciting opportunities for the students and they are captured in this edition, which I hope you enjoy reading.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and all the enrichment activities they put on for the students and finally I would like to thank the students for their commitment to their studies and their full engagement in school life.

Mrs E. Hole - Academy Headteacher

Mission 10 - Charity album created by our students

We are very proud to introduce 'Mission 10 - The Album', a charity album entirely composed and mixed by the WRHS Year 11 BTEC music class of 2018/19. We invite you to listen to our music.

A few words from our students:

"We have worked exceptionally hard in the last few months by composing these tracks ourselves in the music room as part of our BTEC course. The genres range from RnB & soul to electronic dance, but all hold the message of positivity, which is why we wanted to dedicate the album to the Wood Street Mission. The motif of growth, mindfulness and enjoyment is part of the message we want to spread to people."

If you enjoy our music and would like to say thank you, please make a small donation to our charity, **Wood Street Mission: a children's charity helping children and families living on a low income in Manchester and Salford.**

Go to the following link on the school website to listen to our album and make a donation towards this great local charity.

www.wrhs1118.co.uk/news/mission10



Origami - Craft Club

Origami is a great way to improve your 3D perception, logical and sequential thinking and concentration - and you could even perform better in Maths. So, why not try something new where you can learn to come up with interesting ideas which will open your mind to new concepts, making you appreciate the world around you more. Origami also helps you to develop artistic and aesthetic sensibility, as well as patience, perseverance and mental discipline. It is so much more than just folding a flat piece of paper!

Craft Club is every Friday lunchtime in A124 so come along, make new friends and learn a new skill!





Sixth Form Senior Student Leadership Team 2018-2019

The new Senior Student Leadership structure has been launched this year in the Sixth Form. The students have been leading and driving on a range of initiatives within the Sixth Form and also whole school.

Here is an introduction to the team, their roles and future plans:

Beriz Abdullah

My name is Beriz Abdullah and I am a Senior Student of Whalley Range Sixth Form. I am currently studying A Level biology, chemistry and psychology and I hope to go on to study medicine at university. I have a special interest in leadership roles within our Sixth Form. I also understand the importance of having opportunities to take leadership roles available to our students. By taking on positions of responsibility, students will be able to develop transferable skills such as communication, organisation and critical thinking. These skills will prove to be invaluable in whatever path our students choose to take. Next half term I aim to put in place some of the extracurricular clubs, activities and events our students have suggested, (the 'Debate Team', for example).



Iqra Munir

I am currently studying biology, chemistry and psychology. I am leading on enrichment and extra-curricular activities in the Sixth Form. My role as a senior leader allows me to communicate with a lot of students through student voice and make sure they are aware of all the extracurricular activities that are being offered.

Krystal Swali

I am currently studying English literature, sociology and law. I am leading and helping to launch and plan our charity work. We are aiming for a main target of £600 and with the money raised, we intend to build a well to provide clean water for people living in a region of Africa. We are aiming to provide other services like mother and baby care, school classrooms and uniforms. We are raising the money through competitions, 'we walk for water', bake sales and events to raise awareness and money. Watch this space for exciting events!

Hafsa Rana

I am currently studying psychology, maths, biology and chemistry at A Level. As a senior leader, I have a special interest in the environment. In terms of the Sixth Form environment, I want to raise more awareness on the importance on keeping the shared space clean and tidy for everyone's use, and increase activities available to Sixth Formers. In terms of the wider environment I want to raise awareness about the importance of recycling as a Sixth Form, encouraging action through competitions.

Vaneeza Khan

My role within the team is to lead on student voice, ensuring that each and everyone's opinion is heard. So far, I have been involved in planning form time PSHE activities regarding mind-set. I am currently organising a new campaign to help raise awareness of lack of blood donors, which I hope to introduce soon. Feel free to speak to me about any suggestions you may have and where appropriate we can look at taking action in order to continue to improve our Sixth Form.



