



Welcome to Range

REVIEW

Stop the press!



I am delighted to welcome you to our new Community newsletter. We will be sharing and celebrating all the wonderful things that our students have been taking part in since the start of this academic year.

We continue to be very proud of the fantastic attitude and effort that our students demonstrate in their school life and as always, are very grateful to all of the adults in school who, through their hard work and dedication, are able to support these opportunities.

The range of activities that our students have been engaged in is amazing including charity events, visiting local bookshops, cake decorating, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and celebrating the Mexican festival of El día de los Muertos, to name but a few. We are always impressed with our students' enthusiasm and positive attitude in embracing these opportunities.

I hope that you enjoy our newsletter.

Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher

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WELLBEING update

YEAR 7

Winter Wonderland

As part of the partnership Whalley Range High School have with Manchester United Foundation, eight Year 7 students visited the Winter Wonderland in Event City to have a fun filled day of activities.

The students went to Winter Wonderland on Tuesday 7th December along with all of the other Manchester United Foundation Partner Schools. The day was a magical festive adventure, which featured over 50 rides and attractions all under one roof including dodgems, family roller coasters, waltzer and lots of children's rides. The students also watched a dazzling array of shows including TV stars Daisy and Ollie and a spectacular Christmas. Manchester United Foundation provided each student with a £5 gift card to purchase some sweet treats. This was truly a magical day to remember for the students!



"This day was amazing! I loved every single part of it especially all the rides. I had so much fun, I didn't want it to end!"

Aya Hasim, Year 7 Student

"What an incredible and memorable day this was for our students! It was so special to see the smiles on their faces and to see how much fun they were having. They absolutely loved it!"

**Miss Davies,
MUFoundation School
Partnership Officer**

YEAR 8



STEM EVENT

Year 8 have had a fabulous start to the term. Arriving to WRHS in the middle of the COVID-pandemic most students had never visited the majority of the school building. They started with such resilience

and determination, navigating the different blocks and making a fabulous start to the year.

We have had some brilliant opportunities this term. On Wednesday 8th December some Year 8 students took part

in a STEM event. It is part of an annual national competition called the Faraday Challenge and is about students developing ideas and designing solutions to a problem that they are presented with. The facilitator (Mick Dunne, in the photos) was hugely impressed with the attitude and resilience of our students and emailed us afterwards to say what a credit our students were to the school.

Year 8 also had the fabulous opportunity to get involved in the CyberFirst Girls' Competition. Six teams of Year 8 students took part in the national online qualifying round which saw them completing a series of challenges based around cyber security. The winning team from our school was: Huda, Hira, Fatima and Maryam. They are now waiting to see if they have qualified for the regional finals which take place in February!

YEAR 9

Miss Callaghan's year 9 form celebrating achieving the best attendance, punctuality and behaviour with a special pizza delivery!

Our wonderful Year 9 students organised a football tournament across a number of Manchester schools. Lul, Noha and Ariam were noted as particularly exceptional in their roles as referee, first aider and score keeper. A number of our students also took part in a workshop called 'Kids of Colour' whose focus was to raise awareness amongst their peers about the use of racial language. Finally, all of our year 9s recently took part in their 'Options Deep Learning Day' where they were extremely engaged and enthusiastic about their upcoming GCSE choices. Sociology was a particular hit!



PIZZA PERFECT!

WELLBEING update

YEAR 10

Year 10 have been busy this half term helping their Year Co-Ordinator Mrs Mackenzie to collect, sort and deliver food items for our food bank appeal in support of the Manchester South Central Foodbank based in Hulme.

Over 600 items of food were donated, filling 3 large trolleys. Our whole school community was involved in this charity and items donated will be distributed to people living in crisis across South Manchester. The foodbank provides emergency food packages containing nutritionally balanced, non-perishable foods for people living in crisis.

Year 10 visited form rooms daily to collect food, keep a tally of how many items had been donated by each House and help pack and load items.

