



Welcome to Range

REVIEW

What a start!



Welcome to the latest edition of our community newsletter. We will be sharing and celebrating all of the wonderful things that our students have experienced since the start of this academic year.

We are incredibly 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 commitment, are able to support these enriching opportunities.

The range of activities that our students have been engaged in is amazing including theatre trips, DJ demonstrations, leadership and careers events, as well as opportunities to meet stars from both stage and sport. We are always impressed with the enthusiasm shown by our students and their positive attitude in embracing the opportunities offered to them.

I hope you enjoy reading more about our school.

Mrs J Fahey
Academy Headteacher



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Personal

DEVELOPMENT



As a school, we pride ourselves on being resilient and courageous to try new ventures!

This has been evident in our brand-new extracurricular clubs that have been created by our senior student leaders and brought to life by our incredible staff.

The new clubs are well attended and oversubscribed. We even have waiting lists for them!

The new clubs include:

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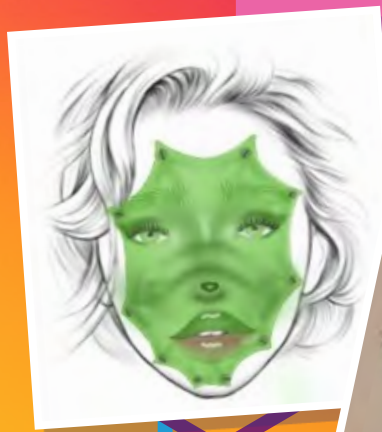
THE BEAUTY HUB

JEWELLERY CLUB

DIGITAL CLUB

FIRST AID CLUB

Knowing our students and staff, I am sure they are creatively thinking of new clubs to launch for the wider school community to enjoy!!



Personal

DEVELOPMENT

DAY



Together, We Make Life Better



Our first Personal Development Day of the academic year saw us welcome a large number of external visitors and speakers into school to work with our students, from across all year groups, to engage in activities.

Activities included work with Brook and Allied Health Professionals. The day saw some students learning how to undertake first aid and others preparing for their work experience placements; whilst others worked on Beewell activities including how to live a physical and emotional healthy lifestyle.

The Ocean at the End of the Lane

In December, we were delighted to give the opportunity for our Year 9 students to visit The Lowry Theatre to watch *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*.

It was an amazing experience to be able to see live theatre and students and staff were captivated by the story and the stagecraft on show.





GIRLS ON TRACK

During half term 2, ten Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend a Girls on Track event at Team Sport in Manchester.

This event was to inspire girls and women to see and believe that there is a rightful and valuable place for them in the motorsports industry. The experience included a karting experience, pitstop challenge and building remote controlled cars. The students had the opportunity to take part in activities such as:

- A ride on Electric Karts
- Seeing a life size Alpine Formula 1 show car and meeting some females who work on the team
- Experience life in a racing pit lane
- Embark in an engaging engineering-based activity
- Meet one of the race doctors and take part in a resuscitation challenge
- Working with a motorsports presenter and carry out a piece to camera
- Testing their reactions with some fun games



"We were able to drive a go-kart and had the whole track to ourselves! We also got the chance to build small cars and race them with a remote control. I find it really interesting how things are built; that's definitely my kind of thing!"
Wena

Manchester United Foundation

YEAR 8 AND 9 SHOW

RACISM

THE RED CARD

EVENT

A group of Year 8 and Year 9 students attended a Manchester United Foundation, Show Racism the Red Card event at Old Trafford.

At the event, the students took part in a carousel of workshops including sessions on; what is racism, what does racism look like today, what did racism look like in the past, stereotypes, racism in football and challenging and responding to racism.

The students were fully engaged in the event, asked lots of questions and got involved in everything.

They really enjoyed themselves.



COMPUTER SCIENTISTS

enjoy an experience

On the
Beach

As part of Manchester Digital's campaign to encourage more women to study tech subjects, our Year 10 Computer Scientists visited the head offices of online holiday company On The Beach.

The students had a tour of their incredible offices and participated in a number of activities to help them understand what it's like to work in the digital sector.