Go confidently
in the direction
of your dreams!
Live the life
you've imagined.
~Thoreau



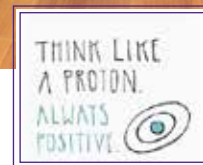
Science

Gardening Club



Do you want to plant some beautiful flowers or some vegetables which will keep you healthy?

Then you're in luck! Come to B008 every Tuesday lunchtime to test your gardening skills. Everyone's welcome! Our aim is to get rid of the gravel in the gravel area (pictured above) opposite the BO43 area and improve it by growing plants and some vegetables. We have already achieved the Royal Horticultural Society level 1 gardening award and we are now aiming to achieve level 2!



Maths is SHINING at WRHS

After a rigorous application and interview process, our SHINE Leaders are now working to full effect with an eager group of Year 7 students on improving their mathematical skills and confidence.

Year 10's Ayesha Ayesha, Eman Akbar, Fatima Malik, Fatima Zahra, Khadija Mohamed, Khadija Kubra, Nashra Ali, Parmeet Sidhu and Shawal Rehman completed a two-week training programme before starting the after school sessions. Already in a short time, progress can be easily observed and is worthy of celebration.



Year 7s have commented:

'I think SHINE is helping me in lessons because I can do harder questions in class. Working with the Year 10s is helpful because they give me their own methods and opinions.'

'I enjoy it because she helps me understand the work!'
A new group of Year 7s will be working with our fantastic SHINE Leaders in the New Year.

INTERVENTION

Our intervention team has many challenges and groups going on this year and students are working hard to improve their skills and grades.

Maths Challenge

We have new mentors joining us from both Manchester University and our Sixth Form who have volunteered their free time to work with our students to make sure they achieve their maths target. Miss Altaf went to the volunteer fair at the university and as a result, we've got lots of mentors to help the students.

A former Sixth Form student, Aurwah Iqbal, has joined us as a volunteer maths mentor. **She says, "Mentoring has given me the opportunity to polish my existing skills and putting them to use for the benefit of the students in order to help them achieve."**

Michael Morgan, from Manchester University says, "I found the hands-on time with the course material and work booklet really valuable to enable me to understand what was expected of me."



Catch Up Literacy

There are more than 40 students taking part in the Catch Up Literacy scheme and are working hard to improve their reading ages. We are hoping to go on a trip at the end of the academic year as a reward for everyone's efforts. We are really grateful for our volunteer mentors who have recently joined us again from Manchester University. They have all now been trained and are ready to start working with us.



Breakfast Reading Club

This club takes place every morning except Friday from 7.45 to 8.15am, in A1/19 with Mrs Quinn, for anyone who wants to improve their reading age. Many thanks to the catering staff who make regular trips to bring us the goodies!

Intervention Clubs

All clubs are being regularly attended by many students in A1/19 and hopefully, their end of year grades will reflect everyone's hard work. They take place before school, during lunchtime and after school (in the LRC). With end of term assessments coming, everyone is welcome to use the computers for revision or to get help from staff.

KS4 Study Area

KS4 maths, English and science intervention sessions take place during registration time for targeted students for Year 11. Regular attendance to any of these sessions means that the students get the best chance of achieving their targets by working with Mr Grieve, Mr Simms and Miss Ajaj.



EAL adult class

Mrs Bajwa is taking an after school class on Tuesdays and Wednesday at 3pm to help parents with their English, basic maths and computing skills. All parents are enjoying the classes and becoming more confident in speaking English.

One of the students Mrs Sumaira Asif, says, "It's a very nice, friendly atmosphere and I've really learnt a lot from this class."

Any parent interested should contact school and ask to speak to Mrs Bajwa or email her (HBAJWA@wrhs1118.co.uk).



We would very much like to thank the Sixth Form and outside mentors who are regularly giving up their free time to help the students to achieve their full potential.