Muneebah year 10 said "helping with the appeal made me feel really good, it also brought the Christmas spirit to school as the season of giving"

For more information on the Manchester South Central Foodbank please visit their website: www.manchestersouthcentral.foodbank.org.uk



FOOD BANK APPEAL



YEAR 11

I would like to congratulate Year 11 on a really busy term! They have completed their first round of PPEs and will be receiving their results soon. We would like to commend their conduct during this time. Miss Wicikowski has set up an after school revision drop in session on a Tuesday supported by 6th form subject specialists. This is open to all students who want to complete revision in a more structured environment.

In addition to this students have completed their college applications and are starting to receive some exciting offers from their chosen colleges. Please contact the school if you have any queries about the college application process or email the college for an update of the status of the applications. We wish the best of luck to all our students in gaining places at their chosen colleges.

In Year 11 sports news the Netball team are achieving great success beating Wright Robinson and King David schools in recent matches. Our football team are close to finding out if they have made it through to the final stage to compete in the Manchester finals and the basketball team are achieving similar success. **Go year 11!**



FANTASTIC RESULTS

SIXTH FORM News



When Shall We Three Meet Again?



The English faculty are delighted to be teaching **three A-levels this year: English Literature, Media Studies and English Language.**

All three groups of students have made an excellent start, immersing themselves in the wonderful world

of the arts, strengthening their cultural capital, curiosity and critical thinking. In 2022, we are hoping to visit the Royal Exchange Theatre, John Rylands Library and BBC Media City as we expand our horizons on to degrees and careers in the field of the arts.

The Return of Culture Club

The club for all things cultural and artsy has returned!

This term students from Year 10 to 13 have been enjoying weekly workshops as we became members of the National Teen Book Club. Through a virtual link-up with colleges and schools across the country, we participated in discussions, quizzes and even Q&A sessions with renowned authors, such as Candice Carty-Williams. Several members of the club submitted stories of their own, using the brief of a fictional memoir. The students' stories will now be published in a national virtual library for anyone around the world to read! Congratulations to all our newly-published authors.

Next term will see **Culture Club venturing into the history of art, female musicians and poetry workshops in preparation for entering the prestigious Tower Poetry Competition in March.**



What a fantastic start to Year 12 it has been! Our students have settled in extremely well to life at WRSF and have been engaging in lots of fantastic opportunities already! Here are some highlights from a great first couple of months!

YEAR 12

Our Career Ambassadors went on a visit to Old Trafford to a Women in Business Breakfast which was a very positive and successful morning and enabled students to begin networking!

Unifrog has been launched to the whole year group and students have already started to think about and research future courses and careers in readiness for UCAS applications later on this year.

Lots of students have expressed an interest in joining the Manchester Access Programme and have signed up to attend some informative sessions about this delivered by Mrs Maloney-Rock.

The Manchester United Foundation delivered a fantastic assembly on their RISE programme to the whole of Year 12, resulting in 76 students registering their interest. Stay tuned for more information about this as it is set to be a very exciting opportunity for our students!

We can't wait for what the rest of the year has in store!

YEAR 13

Year 13 students have started the academic year with an increased sense of drive, determination and focus

and are an inspiration to one another and students in the whole school community. To date, Year 13 accomplishments include successfully leading the Sixth Form Student Union and running initiatives on charity, wellbeing and the environment – quite impressive given they have only been back in Sixth Form for ten weeks!

This year has seen 15 students submit competitive applications for Dentistry, Medicine, Oxbridge and Veterinary Medicine; all students are currently in the process of preparing for mock interviews courtesy of the sacrifice of industry experts who are giving up their time to support our students to be successful in the next stage of the recruitment process.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing our students well in the process!

ENGLISH



A Novel Day Out!

On Friday 1st October, our A-Level English Language and Literature classes took a sojourn into Chorlton for an afternoon of book shopping.