Year 8 students attend Manchester United Foundation partnership launch with DXC Technology

DXC
TECHNOLOGY

Eight of our Year 8 students visited Old Trafford for the launch of Manchester United Foundation's partnership with DXC Technology.

DXC has teamed up with Manchester United Foundation to inspire and enable young people to become the next generation of leaders. Engaging with young people, the partnership will help to shape the future of work by developing their key digital and social skills.

To celebrate the launch, the students took part in a digital workshop event hosted by the Foundation and DXC.

DXC employees delivered a carousel of digital and teambuilding activities, including designing an app interface, coding skills, and teaching the students about emerging technologies.



MU FOUNDATION LEADHERS DELIVER A HUB TOURNAMENT

During half term 2, as part of our partnership with Manchester United Foundation, our Year 9 LeadHERs hosted and led a Girls' MU Foundation Hub Tournament for both Year 9 and 10 students.

For four weeks pre-tournament, ten of our Year 9 students participated in a female engagement intervention called the MU Foundation LeadHERship Programme. The programme gave these students the opportunity to run a Hub Football Tournament, learning about the responsibilities and skills needed to host such an event.

The students took on roles and responsibilities such as refereeing, site manager, fixture maker, conflict manager, first aider, publicity / photographer, and chaperones.

Overall, the tournament was a huge success. Our LeadHERs were extremely professional and a credit to the school.

“The event was a fantastic opportunity for the students to develop leadership skills, gain knowledge and understanding of how an event is delivered and the planning that takes place pre-event. The MU Foundation LeadHERs must take huge credit for how successful the event was, they took on all responsibilities with enthusiasm and did exceptionally well! Staff and students from visiting schools commented on how well managed it was, and how much they enjoyed themselves and had fun.”

Miss Davies, Manchester United Foundation School Partnership Officer



Year 11 student Aisha shares her experience as a Language Mentor



I have been a volunteer French mentor now for a few months, and I really have enjoyed every second of it. I have worked closely with students, not only in my class, but in others, to help develop their French speaking abilities and work on their pronunciation.

I helped my mentees memorise their speaking questions and answers in preparation for their speaking GCSE, by first ensuring that they knew what they had written in English. Then, I made them repeat small sections of the sentence around 5 times. They pieced the sentence together, and by the end, they were able to confidently answer the questions.

Mentoring has been a very rewarding experience for me and has given me the ability to listen and help other people. As someone who wants to be a teacher

in the future, mentoring has enabled me to understand others and know how to deliver helpful advice.

I would really recommend becoming a mentor if you have valuable skills that you feel would be beneficial to others, or a mentee if you feel you require a bit of an extra push to reach your target grade, or above!

Aisha, Year 11



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

AT



Foundation

During half term 2, as a follow-up to Black History Month, artists, YouTubers, fashion designers and representatives of other industries from the black community, passed on their careers advice and words of wisdom to our young people during a collaborative Manchester United Foundation and Nusole event.

The event also featured amazing live performances from singers Francesca and Misha B. The students took part in a Celebrating Excellence carousel aimed to provide the students

with the opportunity to engage with professionals from a variety of sectors.

Manchester United legend Wes Brown opened the event with a Q&A session about his own career and experiences as a young footballer.

"I enjoyed interacting with different people from different professions who widened my understanding of the world of work."

Hermione

"You don't see a lot of black people who are head of this and head of that. It's very empowering for me; I've seen other people that have done it, so I can as well. For me, the thing that definitely stood out was the podcast; I didn't know you could make a career out of that."

Ashlie



VIDEO CALL with

JESSE LINGARD

After the Black History Month Event, Ashlie, a student who attended the event, was given the opportunity to have a video call with Jesse Lingard.

Ashlie was chosen because of what she had said in her interview at the BHM event; Ashlie stated that she would like to become a Podcaster in the future and Jesse Lingard also hopes to create podcasts in the future too, so the club set up a video call for them to have a chat.

It was amazing to see Ashlie have the opportunity to chat with Jesse Lingard and she was able to ask him any questions she wanted, and he was also great in asking questions of Ashlie too. Ashlie spoke about how she would like to create podcasts all about what is happening in the world and the problems people face.