PE, SPORT AND ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

FUTSAL NEWS

Our Year 7 Futsal team were able to secure a 4th place finish in the tournament at Newall Green, in what was their first time of playing the game. A special mention to all the girls who represented the team: Nimaco Hassan, Ashlie Ellison, Shantai Louise Campbell, Terry Ann Speight and Zahra Trunkwala.



Football News

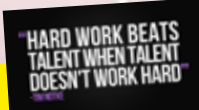
Great news in the KS3 Football league where our Whalley Range 'X' team are currently residing in 2nd place in the league table after 12 games, alongside our 'Y' team who are currently in 11th place. A special mention to Laiba Ejaz, who has amassed 12 goals for the school.



Y11 DofE Completion

Congratulations to the 142 Year 11 students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this term. 165 students went out on expeditions in September and demonstrated resilience, teamwork and mental and physical strength to complete their 10km walks and overnight camping. There are still some students awaiting to complete their award this year and we wish them luck in doing so.

We helped celebrate these successes at DofE assemblies this term. Students were congratulated and awarded by Paul Griffiths, our Regional DofE Manager. All Year 11 students attained certificates linked with their skills development, physical resilience, volunteering work and expedition endeavours from their work throughout the course in Years 10 and 11. Well done to all students of whom we are so proud. Make sure you use these qualities, certificates and experiences when going for job and college interviews!



Let's Get Active

This year we have launched a new Get Active Programme at WRHS as part of our aim to increase knowledge and understanding of healthy, active lifestyles and to improve the general well-being of our staff and students. The PE department now offer their biggest extra-curricular timetable than ever before with a range of clubs to suit all students. Breakfast, lunch and after school clubs are now categorised into six different types of activity: mindfulness, team sports, aesthetics, leadership, recreation and fitness sessions. Students have been accessing morning fitness and mindfulness sessions to set themselves up for the day ahead. They have been continuing to attend team sport clubs and represent WRHS at Manchester Schools' competitions and our Sports Leadership programme is still going strong with students supporting the many primary events we hold. Recreational activities include students taking part in giant garden and board games – a new addition to our timetable – along with social visits to the Sports Leaders' hire shop on the field.

As part of this programme we have joined the national 'Daily Mile' movement and have been making use of the new outdoor track to encourage school members to engage in walking during social times as a quick and easy way to kick start a healthier lifestyle. From launching the new programme and introducing the Daily Mile in assemblies, we have seen a dramatic increase in students taking part in exercise throughout their hectic school day. Students are tasked with completing 5 laps in order to achieve 1 mile during lunch and break times. Supported by the fantastic WRHS Daily Mile Leaders team, individuals can choose to walk for pleasure or competitively by totalling up miles on individual walking cards. The aim for students is to finish a card and complete 500 miles of walking, taking them to Eiffel Tower, Paris. For those after a competitive edge, all their miles contribute to Interhouse totals, an around the world race, finishing at the Sydney Opera House!

Good luck to all Houses and we look forward to seeing more of you out on the track.

Badminton News

During the winter term we have had 10 KS3&4 pupils represent the school in the Manchester Schools Badminton tournament. A special mention to Alejandra Escriba Gay and Khushboo Bhatti (pictured left) who managed to secure 3rd place and a Bronze medal in the KS3 doubles tournament.



15 Year 9 students completed their Level 2 Bike ability award. The students were split into groups and, with their instructor, students developed their knowledge and awareness of road safety on the streets of Manchester. To pass, the students had to ride safely on single-lane roads and use junctions effectively. All students were successful and passed their Level 2 award and some of these students will have the opportunity to progress onto Level 3 to further develop their knowledge of on-road cycling. Well done girls.



BIKEABILITY



We are the Student Senior Leadership Team (SSLT) and we represent the student body. It's our responsibility to ensure that school life centres around the wants and needs of us, the students. From meetings to campaigns we use our platform to prioritise the wellbeing, education and voices of the student body. Each of us have our focuses: exam preparation and stress, PSHE, extra-curricular, induction and confidence building and, of course, growth mindset.



