



# Welcome to Range

# REVIEW

## Opportunities for all



Welcome to the latest edition of our community newsletter. Here you'll find out all about the fantastic range of opportunities that our students have experienced during this academic year.



Our students continue to impress us with their fantastic attitude, effort, and commitment to their learning. They embrace the enriching opportunities that are made available by our hard working and committed colleagues and they do so with positivity and enthusiasm.

The range of activities that our students have been involved with this year is vast and includes a Formula E racing car visit, a visit to see how the Parklife Festival is organised, sporting events and careers themed activities as well as celebrations for those in Year 11 and 13 moving on to their next adventures.

I hope you enjoy reading more about our school.



Mrs J Fahey  
Academy Headteacher



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MULTI

# Cultural

DAY

On Friday 28 April 2023 we held our annual Multicultural Day, celebrating the diversity of our whole school community. The theme for this year's event was 'Everyone Belongs'. Students and staff dressed in clothing that they associate with their culture, embracing national, international, and local heritage. Others chose to dress up as inspirational and well-known people from the areas where they live or where they, or their family, were born.

Multicultural Day is always a huge success, encouraging meaningful discussions about what makes each of us unique, as well as recognising our common interests and increasing our knowledge so that we can become more inclusive in our thoughts and actions.

We hope you enjoy this beautiful poem written by our student Suhaila to mark our 2023 Multicultural Day.

## We are not Rivals

War fled as unity spread in mankind,  
surely nothing will be of those who segregate us.  
So, rejoice at the endurance of your people,  
their patience will not go unnoticed.

Suffrage is soon to end,  
justice is yet to come,  
so do not be ashamed of what they claim of your culture.

So, raise each other's flags beneath sunlight,  
your diversity is like no other,  
look amongst yourselves with content,  
and remain unflawed.

Rest assured,  
liberty is soon to bloom.  
Do not despair in bloodshed or famines.

Laugh at the face of your oppressors,  
smear a smile on your face  
and trace the path of victory,  
indeed, victory transpires behind union.

So, unite, nations from the south, the north, the east, the west,  
you are not here as rivals  
but as companions.



# Dia de Los Muertos

## THE DAY OF THE DEAD

### Cultural event organised, promoted and delivered by World Language Leaders

“On the 8th of November, we held our annual event called “El día de los Muertos” – “the day of the dead”. We had various activities set up which included decorating skull cookies, creating paper flowers, completing quizzes etc. For one workshop a few language leaders brought in batches of skull shaped cookies that they had made at home for students to decorate. Another workshop featured language leaders teaching other students how to create flowers out of coloured paper. We also had a station where students could come and complete quizzes about El día de los Muertos or colour in paper skulls. To promote the events, language leaders visited form groups to advertise the celebration. Overall, we had a high rate of participants that enjoyed themselves fully.”

**Minal, Language Leader**

“Whilst discovering more about the event, we oversaw the skull colouring sheets, which was symbolic to the event. These were fun as we were able to interact with other students, whilst engaging with them through fun activities and being able to teach them the real meaning behind the festival of the dead.”

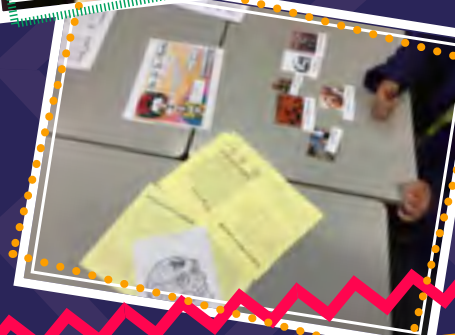
**Mahnoor, Eshal, Meeraib, Habiba and Sana, Language Leaders**

“There was an abundance of activities that people were able to take part in during the day of the dead celebration. We organised and led a group of younger students to make decorative paper flowers, a Mexican tradition for the Festival of the dead. We gave them instruction cards and assured them that we would aid them if needed. The language leaders also cut the tissue paper beforehand so that the students could spend more time creating the flowers.”

**Hira, Language Leader**

“I prepared cookies shaped as skulls for the people participating to decorate so they could express their creativity. I was pleased to see so many people participating and having fun with their friends.”

**Fajar, Language Leader**



# European

# DAY OF

# Languages



## The Treasure Hunt of 2022 and French pétanque!

12th October marked our school's European week of languages.