"I can't believe I have just spoken with Jesse Lingard. I am so overwhelmed and shocked, but I am so thankful for that opportunity!" - Ashlie



Year 8

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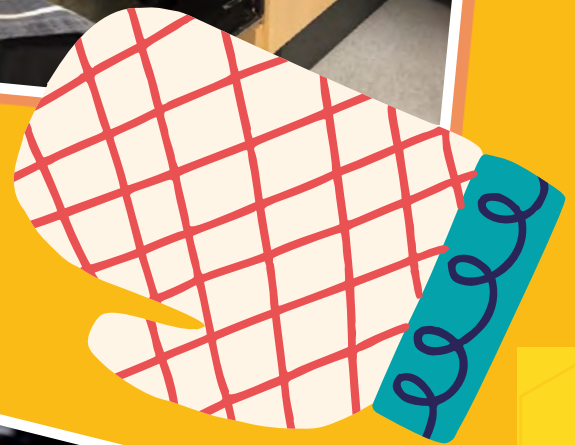
This year, a group of year 10 students have volunteered to help Mrs Fulwell to run a cook club for year 8s, including Jallah, Lujyn, Salwa, Nada, Sabeel, Maria, Kawthar and Awa.

The year 8s have been learning how to cook both sweet and savoury foods such as loaded potato skins, rocky road, chicken fajitas, lemon drizzle cupcakes, cornflakes pie and pizza tarts.

All the recipes have been organised and demonstrated by the year 10 leaders. Despite the broken eggs and burnt chocolates, the year 8s have developed lots of new skills and have had a lot of fun.



I ENJOYED IT AND LEARNT A LOT OF NEW SKILLS



IT WAS GREAT FUN



IT WAS VERY YUMMY



MUSIC NEWS

DJ DEMO

DJ NKey visited our school for Personal Development Day in November to deliver a DJ workshop for Year 9.

The school hall was brimming with positive party vibes! Students had the opportunity to watch a DJ demonstration, participate in a Q&A session and control the decks on stage in front of a large audience. It was great for Whalley Range Girls to see another skilled female on stage sharing her technical knowledge and doing something that she loves!

Naveen is a Mancunian DJ who also works for a world-wide marketing communications company. It was inspiring to see her passion for The Creative Arts and learn about different career pathways. She is involved in the organisation of regular important events in the city of Manchester for international days such as International Women's Day.

"I loved how the DJ was female since there are not a lot of female DJs. It was cool to see how everything worked. It helps young people to try something new"
Iimaan, Year 9

Students clearly enjoyed the experience...

"On Personal Development Day we had a very lovely treat. We got to meet DJ NKey who played music and showed us her skills. It was spectacular to also see she was female and that anyone can do/ be anything. She also talked to us and answered our questions and it's amazing to see that she did what she likes and inspires others. This experience showed me that GCSE Music is a good option"
Inayah, Year 9

"The DJ experience on Personal Development Day changed the way I saw music as a GCSE option. The female DJ showed me that music is an inclusive career idea. I felt honoured that my year was able to see more positive aspects of music as a GCSE option. The experience was not only informative but a fun way to spend time in school!"
Sarah, Year 9

FOR

Year 9



DRAMA News

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE YOUNG COMPANY

The Drama department had a very exciting week working with the prestigious Royal Exchange Theatre recently.

Several girls who participated in the acting workshops were inspired to audition for The Royal Exchange Young Company. Two of our students, Khadija and Hiba successfully got through the audition process and are now part of this fantastic ensemble. This is a massive achievement as teenagers from all over the city applied so it is very competitive.

Clearly these two students exuded natural talent and are now attending weekly acting classes for free with the chance to perform at the theatre throughout the year. Our girls also get to watch the professional actors during rehearsals (several of which started off in the Young Company) and receive free tickets to watch the shows each month! Mrs Cartin-Hodge is very jealous... Especially after the girls spotted Maxine Peake in rehearsals...incredible!