**Shiza
HEAD GIRL
HEPBURN**

Hi, my name is Shiza. My focus this year is the cooperative and British values. I am very passionate about both cooperative and British values. My goal is to help everyone in KS3 achieve their cooperative value badges and guide them into achieving their badges. I want all students to be aware of the importance of the cooperative values and how each value can help them later in life.



**Aleena
HEAD GIRL
HEPBURN**

I believe strongly that a school in which all students feel celebrated and equal will lead to a happier and more comfortable environment, making the school the best place for learning and progress to take place.

equity

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democracy
solidarity

POSITIVE
THINKING
POSITIVE
OUTCOME



5 Daily Reminders

1. I am amazing.
2. I can do anything.
3. Positivity is a choice.
4. I celebrate my individuality.
5. I am prepared to succeed.

equality

So far we have held assemblies based around inspiring other peers, attended staff briefings to talk about mental health, met the mayor at a young mental health conference, launched 'Make Your Mark', a campaign run by the youth parliament, and we have already presented at numerous Trust events.

self-responsibility

Our aim is to enforce new positive mindsets and ways of approaching school life through our core values: equity, equality, solidarity, democracy, self-responsibility and self-help. This is because we all strongly believe high school is more than an education facility but rather a place that educates, enriches and inspires the youth for their future.

self-help



**Tamsila
Deputy Headgirl
PARKS**



**Morgan
Deputy Headgirl
ANGELOU**



**Winnie
Deputy Headgirl
PARKS**



**Shaneil
Deputy Headgirl
FRANKLIN**



**Haleema
Deputy Headgirl
PARKS**

We will introduce half termly clinics in the bistro where you can approach us or leave a comment in our suggestion box. We will also be launching an SSLT frog page with all our ideas, polls, achievements and comment section.

Or you can contact us by emailing us at [wrangle-StudentSLT]

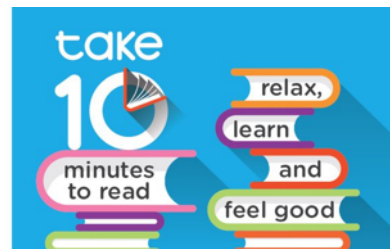
If you want to find out more about who we are and what we do please check out our page on the school website:

www.wrhs1118.co.uk/studentlife/sslts

LRC NEWS

Learning Resource Centre

It has been a busy half term in the LRC, here at Whalley Range 11-18 High School. National Libraries Week was in October, when there was an action-packed week of events planned. Students could take part in a number of ways. Some of these included, writing an alternative end to a book & The Great Whalley Range Write Off, where students were asked if they had the ingredients to create a great short story. Golden Tickets were secretly placed in some books and if a student was lucky enough to select that book then they won a prize: a book, of course! The week ended on a high note with Mr O'Hara and the choir visiting the library and blasting out some fantastic songs. Everyone felt very uplifted!



..... **“reading for 10 minutes each day can improve mental health”**



We are also very lucky to be taking part in the Take 10 & Shelf Help Campaign. This is an initiative which is trying to encourage everyone to take 10 minutes each day to read, something which has been proven to improve mental health. We have also been given a selection of 35 books, both fiction and non-fiction as part of the Shelf Help programme. These books have been chosen by young people and health professionals to give support and advice on common mental health conditions, such as depression, anxiety and stress.



November saw the return of the very popular Mystery Read event, where books were wrapped in plain brown paper with just a few clues as to their content on the front. Students select the book just from these clues. No cover. No blurb. No judgement. As always this was a fantastic event enjoyed across all year groups.

'This half term certainly has been busy but the buzz in the LRC is fantastic. It's great to see students enjoying the facilities in the LRC and it makes it an amazing place to work.'