Our World Language leaders took the lead in preparing activities for students to take part in throughout the week. This year we had a total of 40 participants taking part in the treasure hunt with the items students needed to find scattered around our C Block building. The event was very popular, and the number of participants far exceeded our expectations. Overall, the students who joined in had lots of fun looking for the treasure with their friends and everyone was very enthusiastic and competitive. We had a total of 10 winners who all secured prizes.

**Students also had the opportunity to play a French game called "Pétanque". This was also a lot of fun, we just wish we had more space and time to practice the game!**



# PARKLIFE

# FESTIVAL

A group of our Year 10 Business students visited Heaton Park for an exciting behind-the-scenes tour of Parklife festival.

They had the opportunity to speak with staff in a range of different management, hospitality and marketing roles whilst exploring how a festival for 80,000 people is organised. Thank you to GMCA and the festival team for arranging this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Ahead of headline performances from Aitch, The 1975, The Prodigy and Fred Again..., the students also got to go backstage and tour the dressing rooms of the stars.

**Mr Corney, CEIAG Coordinator, said:** 'The trip was a real insight into the huge amount of work that goes in to running a large-scale event like this. We're lucky to live in a city with so many incredible events like this and the students truly appreciated the experience of meeting the people who make them happen.'





# Envision

## RACING

FORMULA E TEAM

# THE RACE AGAINST

## CLIMATE CHANGE

It's not every day that you'll find a Formula E racing car sitting outside the main entrance of our school! Just as we approached the Easter break, we were lucky enough to secure a visit from Envision Racing, a Formula E team that is dedicated to accelerating the transition to e-mobility and renewable energy.

Alongside testing new battery technology for cars, Envision Racing is on a mission to tackle e-waste and ensure the precious minerals and other materials found in old laptops, mobile phones and other electrical devices are extracted and reused.

Envision Racing launched their Recover-E Campaign and Waste to Race competition at the Climate Champions event in Moss Side in March. Working in partnership with Manchester-based artist and designer Liam Hopkins, it is creating a full-size replica Formula E racing car from e-waste that will be unveiled at the London E-Prix on 29 July.

To encourage wider awareness – and unlock brilliant ideas from children and young people – they have also launched a global Waste to Race challenge for children and young people to design and build their own mini racing cars from e-waste.

Our students heard from an Envision Racing representative and designer Liam Hopkins who:

- Introduced Formula E and how it is changing the cars on our roads by testing and trialling new battery technology
- Talked about the need for a circular economy – where we use and reuse items to cut carbon emissions and protect our planet
- Explained the importance of recycling e-waste (phones, laptops, electrical devices) so the minerals can be used
- Launched the Waste to Race competition and provided a short 'how to' guide for students to build their own mini racing cars from e-waste
- Hosted a Q&A session

Our students were then able to see the Envision Racing car for themselves. We think you'll agree it's quite impressive!

[www.envision-racing.com](http://www.envision-racing.com)



# Sixth Form CLASS OF

# 2023

Whalley Range Sixth Form said an emotional and heartfelt goodbye to our Year 13 students during the summer term.

Marking the end of their 2-year Sixth Form journey and for some of them, 7 years with Whalley Range 11-18 High School! What better way to celebrate than with an ice cream in the glorious Manchester sunshine.

We look forward to welcoming them back in August to celebrate their examination results.



Class of 2023 Prom



# DANCE

*LIKE NOBODY'S WATCHING!*

The sun shone and the outfits dazzled as we celebrated our Year 11 Class of 2023 at their prom this summer.

The theme of this year's event was masquerade ball, and our students and staff certainly got the brief. From the beautifully decorated Compass Room at the Lowry Theatre to the stunning outfits and masks, our students sparkled as brightly as they have done throughout their time at Whalley Range.

Students and staff enjoyed a glass of fruit punch on arrival, followed by a delicious two course meal. Keeping our energy levels high with a visit (or two!) to the confectionery table, we danced the night away to a playlist created by the students themselves.

A fantastic night to remember for a special year group that we won't forget!



# LRC

# News

## ASK THE

# Book Jar!



**It has been another busy term in the LRC. The LRC Leaders and Mrs Davies are always trying to come up with new innovative ideas to encourage reading for pleasure.**

'Ask the Book Jar' is a popular initiative introduced recently in the LRC.