To welcome our new A-level English classes onto their respective courses, Ms Hollingworth and Ms Walker accompanied their students on a visit to a local gem, Chorlton Bookshop, on a fabulous autumnal afternoon.

Students were given the opportunity to peruse the shelves at their leisure, making use of the advice from the incredibly knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff at the store. All students chose a title that caught their eye (after much deliberation!)

The trip concluded with a hot chocolate and a brownie from another brilliant local hotspot, The Cocoa Tree. Students (and staff) had the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and wax lyrical about their newly acquired tomes. All in all, this was a great way to celebrate our students' positive start to their A-Level studies and really put the 'Lit' in Literature!



SCIENCE

COP26

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UK 2021

WHALLEY RANGE STUDENT ZAHRA ATTENDED COP26, HERE'S A SUMMARY OF HER EXPERIENCE...

**COP26 was an event I doubt I'll ever forget.
The atmosphere, for a start, was incredible.**

As someone of less scientific prowess than most others in the room, I could really tell that the people in the room were highly educated (well, at least more so than me) and knew what they were talking about. The exhibitions were also very well conducted, and in no shape or form just normal.

They had plant rooms and complete rooms fitted out with new technology; you'd have sworn that it had just been built minutes before you walked in.

There was one specific poetry reading that really left me with much to think about. Little children, the oldest could not have been more than nine, had come onto the stage of the large auditorium to tell the onlookers about what they're doing to help stop climate change.

It just goes to show, we can all do our part.

Zahra 10SG1



BUSINESS

CHARITY

Year 13 business students have been busy in the last couple of weeks arranging a variety of different events for our WRSF charity.

They have arranged events such as Cultural Day which included food from Libya, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The students loved it and it was so amazing to embrace different cultures. Also, a mini funfair was arranged which included a variety of games, a raffle with amazing prizes from major business brands including Starbucks, Costa, Thornton's vouchers and a cake stall.

It doesn't stop there, the students have been busy and have planned future events such as Club Karma, Winter Fair and afternoon tea on wheels.

All money raised is being donated to the WRSF charity. Well done ladies we are so impressed!

Events



Mini funfair



Cultural Day



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

CRIME SCENE

CRIMINOLOGY

murder

IN THE 6TH FORM!

(WELL... IN G207)

The 20th October saw G207 turned into a crime scene so that the Y13 criminology students could help solve a murder and then take the Defendant to court!

The day started with the discovery of a dead body in G207 and a 999 call to the emergency services.

Students then took on a number of roles such as Crime Scene Investigators, police, expert witnesses and legal staff.

They spent the morning working with an ex member of Merseyside Police working the crime scene looking for clues and trying to find incriminating evidence. There was plenty to pick up on from blood splatter evidence to footprints and fingerprints to clues left at the scene as well as the body of the victim herself.

Students studied witness testimonies looking for potential clues to 'who-done-it's'. Alongside this they learnt about forensic evidence, how its collected and used in a real criminal case. They looked at some real-life cases and how the police investigated them.

All students were able to take their own fingerprints and were taught what things the real forensic experts look for.

The afternoon session saw the class turned into a courtroom and all students were assigned roles from the judge, defence and prosecution barristers, expert witnesses, eyewitnesses, defendant and jury members. Proceedings started off a little subdued but once the students became comfortable with their roles the courtroom certainly livened up and questioning between 'members of the court' became heated.

Feedback from students was really positive and they certainly felt that the day helped them understand their Unit 3 work better.



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Year 9

CAKE DECORATING Masterclass

16 Year 9 pupils took part in a 5-week cake decorating masterclass.

They perfected their skills at making fondant icing roses and buttercream piped flowers. This resulted in them producing a professionally made and decorated celebration cake.

Salma of 9RF2 demonstrated and led the sessions on creating a range of buttercream flowers. The girls were really pleased with the cakes that they made.



AMAZING ICING!