Mrs Davies, LRC Manager

European Day of Languages

Whalley Range recently celebrated the European Day of Languages with many fun activities for the students to enjoy. In the main hall, different stations represented languages and cultures from across Europe. Some of the activities included: the German station, where students could try on the dirndl, a ruffled apron dress worn by German women that consists of a bodice, or blouse, and a skirt. There was also an Arabic station run by Sixth Formers in which students were offered coffee and dates, as well as a Spanish and Chinese station. Finally, students were given the opportunity to take part in a Kahoot quiz which tested their general knowledge about world languages.

"The celebration provided a great taste of different European cultures through the engaging and fun activities." Aimen Faisal, Year 9

By Mahira and Sania, World Language Leaders.



French Café – Open Evening

On parents' evening, many students from Year 8, as well as some World Language Leaders, volunteered to serve the customers in a small French Café in the bistro. We served croissants, pains au chocolat, coffee and tea on French designed tables. We greeted them in French and teachers gave them an insight into what learning languages is like in WRHS. In the background, there was French music and a video created by a World Language Leaders, showing teachers in WRHS speaking varied languages.



The 'Day of the Dead' (***El Día de los Muertos***) is a Mexican holiday celebrated by people of Mexican heritage which focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember loved ones who have passed away in order to help support their spiritual journey. As a school, we pride ourselves on our inclusivity of the different cultures around the world which is why, to honour and celebrate '***El Día De Los Muertos***', the World Language Leaders organised an event filled with all sorts of fun activities. We had stations across the hall such as arts and crafts, multiple exciting quizzes and, a student favourite, the cookie decorating station. The cookies were in the shape of the infamous El Dia De Los Muertos skull, all home baked by the leaders. This year's turnout was great again with around 80 students trying the many activities. Parks House was the most represented house and won valuable points for the interhouse competition! All the students really enjoyed being involved in this cultural celebration.



"I had a very good time and thought that the event provided a great insight into Mexican culture and heritage, plus, the cookies were delicious!"
Anya Wilkinson - Year 10

This was an amazing experience where I had the opportunity to meet many Year 6s and 5s, their parents and carers, to ask them about their school interests and mention the various benefits of our school.
Marya Abuarqoub



Design Create Perform

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WRHS student performs at The Royal Exchange!

Shaneil Hodges, Year 11 Drama student, has successfully made it through the Royal Exchange Young Theatre Company auditions and will be performing at the theatre in February 2019 in a play called 'We're just getting started'. Well done Shaneil. This is such an amazing achievement. We can't wait to come and support you! Keep an eye on the school website for more information about performance dates.



Theatre work experience - 2019

I am so proud to hear that several girls have been accepted by The Contact Theatre and Zion Arts for work experience in 2019. This is quite a lengthy and competitive application process so a huge congratulations goes out to Hajar Eblish, Anna Almasan and Laurette Dushime for being organised and determined. What an amazing time you are going to have!



The Brook and Tender Education & Arts collaborated project

The drama department is currently collaborating with The Brook (sexual health and youth support service) and Tender Education and Arts Company on an exciting drama project. Tender uses theatre and the arts to engage young people in violence prevention workshops within schools all over the UK, enabling them to recognise and avoid abuse and violence. The WRHS drama department is looking forward to this important collaborative project which involves 30 Year 10 students exploring domestic violence through drama. Students will deepen their understanding of this topic, gain training on recognising and preventing domestic violence, which will lead to the creation of an informative theatre performance for a Year 10 audience.

Company Chameleon- Dance workshop

Chameleon Dance Company recently visited WRHS to introduce Year 11 drama students to their company's original style of dance. This was a great morning, full of energy and enthusiasm. Most of the class had no dance experience but are currently studying musical theatre so this was a great opportunity for them to learn about the skills needed to be a dance performer. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop; they were extremely challenged but persevered with energy and commitment. Well done, Year 11 Drama!