Sometimes students need some help in choosing their next book, and the book jar does just that! Students who fancy trying a new genre of book just select the colour coded slip and the book jar provides a suggested title to read.

Students love the fact that they simply 'Ask the Book Jar' for some help when selecting a new book! **Year 8 student Alisha said, 'I love Ask the Book Jar! It gives me really great suggestions when I can't think of what to read next!'**

**This half term LRC Leaders will be hosting 'The Big Book Swap'.**

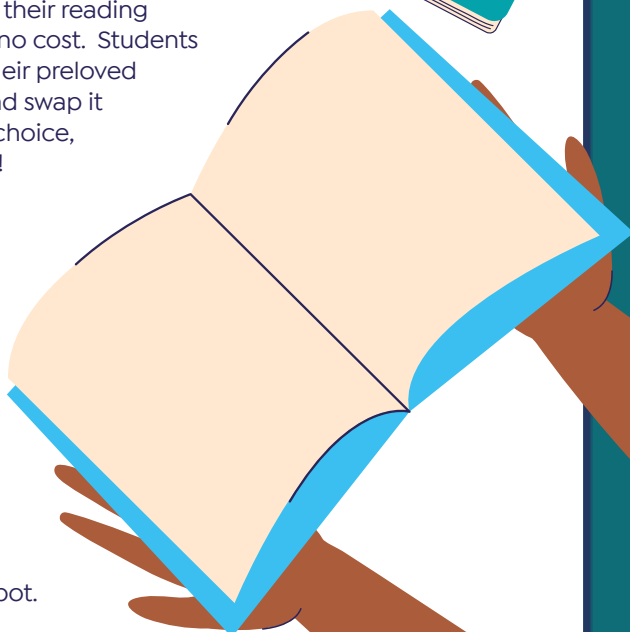
This is a simple and effective way for students to refresh their reading material at little or no cost. Students can simply bring their preloved book to the LRC and swap it for a book of their choice, preloved of course!

If students have books that are too precious to give away, then we simply ask them to make a small donation of 50p to purchase a book, this money will be added to the school charity pot.

## The

# BIG Book

## SWAP





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**ARISSA**

## MANCHESTER UNITED BALL ASSISTANT FOR THE 22/23 SEASON

**Arissa became one of the Manchester United Ball Assistants for the 22/23 season. She was ball assistant for 19 matches in total.**

Arissa also experienced being a guest at some of Manchester United's games in the hospitality boxes at Old Trafford.

Arissa has joined Manchester United Foundation Street Reds where she attends evening football sessions with other young people. Arissa is part of the Youth Voice Panel at the Foundation and through this, had the amazing opportunity of travelling to Munich, Germany to mark the 65th Anniversary of the Munich air disaster tragedy. She met Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham and Manchester United legend, Bryan Robson.

**"What I can say is that the Foundation has changed my life in many ways. It has stopped me from going down the wrong path. I have worked with Lauren in school for ages and from that, I joined Street Reds and I have experienced so many amazing opportunities with the Foundation. I was a ball assistant for the season, I am part of the Youth Voice, I travelled to Munich, and I have attended so many events and met lots of amazing and important people such as Andy Burnham. Working with the Foundation has given me a different outlook and perspective on my future. Even though I am leaving school soon, I still want to be a part of the Foundation and I want to have a future here."**







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MEAH & SADE

## GIRLS SELECTED TO BECOME MANCHESTER UNITED BALL ASSISTANTS FOR THE 23/24 SEASON



**Meah and Sade, Year 10, have been selected to become the Manchester United Ball Assistants for the 23/24 season.**

Meah and Sade both wrote a letter of application, detailing why they should become ball assistants and they were brilliant letters. The students have shown commitment to the Manchester United Foundation lunch clubs in school and have volunteered to help during the sessions.

**We're sure the students will do a fantastic job and they can't wait to get started.**

## YEAR 7S MEET MANCHESTER UNITED WOMEN'S PLAYERS

**A group of year 7 students had the amazing opportunity of meeting some of the Manchester United Women's players!**

These students were chosen because of their commitment to the girls' football sessions; they all have excellent attendance to the sessions and always play with a smile on their face.