Drama students of the term

Did you know that every half term some lucky student will win the Drama trophy which is theirs to keep?

This trophy is about more than being a fantastic actor. Drama teachers nominate specific students in every class, in every year group, who have gone above and beyond in their Drama lessons. Nominees are students who have been an inspiring ensemble member. Here are a couple of Drama stars this academic year...



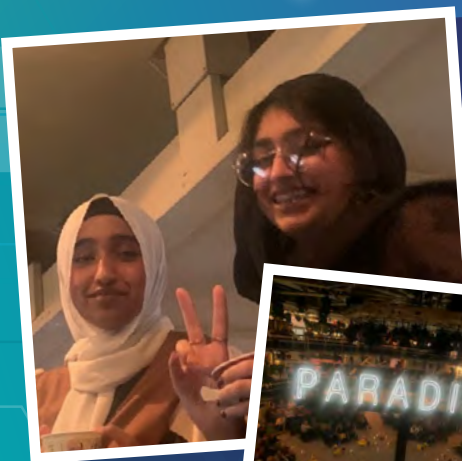
Arts A-level

THEATRE ADVENTURE

In October, students from our English Literature, English Language and Media Studies A-level groups enjoyed a visit to The Royal Exchange Theatre to watch a production of 'The Glass Menagerie'.

Tennessee Williams' poignant memory play was skillfully adapted, complete with a spinning Paradise sign and heartbreaking dream sequence climax. The students particularly enjoyed the inventive staging in the round and the diversity of the show's casting.

We're already planning our next visit!



Futures FEST

Whalley Range 11-18 High School hosted its annual Futures Fest, offering students the chance to meet a wide range of colleges, training providers and universities to explore their future options.

The annual Whalley Range Futures Fest took place on Tuesday 27th October 2022 and saw educational institutions and training providers from across Manchester and the North West share important information to allow students to make informed decisions on their next steps.

All students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 were given time to explore their options and chat with staff about their considerations for education, training or employment. Students also had the opportunity to receive impartial advice and guidance from our careers advisor during the event.

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank all of the visitors who came in to speak to the students and hope to welcome everyone back again next September.

I was delighted to welcome in such a large number of exciting exhibitors to meet with our students. The enthusiasm shown by all was pleasing to see and it's excellent to see the students actively engaging in conversations about their future.

Mr Corney, CEIAG Coordinator



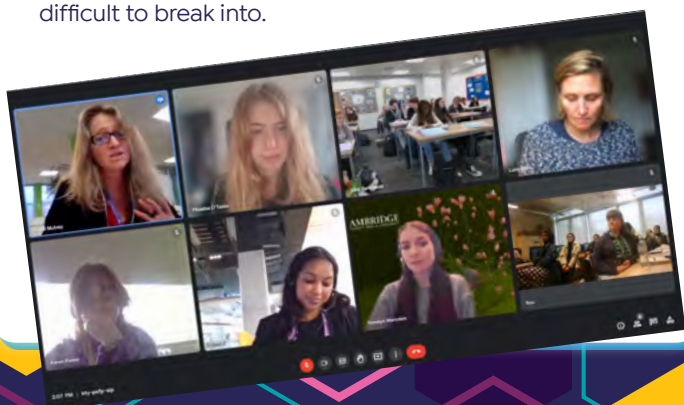
MEDIA Studies

Read All About It!

Our Year 12 Media Studies Group recently took part in an online seminar about careers in publishing.

They had the opportunity to speak with women working in book publishing and promotion, including agents, editors and business managers.

It was a highly informative session, providing students with a window into an industry that is often seen as difficult to break into.



Media Students go to Hogwarts



As a part of their course, A-Level Media Studies students and Year 11 Creative iMedia students were given the opportunity to attend Warner Bros. Studios in London.

A-Level Media Studies students and Year 11 Creative iMedia students travelled to Warner Bros. Studios on Wednesday 28th September 2022 to attend a film and media session, discussing camera angles and techniques used in the film industry. This provided the students an opportunity to discover exciting job opportunities within the film and media industry, as well as understanding the importance of camera angles, which will help the Year 11 Creative iMedia students in their next unit – videography.