Christmas Card

COMPETITION 2021

It truly is one of the most wonderful times of the year and Whalley Range Students are remarkable and powerful in using their creativity to come together in joyful celebrations.

Students from every year group participated in our Christmas Card Competition 2021. One winner was chosen from each year group and they won an Amazon voucher each. The overall winner's card was selected as the school's Christmas card 2021. An additional award was given for the most unique design.



100'S OF AMAZING ENTRIES



THE WINNING DESIGN

PE

SPORT

REPORT



BADMINTON

On Monday 18th October, the KS4 Girls' Badminton Team participated in the Excel Badminton Tournament.

The competition was very difficult and the team played several matches against the following schools: Withington, King David, Trinity, Levenshulme and Parrs Wood. Even when the competition got tough, they did not give up and were as resilient as ever. The team came 3rd place, receiving bronze medals.

Well done girls this was a great achievement!



GREAT EFFORT



ATHLETICS

Sixteen students were selected from years 8-11 to take part in Manchester Schools' Athletics Competitions held at the Indoor Sports England Complex. Students competed in a variety of athletics events against other schools. These are the first events that students were able to compete in for over 18 months.

The KS4 event took place early in October and we had several successes, with Sehr winning a gold medal in the shot putt; Alejandra winning silver in the high jump and Khadijah winning silver in the 800m. Fantastic results with limited training time.

In November, over 70 students in years 8 and 9 expressed interest in competing and 25 students were selected for trials. The enthusiasm and effort during the trials evening was wonderful to see. There were many successes throughout the KS3 event with Scarlett and Hanna winning silver and bronze medals in the long jump and Kayla winning silver in the shot putt.

We also won medals on the track! Well done to Jumainah who won bronze in 800m, Fatima – bronze in 300m and Antilia who won bronze in both the 60m and 200m sprints.

All of the students showed fantastic resilience, determination and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to everyone that participated in the trials and competitions and I know students are looking forward to athletics starting back up in the Spring!

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS



FOOTBALL

Both our KS3 and KS4 team have been actively involved in fixtures, playing against schools across Greater Manchester.

Our KS4 team have shown fantastic resilience and passion, which has been reflected in their results. Our KS3 team are participating in a round robin of fixtures, where they hope to showcase their skills and tactical play, which they have been practicing regularly during their extra-curricular Football club.



PLAYING WITH PASSION

PE

SPORT REPORT

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES



SIXTH FORM

After missing out on enrichment activities throughout COVID it has been encouraging and excellent to see so many Sixth Form students getting involved in PE courses this year.

37 Y12 and Y13 students are now registered on Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award courses showing commitment and ambition in completing their volunteering, physical and skills sections. 21 Y13 students successfully completed their Silver Expedition in October 2021 which has given them lots of encouragement and enthusiasm to attain the full award.

47 Y12 and Y13 students have started their Level 3 Sports Leaders' Certificate. They have been attending lower school PE lessons to gain insight into the sports teaching and coaching and will be delivering their first sequences of

lessons as part of their first module. This is an excellent opportunity to build employability skills, challenge their leadership abilities and attain another asset for their Curriculum Vitae/Personal Statements as well as gain UCAS points! They are a pleasure to have in lessons – to see them develop into confident leaders- and they have created a strong rapport with the KS3 students who view them as role models.

Keep up the hard work and dedication Sixth Formers.



MUFC FOUNDATION



Being in partnership with the Manchester United Foundation, we decided to plan a football match between Whalley Range staff and Manchester United Foundation staff. This fun-filled, competitive match took place on Thursday 11th November at Whalley Range High School.

Whalley Range staff took the lead going 1-0 up midway through the first half before MUFoundation equalised right before half time. The second half was full of goals and MUFoundation went on a streak of scoring some really good goals and eventually the game finished 6-3 to the MUFoundation. Everyone who took part absolutely loved it and it was a great evening for everyone to get together and play some football.

The rematch is already being sorted for Whalley Range's comeback!!