**The girls thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were amazed to meet the players!**





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# MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET, COOK!

Four Year 10 GCSE Food Technology students took part in a cooking challenge 'On Your Marks, Get Set, Cook!' at the new Manchester College. The students created their own recipe to feed a family of 4 on a guide budget of £6.50.

## WHALLEY RANGE HIGH SCHOOL COMPETE IN THE GREEN FOOTBALL PLANET LEAGUE COMPETITION FOR MANCHESTER UNITED

Students participated in the Planet League Competition, Green Football Cup. Planet League deliver sustainability tournaments to encourage football fans to take action for the planet.

The students' challenge was to score as many 'green goals' as possible for Manchester United. To score goals, the students had to complete an activity which has a positive impact on the environment for example, walking to school instead of being in a car and refilling a reusable water bottle with tap water.

Manchester United were announced as 'Green Football Cup Winners'!

Overall, the students did a fantastic job and completed a total of 1,060 activities, scoring 3,632 goals.

This impact equates to a phenomenal 2,372 CO2 offset and the equivalent of 136 trees planted!



The students cooked a 2-course meal with a main course of chicken pasta with tomatoes and mushrooms followed by brownies for dessert.

The students secured second place and the chefs at the college were amazed by their dishes! The students won tickets to the Manchester United vs Barcelona Europa League Match!

The event provided students with further knowledge of cooking for future exams and encouraged the students to fulfil their interests and aspirations for the future.

The engagement extended beyond the norm; it provided broader development, incorporating character development, resilience and confidence, whilst linking with important life skills like budgeting.





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# DXC DIGITAL FUTURES ACADEMY

In the 22/23 academic year, DXC teamed up with Manchester United Foundation to inspire and enable young people to become the next generation of leaders. Engaging with young people, the 4-year partnership programme will help shape the future of work by developing key digital and social skills.

Eight of our Year 8 students were selected to become a part of the DXC Academy, and they attended the launch event of Manchester United Foundation's partnership with DXC Technology at Old Trafford. The students were joined by special guests; John Shiels, Chris Halbard and City Council Leader, Bev Craig.

During the event, DXC employees delivered a carousel of digital activities on coding, robotic cars and autonomous vehicles.



# UNITED WITH TALENT

A dance group in Year 7 took part in United With Talent.

The students performed a dance routine in the competition and were absolutely amazing!! The students showed excellent passion and teamwork when performing. They tried their best and most importantly they enjoyed themselves and performed with smiles on their faces!



WELL DONE GIRLS

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ATHLETICS

## A YEAR OF SUCCESS IN ATHLETICS

### THE YEAR 10 ATHLETICS TEAM

Findi won the gold medal at both long jump events this year, improving her jump by over half a metre throughout the season! Willow won a bronze medal in the 800m and we had a lot of Personal Best results throughout the year.



### YEAR 8 AND 9 ATHLETICS TEAM

We had some fantastic successes throughout the year:

Reenad won the gold medal in long jump, with a personal best of 3.95m; Kayla won the silver medal in shot putt with a throw of 6.9m; Luna who is in year 7, won gold in the high jump, an incredible achievement as she was competing against students two years older than her! Reenad, who is in year 8, also managed to win a silver medal in the 60m sprint.

Our team came 4th in the relay and learned some valuable lessons for future events.

Well done to all the students who participated.



WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU ALL!

### YEAR 7 ATHLETICS TEAM

Year 7 students were selected to take part in the MCR Active Quadkids event held at SportCity.



They had the opportunity to receive training and compete in four events: 600m; long jump; vortex throw; 100m sprint. Lots of personal bests were achieved and some students even competed in an event for the first time.

This was a great experience for all involved.

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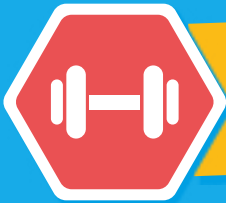


## ACCREDITED COURSES IN PE

Our Cambridge National Sport Studies class visited Chorlton Water Park this half term as part of their Outdoor Adventurous Activity coursework.

Students showed exemplary behaviour and completed the orienteering course efficiently to achieve some excellent coursework grades!

Well done!