In addition to this, the students took a tour around the studio, which comprised of the sets and props used in the Harry Potter saga. Performances were held at certain parts of the tour, including a spine-chilling show by the Death Eaters and a hologram of a dragon.



INSPIRING

the next generation of WAR DOCTORS

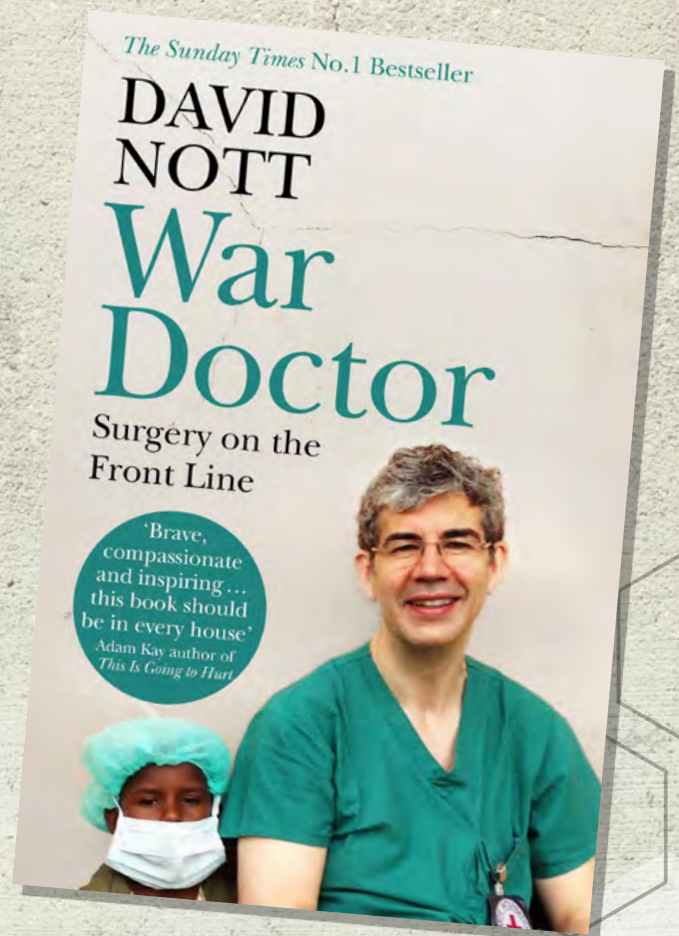
David Nott
FOUNDATION

Colleagues from the David Nott Foundation recently met over 100 sixth form students at Whalley Range 11-18 High School. They shared experiences as frontline doctors and demonstrated some cutting-edge teaching equipment, such as the war wound model Heston, 3D printed hearts and model blood vessels.

The event happened because one of our sixth form students, who dreams of becoming a doctor, contacted the Foundation having read the book "War Doctor". The student asked if the Foundation would visit our school to meet the "many bright minds who are passionate about becoming doctors", some of whom have lived in war-torn countries such as Syria, Libya and Afghanistan.

Miss Bakare, Assistant Headteacher said

We are grateful to David Nott, Scrubbed Up and the team for going above and beyond the request made by one of our incredible students, Waad, to visit our school. It was a demonstration of the power of the written word, which can sow seeds, nurture ideas, and empower others to make a meaningful impact in their spheres of influence.





**Manchester
Metropolitan
University**

University students visit our school

Pharmacy undergraduates from Manchester Met University came into school to visit our Year 11 and Year 9 classes.

The focus was to deliver talks on Health and Wellbeing through working with small groups of students delivering a range of engaging activities. The MMU undergraduates demonstrated professionalism throughout all sessions. Our students really enjoyed learning about antibiotic resistance and diabetes and found these had excellent links to the career paths that some of our students were interested in.

PE staff thoroughly enjoyed the sessions too and can't wait for further sessions next half term.



YEAR 7 ENGLISH

SALFORD

MUSEUM TRIP



**Salford
Museum
and Art
Gallery**

STEPPING BACK IN TIME...