FITNESS



WORKING OUT...

Our Gym/Fitness extra-curricular club has been a hit with students in both last half term and the current half term.

Students are able to come down to the gym after school on a Wednesday and Friday, where they can participate in their own pre-planned workouts, or complete a workout planned by Miss Lawson, Miss Oliver or Miss Clarke. We have inducted over 200 students across KS3 and KS4 who are now able to effectively use the gym equipment to improve their fitness. We are hoping to run another induction soon for students who wish to join this club in the future months.



EXPEDITIONS

PE

Y11 BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S URBAN EXPEDITION

Congratulations to the 43 Y11 students who attended their DofE expedition on Saturday 13th November.

The expedition was from school, along the River Mersey to Fletcher Moss Park.

All students demonstrated excellent teamwork, leadership, map reading and resilience skills to complete the 13km walk before returning to school to pitch their tents and set up their cooking stoves.

Another expedition done to aid students in completing their overall Bronze Award, super work, well done.



SIXTH FORM SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S EXPEDITION

In October, twenty one year 13 students bravely took on the challenge of completing a three-day Silver Duke of Edinburgh's expedition.

Students set off on Sunday morning from Hayfield, on the edge of the Peak District, in good spirits. They soon discovered that it was going to be a tough few days but showed great commitment as they started to climb the Peak District hills. They finished day one pitching tents outside the Edale Youth Hostel and created some great evening meals on their Trangia stoves.

Day two began with a misty start as students navigated down the Valley, showing off team work skills, before they had the challenge of climbing up Loose Hill into the low clouds. They all showed great resilience to complete their walk along the ridge and back into the valley. Normally an area known for its beautiful view, the girls instead had lots of clouds and rain! But that didn't stop them from completing their journey.

There was only one way to describe the start of the final day and that was WET! However, it was fantastic to see the positive attitudes on display, even with sore feet and tired legs. Luckily the rain eased as students walked down into Castleton and down the Hope Valley to complete day three.

We are so proud of all of the students and their determination. Well done and we look forward to further expeditions this year.



YEAR 8 CADETS

This year has seen the introduction of the Year 8 Cadets programme.

All students have been given the opportunity to take on Duke of Edinburgh taster sessions, to give them an insight into the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which is delivered in year 10. Students have learnt: what equipment is needed for an expedition; how to set up a Trangia and make a hot drink; pitch tents and develop navigational skills. The programme finished with a trip to Alexandra Park, where students were able to put these skills into practice as part of their expedition section of the Award.



THE MARCH BEGINS...

SPORTS

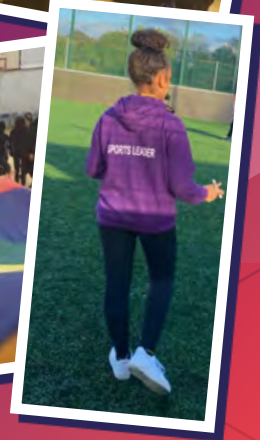
PE

Sports Leaders had a fantastic start to the year with over 80 students signing up to be involved in developing their leadership skills.

Students from across years 7-11 have been involved in establishing and developing their leadership skills and identifying why these skills make successful leaders. Students have then had the opportunity to teach their peers small activities, beginning to embed these skills into their delivery.

The school have also hosted two primary football events to partnership schools and students have been heavily involved in the smooth running of these events, taking on a variety of different roles and responsibilities.

LEADERS



BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

We had a huge interest from students in all year groups who wanted to hire our bikes and helmets to complete this 'Bike to School' week.

Students cycled to school between Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October 2021. This was a massive success and all students were so excited and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

The PE department are already looking forward to holding another 'Bike to School' week for another group of students.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the coming weeks.