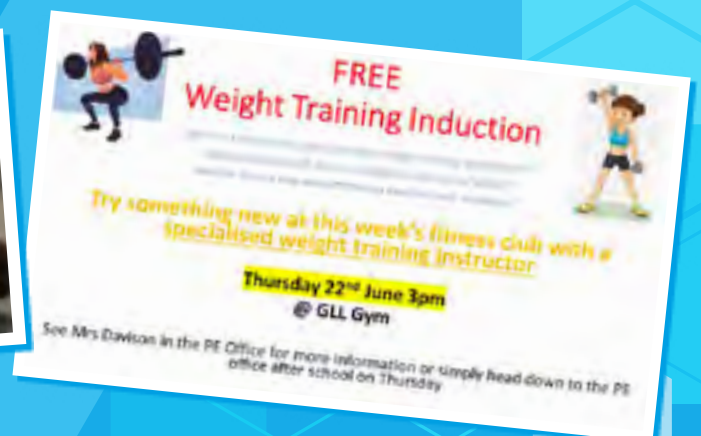
## FREE WEIGHT TRAINING SESSION



On Thursday 22nd June all students were invited to take part in a free weight training session, led by a specialised trainer from GLL and held in the public gym which we access as part of the school fitness club.

During the session students learnt how to safely and effectively lift a range of weights and perform a range of weight exercises. Students can now recognise which exercises help to tone, strengthen and build stamina in different muscle groups. Students were taught how to plan a weight training programme for themselves using sets, reps and weights, knowing how to progress this as their endurance and strength improved.

The students who attended are now equipped to plan, carry out and progress their own weight training sessions.



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## GIFTED AND TALENTED EVENTS

**There have been a range of Gifted and Talented trips this half term.**

12 students had the opportunity take part in a Sport Rehabilitation workshop at The University of Salford, where they completed a series of activities around human anatomy and sports injuries.

Students were able to take a tour of the fantastic facilities on offer, and even got to witness a lactate acid and blood lactate test on an athlete.



SPORT REHABILITATION WORKSHOP



## MANCHESTER UNITED STADIUM TOUR



**The Key Stage 3 football team were taken on a fantastic rewards trip by Miss Lawson to the Theatre of Dreams, home of Manchester United Football Club.**

They enjoyed a tour of the stadium and museum and were able to get pitch side and channel their inner Erik Ten Hag!

The highlight of the trip for them was being able to visit the dressing room and sit in the same seat as Marcus Rashford, Bruno Fernandes and Alessia Russo! They even got the chance to hold the players' shirts!



## T20 CRICKET MATCH

**Our Gifted and Talented Cricketers attended the T20 match between Lancashire Lightning and Leicestershire Foxes.**

Students were able to take part in a range of challenges in the fan park, Amel got onto the leader board for her bowling speed and Hala completed a series of challenges, getting prizes for everyone!

Although the students enjoyed the live match, their trip was made even better when they got to meet and greet Pakistan International Cricketer Naseem Shah!



OLD TRAFFORD CRICKET GROUND

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NATIONAL SCHOOL  
SPORT WEEK  
- SPORTS LEADERS

Over 60 Year 7 students took part in the National School Sport Week events delivered by the Level 2 Sports Leaders.

A range of sports and activities, such as relays, obstacle courses and football were on offer every lunch time.

Students enjoyed the sessions and received a variety of prizes, reward badges, stickers and certificates.

What a successful and well-planned set of events. Miss Neal and the PE department are very proud of all the Sports Leaders who organised the activities.



## GIRLS ON TRACK

Nine of our Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend a Girls on Track event at Team Sport in Manchester.

This event aimed to inspire girls and women into seeing and believing that there is a rightful and valuable place for them in the motorsports industry.

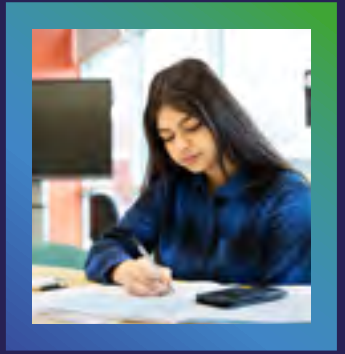
The students had the opportunity to take part in activities such as:

- Riding an Electric Kart
- Changing tyres and building a kart
- Experiencing life in a racing pit lane
- Embarking in an engaging engineering-based activity
- Testing their reactions with some fun games





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# Places available for September 2024

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