In November, for the fourth year, the English faculty took 35 Year 7 students to Salford Museum. Situated on the grounds of Salford University, the museum boasts an extensive collection of Victorian era art and artefacts. Not only do students get to immerse themselves in the material culture of the time, but it provides an essential understanding of the particulars and peculiarities of the age.

Students had the chance to examine items from the era and make predictions on their use. Who would have thought Victorian ladies required a special instrument to put on a pair of gloves? Students were equally astounded and perhaps a little horrified to learn of deportment boards: rigid wooden implements attached to students' backs to make them sit up straight in lessons.

The second part of the visit involved exploring the museum's most enchanting recreated Victorian street. After World War Two, the museum recovered a number of old Victorian era shop fronts and signs. The street includes a Victorian sweet shop, a shoe cobbler and a pub with a sign to remind patrons at the time that children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult!

Students enjoyed the opportunity to step back in time and appreciate the experiences and struggles of people in the Victorian era. Students came away from the visit with some invaluable knowledge of the era to enrich their cultural appreciation and contextual understanding which will feature often in their English and history lessons in their future learning journeys.

Christmas

YEAR 7



PARTIES

Winter Wonderland

During the festive period, eight Year 7 students attended Winter Wonderland for a Christmas Party along with all the other Manchester United Foundation Partner Schools.

The day was a magical festive adventure; it 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 Circus and many more.

Manchester United Foundation kindly provided each student with a £5 gift card to purchase some sweet treats.

This was truly a magical day to remember for the students!



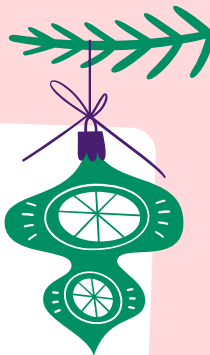
YEARS 8 & 9

Old Trafford

During the festive period, twelve students from year 8 and 9 attended Manchester United Foundation's Christmas Party at Old Trafford.

There were lots of fun games including a Giant Scalextric, Reindeer Racing, Selfie Mirrors and Giant Snow-Globes.

The students had a great time and got involved in everything! They represented our school brilliantly.



PE

SPORT

REPORT



FOOTBALL

Year 8 student, Francesca is mascot for the Manchester United vs Tottenham Hotspur Match!

Francesca, from Year 8, was awarded the amazing opportunity to be a mascot for the Manchester United vs Tottenham Hotspur match at Old Trafford. Francesca walked out with the captain Bruno Fernandes in front of 75,000 fans! What an amazing experience this was for Francesca, one she will never forget.

Francesca commented that... **"It was amazing, I couldn't believe it. I was so nervous, but Fernandes said to me to not be nervous and to just enjoy myself!"**



MANCHESTER UNITED MASCOT!



FRANCESCA WALKS THE TEAM OUT!



BRUNO, BRUNO, BRUNO!



YEAR 8 GIRLS' MU FOUNDATION HUB FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

During half term 3, five Year 8 students took part in the MU Foundation Hub Football Tournament hosted at Deans Trust Ardwick High School.

The girls represented Whalley Range excellently and played very well in the tournament. They showed great respect and teamwork as well as sportsmanship towards other schools.

"It was super fun to be playing in a competitive football tournament with Manchester United Foundation." - Kayla (Student)



PE

SPORT REPORT



YEAR 7 GIRLS' MU FOUNDATION HUB FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

During half term 5, seven of our Year 7 students represented Whalley Range High School in a Girls' Football Tournament hosted by Co-Op Academy North Manchester.

The team played against lots of MU Foundation partner high schools, and they performed brilliantly. They were a credit to the school, they played really well and managed to score some goals. The students demonstrated fantastic teamwork, respect and hard work throughout the day.

Well done girls!



YEAR 11 MU FOUNDATION GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



The Year 11 football team visiting The Cliff Training Ground to take part in a Manchester United Foundation led girls only football tournament.

The girls were excellent; they showed fantastic teamwork, respect, discipline, and hard work. They were a credit to Whalley Range and represented the school to the highest standards.

Well done!!