WORLD



Languages

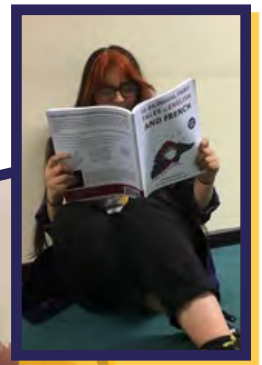
Reading for pleasure in French

I read a book called “10 bilingual Fairy Tales in English and French”. I found it very interesting and I really enjoyed it. I think it’s really good to read books in different languages because it can help you further your learning and get you a better grade at GCSE. I read parts of the book to my little cousin who is French and he really enjoyed it!

Aisha

I took a French reading book, written solely in French with some translations at the end of each chapter. I enjoy the subject and therefore, wanted to both increase my knowledge in this language and enjoy some pleasure in reading but through a different language. The illustrations help a little in understanding, however, reading a whole short story is not as difficult. As, you can use the background knowledge you get to fill any lack of understanding gaps. Thus, it is a better option instead of single paragraphs or reading articles in a foreign language. For example, I learnt the phrase “tout à coup”, which means “all of a sudden”. Not only is that interesting to learn, but I can also use that in my writing exams to make my essays livelier and more dynamic.

Noor



World Language mentors



We are the language leaders at Whalley Range High School. We will be available on Monday lunchtimes in C203, to help you with your language studies.

As older students we are familiar with the languages system and the languages we learn. Our job is to help mentor you to improve your confidence in languages and to give you strategies to become more independent learners.

For example: We can help you sorting out your Memrise account, using Active Learn and memorising paragraphs using various strategies. We can also help you to use your text books for resources and help.

We hope to help you achieve the best you can.

Your language leaders: Asma, Hira, Amna, Sadaf and Salomae.

WORLD

Languages

EL DÍA

DE LOS MUERTOS

WORLD LANGUAGES EVENT = 22ND NOVEMBER IN C203

During Friday lunch time the world language leaders came together and celebrated the Mexican festival El día de los Muertos also known as the Day of the Dead. It's a festival where families gather to recognise and appreciate their passed loved ones and their journey to the afterlife.

Fajar and Maria volunteered to take on the leadership of this event and prepare skull shaped cookies for the language leaders to decorate using fondant and sprinkles from every colour of the spectrum.

We also hand crafted flowers using the technique of origami. These flowers represented new life.

- Saleema
- Izah
- Fajar
- Aisha

Recently as World Language Leaders, we've been learning about El día de los Muertos!

This was really interesting and fun as we decorated cookies and sat through a presentation of how they celebrate it. It was cool to learn about as it's not something we do here in England.

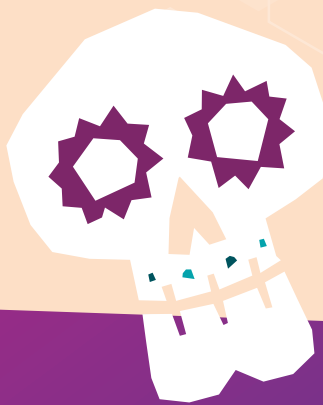
Did you know?

They celebrate in grave yards and use skulls (hand-made) as decoration?"

- Faiza
- Aarifa

For El día de los Muertos, we discovered why it is celebrated and discussed its Mexican roots and history. Two leaders baked skull faced cookies which we then decorated to our liking with vibrant coloured icing.

- Faqiha
- Irub
- Shia



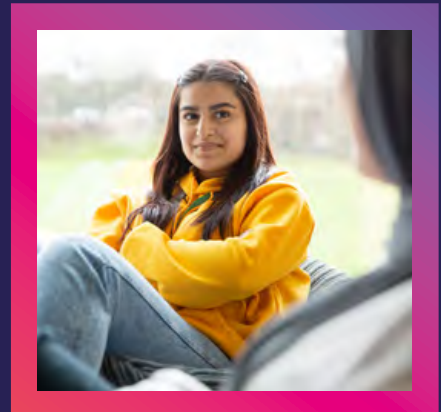


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Places available for September 2022

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