The Contact Theatre returns

A fantastic creative relationship has developed with the Contact Theatre and Whalley Range drama Department. Contact have visited again this term to work with Year 10 and 11 drama students to explore creative devising techniques and approaches which will support their Component 3 external exam paper. Students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and gained new, fresh and exciting ways of creating performance material alongside professionals within the Performing Arts industry. The imaginative work created was fabulous; a great morning was had by all. We look forward to the Contact's next visit. It is also great to hear how many WRHS students are attending Contact's free drama workshops on a Monday evening at the Power House from 6.30-8.30pm. Students are loving working with professionals from the Performing Arts industry. If you are interested in more information about this, please collect a leaflet from the Drama studio.

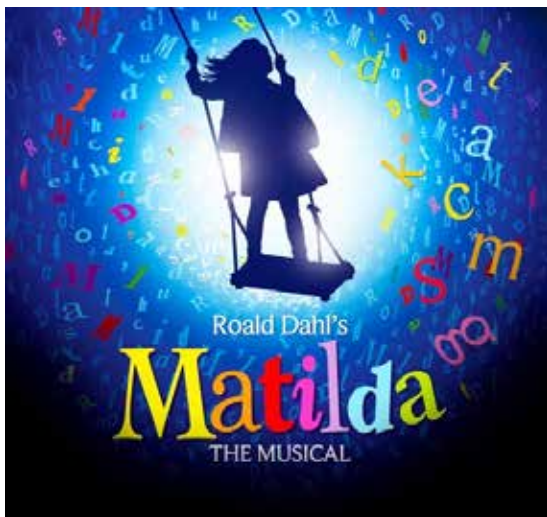


Drama star of the term



Hafswa Said has made an outstanding start in her Year 9 option subject, drama. She has demonstrated excellent commitment and contribution in every lesson so far. She has fantastic stage presence and has shown some great acting skills this term, therefore Hafswa has been awarded with her very own drama trophy for all her hard work and dedication. Well done!





Matilda - Palace Theatre trip

Review by Natalia Stepniak Year 11

On 21st November, Year 10 and 11 drama classes went to see Matilda The Musical, based on Roald Dahl's best-selling book and performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company, at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. It was a spectacular show full of comedy, flamboyant costumes and addictive songs that are difficult to forget. For some students, this was their first ever visit to the theatre and I'm sure it has inspired them to return. Everyone loved watching the school children sing their hearts out and dance their socks off during the group dances. Especially impressive was the 'Revolting Children' song after the horrid headmistress Miss Trunchbull was defeated by the brave Matilda. We also got to see the moral message behind the play of treating people how you want to be treated - as Miss Trunchbull found out! The range of characters from the telly-obsessed Mr Wormwood to the gentle Miss Honey meant there was a character for everyone. The play was such a wonderful tribute to Roald Dahl and his book- 'Matilda'.

St Ann's Christmas Carol Service 2018

Highlights from our annual trip to St Ann's Church in Manchester for a Christmas carol service and festive celebration.





COMING SOON

New School Website

We'll soon be upgrading our school website to make it even more useful and easier to navigate. Improvements include:

- Mobile first design
- Improved menu design and architecture
- Instant search
- Trust news filter
- Flexible ribbon system
- Full width banner images
- Better link sharing
- Shareable features with some of our other sites
- Reduced toolbar
- Greater flexibility for layouts

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MACFEST 2018

As a school we were delighted and honoured to take part in **MACFEST** to celebrate the arts, culture, literature, music, film, food and heritage relating to the Muslim culture in Manchester.

With more than 1700 students and 46 languages spoken, Whalley Range is a place where linguistic and cultural heritages are celebrated and experienced every day in a spirit of tolerance and respect. We hope that by taking part in this festival we have promoted our values and show our support to Qaisra Shahraz in her effort to bring all communities together to celebrate what makes Manchester people unique.



A group of our girls presented NASHEED recitation at the launch of MACFEST at the Whitworth Art Gallery.



Our Sixth Form (Urdu and Arabic) students did a presentation on Muslim Heritage and architecture for the school-slot, with an Arabic and Urdu poem at Manchester Heritage centre.

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